

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting for Burstow Parish Council held** on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.00pm in the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM: No members of the public were present.

Attendance: Chairman Ian Wates, Vice-Chairman Bob Locke, Cllr Ashleigh Bolton, Andrew Gilbert, Cat Dodman, Eddie Lord, Debbie Hale, John Carney and Linda Herwig,

- 078 Apologies were received from Cllrs Carney, Dodman Hale and Morris for reasons noted and accepted by Council. Dist. Cllr Sue Farr also tendered her apologies.
- 079 No declarations of interest made or dispensations required
- 080 The minutes of the Full Council meeting of Tuesday 8th November 2022 were signed as a true record.
- 082 No matters arising
- 083 Chairman's Announcements - Cllr Wates welcomed all to the meeting, wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Cllr Wates advised Council that a decorator has been booked in for August to redecorate the Outwood suite and corridor. He also reminded all that there would be an election in May and while not required, would be helpful if the Clerk knows whether someone intends standing for re-election or not. Cllr Wates informed Council that he would not be putting himself forward for re-election.

Standing Orders suspended for reports

- 084 County Councillor Steeds. Cllr Locke informed Cllr Steeds that the amount of heavy vehicle traffic being generated by the plant at Whiteleaf Farm on Cogmans Lane is causing the surface to break apart. Cllr Locke said that despite the Highways engineers delaying repairs until they resolved the flooding issues, Cogmans Lane continues to flood at the bottom of the lane. Cllr Steeds informed Council that she hopes work to fix the flooding problem on Antlands Lane will be carried out shortly. Workers have been on site for the previous two days trying to understand what the problem is. Cllr Steeds will be touring the division with a Highways officer tomorrow and will ask about both problems

The County budgets are close to being finalised. All efforts will be made to keep council tax as low as possible but people will need to be realistic about cost of living increases and the huge demand in both education and social care.

The Clerk asked Cllr Steeds for her availability should a meeting be organised to progress the car park/road safety improvement projects. Cllr Steeds advised the 24th Jan after 1.30pm would be suitable. The Clerk will aim to set a meeting up.

Cllr Herwig mentioned there have been a couple of pedestrian falls and injuries due to the uneven surface of the Plough Road pavement. SCC did examine the area but there's been no update for Cllr Herwig.

- 085 Dist Cllr Gillman said that budgets/council tax amounts were being finalised by Tandridge. Substantial cuts will be required to balance the books. Cllr Gillman said that for every 1% increase to staff pay the amount required to fund the increase was c£80k.
- The Chief Constable, Gavin Stevenson, will be leaving Surrey. Cllr Gillman will find out next week who will be his replacement.
- Cllr Locke mentioned flytipping along Plough Road/Croydon Barn Lane had been reported multiple times since the beginning of the year but the dumped good were still there. Apparently, due to the size of some of the objects, a large lorry with a grab arm is required and hence the delay.
- New housing numbers – the Government is now saying housing numbers per area are an ambition rather than a requirement. The district council is working on it's draft Local Plan and this announcement will help them. Any applications from proposed sites in the Plan that the Inspector didn't query will now be positively considered provided they meet the infrastructure improvement needs. The update will be publicly released in the near future.
- 086 Speed Watch - Cllr Bolton said that a new volunteer started last Friday, completed his training and already been out on his first session. The group will aim to carry out a similar number of sessions as last year. On average there are an additional 18 cars per hour recorded during each session than from 2021-22. The average speed has remained broadly the same.
- 087 Coronation Working Party – Cllr Herwig reported the group has met and are conscious of the cost of living increases for all. Therefore, an effort will be made to keep costs at a reasonable level. We will be making sure the council website is up-to-date before consultation begins. Cllr Gillman mentioned that the district council will be giving more weight to N Plans and emerging N Plans to ensure all future development gives regard to local issues
- 080 The Neighbourhood Plan and next steps – Peter Bond, the steering group chair, said we should hear back from Tandridge's latest comments any day now. The assigned officer leaves on the 12th Jan and we are hoping to have a response before she goes. Mr Bond also said he is hoping to meet with the school in the very near future.

Standing Order's re-instated

- 081 Letters received – Tandridge DC is carrying out a 'boundaries' consultation. The plan is to have three members representing each ward.
- 082 – Committee meeting minutes were accepted for the following meetings
 Finance – 13/12/2022
 Planning – 22/11 & 13/12 2022
- 083 2023 Annual Parish Meeting – Council agreed this will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd April 2023
- 084 Elections 2023 – All will need photographic ID in order to vote. If someone does not have a passport or driving licence contact the district council about obtaining ID.
- 085 Budget discussion – moved to end of Part II
- 086 Cllr Wates proposed that the Parish Council precept be set as £133,304.80. Seconded by Cllr Locke and carried unanimously

087 Cllr Wates requested an agenda item regarding unauthorised traveller camps be listed for the next meeting.

Members of the public were asked to withdraw from the second part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of discussions surrounding the car park and nursery

Signed Dated.....

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next scheduled Full Council meeting is due to take place at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023

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