

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 6th December 2017

Present: Cllrs John Evans, Nia Phillips (vice-Chair), Michael Pettit, Scott Sinclair, Alun Williams, Iain Wood, Robin Howells, Derek Jones, John Mathias; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Paddy McNamara, Rob Summons.

Declarations of known interests

None

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The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr John Evans, seconder C'lr Iain Wood).

Public Forum

Miss Pat Gallanders of Ashdale Lane addressed the meeting about a problem of speeding in Ashdale Lane. She described a significant trend over the last few months towards a worsening problem within this 30mph limited area. She mentioned the lack of speed limit reminder signs. She asked if something could be done to (a) advertise the speed limit more noticeably; (b) monitor vehicle speeds; and (c) ask the Police to send a speed van / bike there as a deterrent. She expressed concern over the potential for pedestrians to be injured, given the current situation.

C'lr Iain Wood commented that, from the perspective of a fellow resident of Ashdale Lane, he agreed with everything she had said. C'lr Alun Williams commented that the recent re-design of the junction at the Sardis end of Ashdale Lane appeared to have worsened the problem.

Members decided, as a first step, to request a speed survey from P.C.C. to be carried out at the New Wells Road end of Ashdale Lane (proposer C'lr Alun Williams, seconder C'lr Iain Woof). Clerk to request this.

Matters Arising

Barnlake. Members were informed that the area was registered to P.C.C. Matter of any needed maintenance, etc., to be placed on agenda for discussion in January. In the meantime, Members were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the area, to inform the discussion. Clerk to make enquiries with P.C.C. regarding their intentions in respect of maintenance of the area.

One Stop Property Development Ltd. Members were informed that no contact had been received regarding the work needed in Church Road. Clerk to chase this up again.

Burton Ferry. The quotation from Mr. Chris Owen for putting in the slab needed for the community seat, and fixing the seat, had been reduced by £25 to £275, to take account of the fact that no painting is required. Members voted to accept the quotation (proposer C'lr Scott Sinclair, seconder C'lr Iain Wood). C'lr Iain Wood to notify the contractor accordingly.

Redundant electricity cabinet. The Clerk had received a holding response from P.C.C., to the effect that they were investigating the presence of the cabinet. Members noted that the cabinet had been secured with a substantial official—looking metal strip, making it safe from immediate interference.

Noticeboard re-location. To be discussed at January meeting.

Dog fouling, Vale Court. The Clerk had reported the matter to the P.C.C. Dog Warden as requested, and sent a letter to Mrs. Cocking to inform her of the actions taken.

Properties in Lower Port Lion. Following investigations, it had been confirmed that 71 and 72 Port Lion are situated in Llangwm Community area, but had historically been paying

Council Tax precept for Burton Community Council. The P.C.C. Revenues Department had confirmed that they were correcting this situation.

Historical artefacts from old school site. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been heard back from the headmaster of Cleddau Reach School to the letter sent out last month. Clerk to chase up a response. Regarding bats in the old school buildings, the Clerk had spoken to the Planning Department case officer for the development recently considered on the site. She had confirmed that the Authority's Ecology Officer had been consulted on the application, and the potential impact on bats had been considered. She also wished to reassure Members that any future application for redevelopment of the school site / buildings would include a full consideration of potential impact on bats.

Plans

Applications received

NP/17/0659/FUL (Proposed telecommunications installation upgrade and associated works, Benton Farm, Rhoseferry Road, Burton) – no objections.

Consents issued (for information)

17/0620/PA (Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and 10 (window details) of Planning Permission 15/0977/PA, Milton Farm, BURTON, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1LG)

17/0652/PA (Conversion of Existing Attic Space to Create Two New Bedrooms Myton House, Kiln Park, BURTON FERRY, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1NY)

Correspondence

- 1) D.C.W.W. – Response to letter about sewage infrastructure in Houghton – dealt with in agenda item – the letter contents were noted, and matter to be kept under careful review for any future action as necessary.
- 2) Mrs. Sheila Camplin – ditto as for (1) above – noted.
- 3) P.C.C. – response to letter about proposals to alter kerbside collection frequency – noted.
- 4) Royal Mail – response to letter about postbox at Bowlings Corner - Clerk to continue to chase a meaningful response to the issue raised, possibly including a visit to the Sorting Office.
- 5) P.A.L.C. – proposed amalgamation with O.V.W. – Matter deferred, and to be placed on agenda for discussion in January. Members opened this into a brief discussion about the proposed charter between P.C.C. and town and community councils in Pembrokeshire. C’lfr Robin Howells reported to Members on the main draft charter contents.
- 6) P.C.C. – Notification of changes to bin collections over festive period – noted.
- 7) P.C.C. – LDP2 consultation / invitation to engagement event – Members to notify Clerk if they wish to attend the engagement event scheduled for Wednesday 13th December.
- 8) NHS Wales – Consultation on proposed major trauma network – noted, and any interested Members to obtain a copy of the consultation document from the Clerk.
- 9) P.C.C.– information concerning possible removal of tolls, Cleddau Bridge – covered in agenda item below.
- 10) P.C.C. – reply to letter sent in about junction of New Wells Road / Ashdale Lane – C’lfr Robin Howells undertook to consult his neighbours about the proposal to install bollards to prevent parking of vehicles on the verge area close to the junction, and inform the Clerk accordingly. If the response was overwhelmingly positive, Clerk to contact P.C.C. to accept the offer to install the bollards (proposer C’lfr Alun Williams, seconder C’lfr Robin Howells).

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (expenses June – December)	:	£ 67-55
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax)	:	£ 168-16
Lodge Farm Services (Fence, Houghton Playing Field)	:	£1776-60

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’llr Robin Howells, seconder C’llr Alun Williams).

Discussion of works needed on playing field

Removal of Cricket nets. Members noted that these were still in situ. Clerk to chase up with One Stop.

Car park sign. Members discussed putting up a sign at the entrance, but decided that this was not necessary or appropriate.

Dog fouling in playing field. To be discussed in January.

Mowing of field. To be discussed at a future meeting.

Discussion of Houghton nursery site

No discussion required this month.

Any necessary discussion of possible consequences from proposed removal of Cleddau Bridge tolls

The Clerk read the email from P.C.C. regarding the current situation concerning this matter. Contents noted, and matter to be left in abeyance for the time being.

Discussion of problems with sewage disposal infrastructure in Community area

Covered in correspondence items (1) and (2) above.

Discussion of possible community re-use of redundant telephone boxes

Members noted that this suggestion had been considered and rejected a few years ago. Members were generally agreed that it would probably be better to see the redundant boxes removed, and the matter was left in abeyance.

Discussion of road drain cleaning in Sardis / Hill Mountain / Ashdale Lane / Port Lion

C’llr Alun Williams was concerned at the non-cleaning of drains in Ashdale Lane. Clerk to request from P.C.C. that the drains be cleaned in Ashdale Lane, Church Road Burton, and also in the wider Community area generally. Clerk to also chase up P.C.C. regarding when they intend to replace the drainage as promised in Ashdale Lane.

Discussion of problem with overgrown footpath between Burton rectory and Jolly Sailor

Members were concerned at the partial blocking of the footpath by overgrowth from the adjacent banks, forcing pedestrians into the road on some sections. Clerk to pass on to P.C.C. for action as necessary, citing safety concerns.

Any other business

Jubilee Hall Committee. C’llrs John Evans and Iain Wood reported briefly to Members on the investigations into ownership of the Jubilee Hall.

The meeting ended at 8-50pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 3rd January, 2018