

BURGHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Simon Hairsnape (SH) Chairman, Mark Ellis (ME) Vice Chairman, Janette Pudsey (JP), Bernie Green (BG), Alister Walshe (AW), Anthony Vaughan (AV), Sam Davies (SD), David Bishop (DB) and Lili Clarke (LC)

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

1. **To accept apologies for absence** - Dilys Price, Ian Watkins and Pat Eagling
2. **Not in attendance** - none
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 9th February 2021, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.
5. **Public participation session**
 - a) Brief verbal report from Ward Councillor Pauline Crockett - Please see the [Link](#) the Leaders report and locally; looking for support from Herefordshire Council for traffic management, Simon Hobbs is the Senior Accident Investigation Engineer and is currently aware of funding for local projects, I will contact Simon Hobbs. JP asked about the Talk Community Programme and getting more involved and would like to investigate this further. A link is provided for reference [Talk Community Hubs - WISH Herefordshire \(wisherefordshire.org\)](http://wisherefordshire.org)
 - 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 were present.
6. **Planning: to consider the following applications**
 - a) (BG) Consider and agree response to planning application 210473, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, St Marys Church, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7SG. T1 - Group of two Cypress and three Norway Spruce, carefully fell in sections to as near ground level as possible. T2 - Group of Cypress, crown lift all Golden Cypress to approximately 6ft above ground level. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection. **Action: Parish Clerk**
 - b) (BG) Consider and agree response to planning application 210544, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, 15 Haymeadow Lane, Burghill, Hereford, HR4 7RZ. Proposed works to T1 re-pollard Eucalyptus to minimise risk of regrowth failure. T2 & T3 carry out reduction on Acers to maintain shape and aesthetics and minimise excessive shading. This was discussed, a Councillor has looked at this application. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection. **Action: Parish Clerk**
 - c) (LC&PE) Consider and agree response to planning application 201374, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Land at Green Lane Farm, Tillington. Change of use to gypsy site for 1 pitch, with 1 no. mobile home, 1 no. touring caravan, to include partial conversion of an existing stable block to a dayroom and associated drainage (amended description). The Parish Council's re-confirmed its previous objection to this Planning Application. In addition, the Parish Council discussed additional issues linked to foul water drainage within the River Lugg Catchment where there are significant environmental issues. Herefordshire Council's *"Current Development in the River Lugg Catchment Area Position Statement"* dated 15th October 2019 and updated March 2020 determines that this site lies within the Red Zone and must meet all five criteria for development to be acceptable. It fails to meet any of these criteria as it is not a "drainage field" with a sub-surface discharge to groundwater. In addition, as of March 2021, Herefordshire Council (LPA) states that it is unable to support any new NDP's which allocate sites for residential development within the catchment area of the River Lugg. The corollary of this proposition by the LPA is that any site suggested for residential development, which is within the catchment of the River Lugg and not an allocated site in a NDP, should not be considered for residential development. The Parish Council is concerned that any surface discharge of treated sewage would end up in local ditches.

The Parish Council is aware of existing pollution in these ditches in the Tillington area which comes from unacceptable discharges from septic tank and private treatment plants. The septic tank is situated in a remote corner, making access for servicing difficult. Similarly, the site diagram shows a red line around just the pipes and drainage mound. If ownership changes, this site relies on another area for discharge. Access to both the treatment plant and drainage mound need to be in the same ownership or a permanent access secured by agreement. The Planning Application had specific errors/omissions which meant that the drawings and the written submission did not correspond and gave conflicting information. Also, some supporting documentation raised issues regarding enforcement of current non-residential status. It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application with the concerns noted. **Action: Parish Clerk**

- d) (ME&IW) Consider and agree response to planning application 202202, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Ivydene, Roman Road, Hereford, HR4 7AN. Single story traditional built garage. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- e) (SD&AW) Consider and agree response to planning application 210452, to be determined by Herefordshire Council, Land at Lodge Farm, Heritage Lane, Auberrow. Proposed agricultural storage building. It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application and No Objection, providing the surface water storage and discharge control system does not make flooding in this area any worse than it is at present. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- f) Applications update - 174268 and 182793 Bird in Hand, Tillington, the development at this site is now moving towards completion and it seems here has been very little compliance with approved landscape and site management drawing No P003/C. The Clerk will write to Mark Tansley at Herefordshire Council regarding this matter. **Action: Parish Clerk**
191932 & 3 - Burghill Lodge, Canon Pyon, Hereford - Approved with conditions
204223 - Hermitage Farm, Canon Pyon, Hereford - Refused
204417 - Hermitage Manor, Canon Pyon, Hereford - Approved

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 - £33.92
HALC (Annual subscription) - £1026.17
Zoom (monthly membership) - £14.39 (paid by Clerk)

- 8. **Community & Environment Working Group monthly report** - Community Defibrillators, First Time Sewerage, lowering the kerb at Leasown, the Bus Stop at Leasown and flooding around the Towtree Lane/Roman Road Junction. Speed Control Measures: the Parish Council have received the Community Commissioning document from Balfour Beatty Living Places which includes items such as speed control measures on the highways, this document was discussed and it was agreed to write to Herefordshire Council raising concerns about the potential shift in responsibilities to Parish Councils, without the appropriate funding. **Action: Parish Clerk**
- 9. **Parish Contractor & Footpaths update**, report work for the contractor to clerk - nothing to report
- 10. **Correspondence, HALC and NALC updates** - noted and it was agreed to extend the Public spaces Protection Order for dogs for another three years. The Order allows for control and enforcement of dog fouling, dogs on leads and prohibits dogs from certain areas.
- 11. **Items for next meeting** - Finance Report Year End
- 12. **Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th April 2021**