

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Properties & Projects Committee meeting of Tuesday 23rd January 2024 held at the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM: No residents attended

Attendance: Committee Chairman Cllr Gilbert, Council Chairman Cllr Locke, Cllrs Bush, Hale, Herwig.

- 1 Apologies received from Cllr Locke and Bolton for reasons accepted by Council.
- 2 Declarations of interest – either personal or prejudicial on any agenda item: None
- 3 Dispensation: None required
- 4 The minutes of Tuesday 24th October 2023 were signed as a true record of the meeting
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes - None
- 6 Playground Working Party update – Cllrs Gilbert and Hale showed the committee some plans provided by two companies. Another company has consistently failed to provide plans even though they said they were interested. Both sets of plans followed an ‘airport’ theme and both costs approximately the same. Each plan includes a raised safety surface over the entire playground area allowing it to be used in all weathers. The working party recommended that the Council avoid equipment constructed out of wood as the heavy clay soil in the area promotes rotting.
Cllr Gilbert was asked what guarantee period the companies would offer. Proluic offer a 25-year guarantee against structural failure. Cllr Bush queried whether this would include the safety surface and Cllr Gilbert said he would check.
Following discussion Cllr Herwig proposed that the Committee recommend the playground design from Proluic to Full Council. Seconded by Cllr Bush and carried unanimously.
- 7 Royal Oak Tree – Cllr Locke reported the cherry trees have been planted and a local resident is engraving some wooden plaques to go by the trees dedicating them to His Majesty, King Charles III and the late Queen.
- 8 Parochial Charities – Cllr Gilbert reported the trust had its first meeting recently and they are looking in to ways/ideas of letting people know about the charity.
- 9 Redehall Car Park update – No work has been carried out for several weeks as the soil needed to settle before being topped up. The Clerk will contact the Contractor and explain that it needs to open the week commencing 19/2/24 as that is when the road works begin.
- 10 Men’s Shed - Cllr Gilbert spoke to a group in Norwich and is waiting for a call back. That group has about 50 members who all pay £20 per month. They have an employed manager to run the ‘shed’ and they manage their own building, including sub-letting it to other organisation as a revenue stream, when the ‘shedders’ are not using it.
- 11 Christmas Lights – A proposal by Cllr Gilbert that BPC hold a competition for local children to design a new outdoor light for the Centenary Hall. All Councillors agreed in principal and the Clerk was asked to get rough costs. The annual winners of the Christmas Lights competition 2023 were the residents of 45 Hayes Walk. The Clerk will drop round their plaque.

- 12** Rights of Way and Public Bridleways – Cllr Gilbert mentioned that it is important to ensure these paths are registered to ensure they continue to be accessible to ramblers. Councillors wondered if there was an accurate register with Surrey CC. The County relies on volunteers to do most of the maintenance and say they cut back the growth 2 x annually. Cllr Locke recalled that a previous councillor, Linda Lodge, may have some information. Cllr Hale said that she has reported all the defects on the bridleway near her to Surrey. Cllr Gilbert asked Cllr Hale if she would speak to Mrs Lodge as she used to be quite involved with the Ramblers Assoc.
- 13** Update from Councillor areas of responsibility
Cllr Locke – C Hall drainage. The Clerk has been reminded to book a company to empty the petrol interceptor.
Cllr Herwig – Waiting for the weather to improve before being able to work on the Hall grounds. One of the stolen rose bushes has been replaced. She is still trying to source the purple variety.
Dowlands Lane field – Cllr Dodman reported the ditch has recently been cleared by the tenant and all is well.
Cllr Bush – Community volunteers are doing very well and hoping to finish the Plough Road pavement this week and then move on to the Meadow View emergency access track. There was a good ‘turn out’ of volunteers for the pre-Christmas Litter Angels meet.
- 14** Items of an urgent nature brought to Committee’s attention
None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 27th February 2024.

Signed Dated