

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 7th February 2018

Present: Cllrs Paddy McNamara, Nia Phillips, Alun Williams, John Evans, Michael Pettit, Scott Sinclair, Iain Wood, Laurence Price, Robin Howells, John Mathias; Peter Horton (Clerk).
Apologies: C'llrs Derek Jones, Rob Summons

Declarations of known interests

None

Minutes of January 2018 monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr John Mathias, seconder C'lr Robin Howells).

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Matters Arising

Burton Ferry seat slab. Members were informed that poor weather had delayed the work, but it was in hand with C'lr Iain Wood liaising with the contractor.

Burton Footpath clearance work, / drainage issues, Ashdale Lane. No progress on either of these items. Clerk to chase up. After three months it was felt that the message should be strongly worded, raising issues of health and safety. Matter to be placed on March agenda for any necessary further discussion.

NHS consultation. Members noted that things seemed to be moving towards an eventual closure of or drastic reduction in services at Withybush Hospital. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in March.

Cleddau Bridge toll removal. Nothing more had been heard regarding details of the proposals. Clerk to request any information when it becomes available.

Litter bins. It was confirmed that the bin outside the playpark in Houghton was to be moved across the road to outside the playing field.

Plans

Applications received

17/1044/PA (extensions, 2, Penry Point, Hill Mountain) – No comments.

17/0981/PA (extension to garage, Wymondley, BURTON FERRY, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1PA) – No comments.

Consents issued (for information)

NP/17/0659/FUL (telecommunications upgrade, Benton Farm).

Correspondence

- 1) Community Speedwatch – recent results of voluntary speed monitoring activities – noted. C'lr Iain Wood had been asked if the Community Council would support a speed-camera motorcycle outside the Village Hall. Members were inclined to think this could be a good idea, but deferred detailed consideration until such time as a formal letter requesting this should be received.
- 2) Paul Davies, A.M. – forthcoming advice surgery dates – Clerk to place in Community noticeboards.

- 3) Royal Mail – Response to query about postbox at Bowling’s Corner – noted, and matter to be kept under review. Clerk to reply to letter to point out that the stated reason for removal of the postbox appeared to be at odds with the known facts. Letter to also point out that, over a month on from the last letter received, the postbox had still not been replaced.
- 4) P.A.L.C. – notification of absolution of P.A.L.C. – noted. The Clerk had obtained confirmation of the One Voice Wales fee for membership, which would be £87 for 2018/19/ and £174 for the following year (at current rates). Matter left in abeyance for the time being.
- 5) P.C.C. – Reply to correspondence sent in about parking problems around junction of New Wells Road and Ashdale Lane – Clerk to respond to request that the bollards be installed, and for a response to the most recent message sent in as soon as possible. Matter to be placed on March agenda for discussion.
- 6) P.C.C. – Confirmation of PRIDE grant approval for play equipment – noted, and Members were informed that arrangements had been put in hand by C’lir Laurence Price / the Clerk for the work to be completed in early March. C’lir Laurence Price was organising the other two quotations needed for the P.C.C. records.
- 7) C’lir Rob Summons – Notification of possible progress towards construction of footpath across Houghton Green from the playing field to the Village Hall footpath – noted, and Members commented that they would be pleased to see this work brought to fruition.
- 8) One Stop Property Services – Quotation for Church Road maintenance work – Clerk to contact Common Lands Officer to seek his agreement to attend a site meeting to advise on what work could be carried out, and any potential legal implications. Provided he was agreeable, C’lir Laurence Price to make contact with him to arrange a mutually convenient appointment for the meeting. C’lir John Mathias to also attend. Clerk to send holding reply to One Stop Property Developments regarding their quotation. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in March.

Accounts

There were no accounts for discussion this month.

Discussion of works needed on playing field

Maintenance work. Members were happy with the work carried out by One Stop Property developments in removing the cricket nets and tidying up the hedges.

Lighting. Members were in agreement that a light on the existing pole close to the car park entrance would be a good idea. Clerk to ask C’lir Rob Summons to seek agreement for this from P.C.C. in conjunction with his efforts to get a footpath constructed, citing health and safety as a main reason for it being necessary.

Surface water across Rhoosferry Lane outside playing field. There had been complaints of flooding over Rhoosferry Road, due to a blocked gully drain along the edge of the highway outside the car park. Clerk to report this to P.C.C.

Grass-cutting. Arrangements for the forthcoming season to be considered in March meeting.

Discussion of situation regarding Barnlake

Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding this matter. Clerk to chase up with P.C.C. Property Services.

Discussion of bus shelter provision in Community

Possible replacement of the old bus shelter opposite Bowling’s Corner. C’lir John Evans had been approached about this matter. It was confirmed that the matter had been extensively examined on a number of previous occasions. There was no prospect of getting a bus shelter on the same side of the road as the old ones, due to opposition from the Highways department on

safety grounds. It was for this reason that arrangements had been made to construct the present pedestrian shelter instead. Matter left in abeyance.

Sardis bus shelter. Members noted that the inside still needed painting. In hand with C'lr Iain Wood. It was also noted that the footpath from the bus shelter to road was in poor condition.

Possible shelter in Burton Ferry. To be included in the March agenda item for discussion of various issues at Burton Ferry.

Possible Barnlake bus shelter. Nothing further had been heard from P.C.C. regarding this matter. Clerk to chase up with P.C.C.

Discussion of PRIDE grant work on installing play equipment

Covered in 'Correspondence' item 6 above.

Any other business

Burton Jubilee Hall portable appliance electrical testing. It was confirmed that arranging this was the responsibility of the Jubilee Hall Committee.

Common land, Thurston Lane. Photos had been received from Rhys Jones, Sardis, showing apparent use of the common land as a builder's yard. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in March. The Clerk undertook in the meantime to mention the matter to the Common Lands Officer Jim Dunckley, so that he could advise on this during his forthcoming meeting with C'lr Laurence Price and John Mathias.

Common land, Houghton. C'lr Laurence Price informed Members that the developers had crossed the common land with tele-handlers while taking down the old shed. This had caused some damage to the surface of the common. There had also been problems with lorries leaving the site the wrong way causing damage. As a result of all this, C'lr Price had visited the developers. They had since repaired much of the damage, and undertaken to restore the rest shortly.

Ashdale Lane speed survey. C'lr Alun Williams informed Members that the requested speed survey had not materialised. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in March.

Dog-fouling, Ashdale Lane. C'lr Alun Williams reported problems with dog-owners dumping dog-litter bags in the hedges along Ashdale Lane. Matter to be placed on agenda for discussion in March.

The meeting ended at 8-25 pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 7th March, 2018