

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Properties & Projects Committee meeting of Tuesday 26th November 2024 held at the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM:

Attendance: Cllr Cat Dodman, Cllrs Bob Locke, Ashleigh Bolton, Alison Lewis, Debbie Hale, Linda Herwig

- 1 Apologies received from Cllrs Andrew Gilbert and Nick Bush, for reasons accepted by Committee
- 2 Declarations of interest – either personal or prejudicial on any agenda item: None
- 3 Dispensation: None required
- 4 The minutes of Tuesday 22 October 2024 were signed as a true record of the meeting
- 5 No Matters arising from the minutes
- 6 Playground update – Cllrs Hale reported that all the equipment, excluding the swing set, was now installed. There is a delay on the swings, but the contractor hopes that this will arrive towards the end of next week. Once the swing is installed the wet pour surface can be made. The aim is still to have the playground opening on Friday 13th December. The graffiti has still not been cleaned.
- 7 Men's Shed – No update
- 8 VE Day update – The next working party meeting is scheduled for the 27th November '24. The new Vicar, Rev Alan Bayes, has joined the group and is proving to be very positive.
- 9 Budget 25/25 - To include £10,000 to replace the fencing to the left of the Hall and around the flood pond.
- 10 To discuss and consider having a Christmas Tree for the village. Committee felt that this might not work at the moment, but is willing to re-look next year.
- 11 Update from Councillor areas of responsibility
Cllr Bolton – Centenary Hall: All ok
Cllr Locke – All ok
Cllr Gilbert & Cllr Hale – Playgrounds: As per earlier update
Cllr Herwig – Hall gardens – all ok
All Councillors – new equipment: - Committee agreed to buy a Stihl petrol 'combi' set, comprising of long reach hedge cutter, blower, strimmer and pruner from Cllr Locke as the battery strimmer is not quite able to manage the strimming at the village car park.
Cllr Bush – No update
Cllr Dodman – Dowlands Field – All ok
Cllr Morris – School liaison: All ok

- 12** Items of an urgent nature – The Centenary Hall will have it's 30th birthday next year. Councillors will consider whether this should be a marked occasion and discuss at a future meeting.
- 13** To discuss, consider and make a recommendation to Full Council, regarding Council's interaction with local companies/people who assist and enable unauthorised development in the Parish. Committee had a robust discussion and agreed that it is inappropriate for the Parish Council to be seen engaging with/offering work to individuals and companies that help others illegally develop land or property, ignoring all planning rules. Committee unanimously agreed to make a recommendation to Council that the Parish Council will not engage with people/companies that offer such assistance.

Signed Dated

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19. 40. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 19.00.