

BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Simpson Hall

Minutes

Present: Simon Hairsnape (SH) Chairman, Janette Pudsey (JP), Bernie Green (BG), Dilys Price (DP), Alister Walshe (AW), Sam Davies and John Bufton (JB)

In Attendance: Paulette Scholes, Parish Clerk Pauline Crockett (PC) Herefordshire Council Ward Member and 4 members of the public

- 1. To accept apologies for absence** - Beryl Staite, Pat Eagling, Lili Clarke, Mark Ellis, Ian Watkins, David Bishop and Anthony Vaughan
- 2. To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation** - none received
- 3. Minutes** - to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2020, the minutes were accepted and adopted by the Parish Council, the Chairman signed the minutes.
- 4. Public participation session**
 - a) Brief verbal report from Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett - Floods - 4 areas in my Ward were affected by recent floods, I was only able to assist a local resident due to personal plans, I was kept fully updated by the HC team co-ordinating assistance. I have received many emails, the majority are positive regarding support and assistance. If anyone has been affected and not applied for the grant on offer by HC, this can still be accessed via the website. It includes a one-off grant of £500 and Council tax relief for 3-6 months depending on circumstances. Covid 19 - HC are working with Public Health England in response to the outbreak in England. Local plans are in place now that our County has become a victim of the virus. The continuing most important message at present is to reinforce the importance of hand hygiene; Always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes, and bin the tissue and wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds, or use sanitizer gel to kill germs. Hand it back - a campaign officially launched asking for anyone with LA or NHS supplied aid equipment that is no longer used or required to contact NRS at Rotherwas. They are leading this programme; they will collect walking aids and crutches if other equipment is involved these can be returned to the depot at Rotherwas. Locally - the new footpath connecting Burghill village to the school and shop has been completed. Next step is to complete the dropped kerbs at Leasown for safe access for all. Parish Litter Pick is Saturday 14th, I hope to see many of you. PC summit - HC invitation to the next summit on April 2nd. An opportunity to explore what is being planned by HC and to look at ways of working better with Parishes.
 - b) Receive views of local residents on local matters (max 10 mins - members of the public are invited to speak or raise a matter for consideration at a future meeting) - nothing was raised.
- 5. Planning: to consider the following applications**
 - a) (AW) Consider and agree response to planning application 200445, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Upper Lyde Quarry, Moreton Road, Lyde, Hereford, Proposed variation of condition 39 following grant of planning permission CW2001/0769/M (Imposition of new conditions and deletion of original conditions attached to an existing planning permission for gravel extraction, granted on 1st December 1965 by Herefordshire County Council under reference Code 20190, subsequently declared Dormant under the terms of the Environment Act 1995) - to increase number of lorries allowed to extract minerals on each day from 11 (22 two-way trips) to 25 (two-way trips). This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application and made the following comments, the planning application is to increase the daily activity at the proposed quarry. Although the site is not within Burghill Parish it is close to the parish boundary and there are parishioners who would be adversely affected by this variation. It is clear that the applicant seeks a doubling of daily activity from that approved in the extant planning permission for mineral extraction. The adverse effects of the variation in the condition would comprise two main elements: a reduction in road safety and an increase in the noise generated by mineral extraction. In terms of road safety, the C1103 provides a well-used rush hour link between the A4110 and A49(T). A doubling of HGV flow here, would be seriously harmful to road safety. This road is narrow and one of the steepest roads in the area. It is barely able to cope with its existing

traffic flow. The lorry traffic generated by the proposed quarry would be the maximum size permitted on UK roads, fully laden (increased stopping distances) down the steep hill towards the A49(T). Although passing places along the C1103 have been introduced, it is the view of the Council that this would still be unacceptable. Burghill Parish Council requests that the Local Planning Authority does not grant permission for the variation of planning condition No: 39 of PA CW2001/0769/M. It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- b) (BG) Consider and agree response to planning application 200460, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, St Marys Park, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7QN. Cherry tree (G30/5) - thin branch tips, reduce canopy by 10%. Ash tree (T2/21) - reduce crown via thinning outer canopy by 10 - 15%. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application and made the following comments, this application refers to two trees on St Marys Park which are deemed to need attention as a result of a tree condition survey carried out on behalf of the Management Committee. The first tree is a well-established flowering cherry tree, it has developed many thin and straggly branches so the recommendation is to reduce by up to 20% to bring the tree back into shape. The second tree is a very mature ash tree which has a TPO. It has already had substantial work to reduce the wind loading but because of its open accessibility more work is deemed necessary. Four options were provided on how to proceed, Option A is the preferred choice which entails a crown reduction to thin or remove the longest regrowth shoots by about 30%. This would bring back the general outline of the tree by 2–3 metres reducing the wind loading. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- c) (SD & JP) Consider and agree response to planning application 200646, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Burghill Community Primary School, Burghill, Hereford, Herefordshire HR4 7RP. Construction of a new timber classroom building. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application and made the following comments, this has no access or drainage issues, it will affect no neighbours. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- d) Applications update - noted.

6. Finance:

- a) **Payment of invoices:** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:
P Scholes - Clerk salary for March (paid in accordance with contract)
P Scholes - Clerk Expenses for March - £18.00
Richard Mills (Parish Contractor) - £162.00
Viking Stationery - £114.49
Autela (Payroll Jan, Feb & March) - £57.18

The Finance and Administration Working Group gave an update to confirm that they are having a meeting with The Copse Leisure Trust to better understand how the two organisations need to work together.

7. Community & Environment Working Group monthly report - the working group continues to work on a number of projects including management of the commons and local footpaths, road safety and the use of 'Section 106' monies including a bus shelter and kerbs at Leasown and the planting of new trees at Leasown. It has been working on the Transport Plan and a report on the recent flooding at Towtree Lane / Roman Road junction, which the Parish Council agreed to send to Herefordshire Council.

8. Parish Contractor & Footpaths update, report work for the contractor to clerk - there are currently no faults to report, parishioners can report these matters straight to the highway authority by using the following internet link:
https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200196/roads/190/report_problems_on_the_road

9. Annual Parish Meeting - taking place on 21st April at 7.00pm at Simpson Hall.

10. Correspondence, HALC and NALC updates - noted

11. Items for next meeting - none

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th April 2020