

BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Simon Hairsnape (SH) Chairman, Janette Pudsey (JP), Bernie Green (BG), Alister Walshe (AW), Anthony Vaughan (AV) and Lili Clarke (LC)

In Attendance: Paulette Scholes, Parish Clerk, Pauline Crockett (PC) Herefordshire Council Ward Member and no members of the public

1. **To accept apologies for absence** - David Bishop, Mark Ellis and Pat Eagling
2. **Not in attendance** - Beryl Staite, Dilys Price, John Bufton, Sam Davies and Ian Watkins
3. **To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation** - none received
4. **Minutes** - to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2020, the minutes were accepted and adopted by the Parish Council, the Chairman signed the minutes.
5. **Public participation session**
 - a) Brief verbal report from Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett - the year continues with its challenges, not only with Covid-19 but the physical weather storms as well. Some active travel measures changes have been implemented in Hereford City and other market towns. These measures were requested and paid for by the Gov grant received for that purpose. Not all changes have been welcomed and the Cabinet Member for transport and infrastructure is reviewing the comments and any concerns regularly. These changes are not set in stone and can and will be adjusted if necessary. Some may have noticed the changes in Commercial Road last week. Covid-19 is still upon us and our Public Health team are working closely with the NHS and the public, to advise and support where any positive cases have been identified. They are also working hard to instil the message of prevention, i.e., social distancing, face coverings and hand washing! This message cannot be relayed too much as its adoption is the only way to reduce spread. Flood alleviation grants are now available to those who suffered in February, via HC website. As is a Green homes grant via the Government initiative, both grants are up to £5k. The consultation that is ongoing at present is the Car Parking strategy this ends in September. Hereford household waste and recycling centre will be book on line only from Monday 14th September and a second tranche of the drainage grants scheme are available, if you have any further requests please contact BBLP. Locally i am still receiving concerns regarding speeding in the Parish. Plans have been made to improve the drainage of the Common ditch and I thank the Parish for this, however I am surprised that the Parish are not applying for the Drainage Grant Scheme via BBLP, county wide we were given £250k and this has not been fully allocated yet. BBLP completed the cleaning of the drainage system on the north side of the C1095, the outlet pipe was completely blocked in the field, this was cleared and now has free drainage but to where, no one knows. The Horse Chestnut trees are a growing issue and the planned Parish assessment in the autumn is welcomed. Villagers from the Tillington area have offered their assistance to gain some feedback on the interest in the possibility of mains sewerage in this area, they will liaise with the PC when the information has been gathered.
 - 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) – no members of the public present.
6. **Planning: to consider the following applications**
 - a) (AW) Consider and agree response to planning application 202288, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, The Parks Farm, Canon Pyon, Hereford, HR4 8NP. Proposed changes to the number of units based on application 152837 and 190750 with updated drainage and ecology information. This application seeks to subdivide units 2 & 3 into smaller family units. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection. **Action: Parish Clerk**
 - b) (DB) Consider and agree response to planning application 202465, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Bell Inn, Tillington, Hereford, HR4 8LE. Application for variation of condition 6 and removal of conditions 7, 8 and 21 of planning permission 180985/O (Site for proposed erection of four detached dwellings). Regarding drainage scheme for disposal of sewage and surface water strategy. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application. There are already known pollution problems in the Tillington area and this PA site is within the River Wye SAC and within 50m where there are critical pollution problems regarding discharges of treated sewage. Within this zone DEFRA's General Binding Rules prohibit new point sewage discharges to

ground without an environmental permit. There is no evidence that an environmental permit to support this project or that an application has been made. It is noted that the applicant intends to mix treated sewage with surface water run off and discharge the mixture into a stone filled infiltration crate approximately 5m below the surface of the ground. This would be no different from discharging treated sewage into a borehole, which is an unacceptable method of disposal. The discharged water could find its way into groundwater and cause pollution well beyond the boundaries of the site. Discharging effluent to a borehole has been suggested on other projects within the Tillington area and has not been considered favourably in ecological assessments done by Herefordshire Council. Failure and backup in the proposed system has dangers of flooding on lower adjacent ground and an error in the applicant's Geo-Technical Report. The Parish Council considers that the drainage proposal put forward by the developer is an unacceptable scheme which will potentially add to existing pollution and drainage problems in the locality. It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for the above reasons. **Action: Parish Clerk**

c) (AV) Consider and agree response to planning application 202516, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, 4 Hospital Houses, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7RD. Proposed 2 storey extension. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection.

Action: Parish Clerk

d) Applications update – noted

7. Finance:

a) **Payment of invoices:** It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments:

P Scholes - Clerk salary (paid in accordance with contract)

P Scholes - Clerk Expenses - £18.00

Freeloa (Qtrly charge) - email domain - £7.20

HALC - (Annual fees - £1009.19 & website hosting - £66.00) - £1075.19

Eyelid Productions - website support - £100.00

Richard Mills - Parish Contractor - £342.00

8. **Community & Environment Working Group monthly report** - continues to work on a number of projects including management of the commons including the flooding problems. Tillington first time sewerage has once again risen and local interest will be looked into. Maintenance and up keep of local footpaths and the use of 'Section 106' monies including a bus shelter and the planting of new trees at Leasown. It has been looking at installing Community Defibrillators in the Parish, this work is on-going. A permit has been granted by The Environment Agency for the discharge of treated effluent to the seasonally dry ditch on the opposite side of the highway for Live and Let Live site. Herefordshire Council (HC) continues to investigate the new sewage plant at Cherry Orchard Cottages. HC building control have asked the Bird in Hand developer to provide drawings on the sewage disposal system. Flooding at Towtree Lane/Roman Road had an on a site inspection by Balfour Beatty and await the report. Flooding and surcharge of sewers at Redstone have been established that the sewerage system in this locality is public sewerage and maintainable at the expense of WW/DC. Residents have been informed to ring WW/DC in the event of blockage.
9. **Community Defibrillators in the Parish** - LC went through the current options that are available, it was decided to purchase three, one for the shop, one for Simpson Hall and one near the entrance to St Mary's. LC will get all costs for the next meeting when a decision will be made. **Action: Lili Clarke**
10. **Cats Eyes and Vibration from Highway A4110** - the narrow part of the A4110 was resurfaced recently and low profile cats eyes were placed on the road with local residents assured these would remain, but they have been replaced with the older and more prominent type. When motorists drive over these cats eyes, especially on the narrow parts of the road, it causes noise and vibration to the nearby houses. The Parish Council will write to Balfour Beatty to request they replace the low profile cats eyes on the narrower sections of the carriageway. **Action: Parish Clerk**
11. **Parish Contractor & Footpaths update**, report work for the contractor to clerk - Pauline Crockett asked if the kissing gate on AW land could be looked at as it is on a very steep bank. **Action: Alister Walshe**
12. **Correspondence, HALC and NALC updates** - noted
13. **Items for next meeting** - Community Defibrillators in the Parish and speeding in the parish
14. **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2020**