

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting of Tuesday 12th April 2022 held at the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM: No members of the public attended

Attendance: Chairman Ian Wates, Vice Chairman Bob Locke, Cllrs Ashleigh Bolton, Eddie Lord, Cat Dodman, Debbie Hale and Linda Herwig. Mr Jones

- 1 Apologies received from Cllrs Lord and Gilbert for reasons accepted by Committee
- 2 Declarations of interest –None
- 3 The minutes of Tuesday 8th February 2022 were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4 No matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Chairman's Announcements – along with the Clerk, I visited the Crawley Men's Shed. It was a very interesting project and the Clerk will update you in Item 7
- 6 The GatCom report by Mr Jones is appended to the minutes. Cllr Locke asked Mr Jones to explain the acronym ATM's. Mr Jones said it stood for Air Traffic Movements. Mr Jones informed Council that, whilst Gatwick Airport was experiencing some delays, it was significant less than other airport such as Heathrow and Luton. Most of the staff were dismissed when the pandemic first took hold and the airport closed the South Terminal; which is the larger of the two. In January 2022 a recruitment drive for 5000 staff commenced and a large number of these have now been filled. Staff illness is the main problem now and is the reason for many flights being cancelled.
The main runway is being resurfaced and the airport is aiming to recycle as much of the materials on site as possible
- 7 Clerk's Update – report appended to minutes
The Chairman and Clerk visited the Crawley Men's Shed; which is situated in Tilgate Forest, near to the K2 leisure centre. The Shed, through Crawley Borough Council, employs a person one day a week to guarantee it will be open and volunteers open on one other day. Most of their equipment has been donated and their main costs are consumables such as saws and screws. Annual safety checks (fire, electrical) are carried out by Crawley Council and they do not have to pay rent for their building. The group also gets donations of gardening equipment and suggested to us that a small income could be generated by refurbishing and then selling items that the Shed doesn't need. Some members come along for a specific time to work on a project they are doing and others come armed with a packed lunch, make a full day and enjoy the social aspect as much as making things. Cllr Wates suggested that Council look into costs for associated with starting a shed and try to gauge local opinion on whether a shed would be a positive addition to the village. The Crawley Officer suggested setting up a Community Interest Company would separate the Shed from the Council and open up funding sources.

Council agreed the Chairman and Clerk should gather costs for a concrete pad, shed/cabin and electrical costs and then return to Council for further discussion and/or decision.

Bulky Rubbish – When asked by the Clerk, Tandridge DC

- 8 No list of payments to be made at the meeting.
- 9 Urgent Items – Mr Jones asked Committee why the GatCom report had not been included on the agenda. The Clerk apologised for the oversight and assured Mr Jones this would not happen again. Cllr Wates notified the Committee that he had an urgent matter to raise in confidence.

Signed.....Dated.....

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm. The next scheduled meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 12th April 2022

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