

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Meeting of Burstow Parish Council held** on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM: A resident of Smallfield attended and requested Council record his appreciation for Mr J Hodgkinson and his devotion to the Smallfield Football club. He noted that Mr Hodgkinson has been marking out the football pitch since 1952.

Mr & Mrs Williams attended the meeting to speak to Council about their successful volunteer litter picking session earlier in the year. Council offered its appreciation and will work with Mr & Mrs Williams to assist with the volunteer 'litter angels'/'Smallfield Wombles' and offered to group the use of the Hall as a meeting point and to have a tea/coffee break. Mrs Williams will liaise with the Clerk to arrange.

Attendance: Chairman Ian Wates Vice Chair Ray Holdsworth, Councillors Debbie Hale, Trevor Brock, Andrew Gilbert, Tom MacKay, Eddie Lord and Ashleigh Bolton

Dist Cllrs Harry Fitzgerald and Kevin Bourne, Clerk to Council

088 Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Locke and Carney; County Cllr Lesley Steeds, Dist Cllrs Harry Fitzgerald, Kevin Bourne and Guy Wates.

089 Cllr Lord declared an interest in item 21 – Allotment lands – Cllr Lord is also a member of Worth Parish Council. Worth PC have inquired if Burstow PC would be open to discussions regarding the Burstow Garden Allotment Site

090 Cllr Lord requested and was granted a dispensation for one meeting to discuss and vote in discussions for Item 21 as it was considered otherwise appropriate to grant the dispensation.

091 The minutes of Tuesday 13th November 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting

092 Matters Arising

Smallfield Wombles/Litter Angels – Mr & Mrs Williams will co-ordinate volunteer litter picks and liaise with the Clerk.

093 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr Wates welcomed all to the meeting. He updates Councillors that enforcement action had commenced at Triddles Farm, with the owner being required to clear the site and returned to previous state. It is not known as yet whether the owner intends to appeal but if he does then enforcement will be suspended pending the outcome of the appeal. TDC are also looking into other possible planning breaches in Burstow and may take enforcement action if appropriate.

The pony and trap continues to use the QEII field. TDC required the ditch to be partially filled in with stone to reduce risk and this created an opening. Later this week a post and rail fence will be erected between the ditch and bund for the side closest to Coopers Close. A kissing gate is also going in at the gap on Broadbridge Lane.

The village carpark application has still not progressed. Sport England require additional information before being willing to reconsider their view.

The Council wishes to extend its thanks to John Carney for the use of his lovely home to gather for our Christmas Social. It was a lovely evening and we all appreciate his generosity.

- 094 Policing Issues – Cllr Hale:** Nothing of substance to report – all has been very quiet save some ‘scrambler’ motorbikes using the snicket as a cut through. The height restrictor barriers have not as yet been reinstated following on from the drainage works.
There have been reports of fake emails and telephone calls claiming that the recipient needs to reapply for TV licenses and asking for individuals bank details. Residents have been warned to be alert and delete any such emails.
Cllr Hale has a number of ‘DNA’ property identification kits and intends to hold an open session at the hall for residents to purchase kits.
- 095 Speedwatch:** Cllr Bolton reported that it had been a quiet month due to cold, wet weather. However the group noted 2225 vehicles as speeding throughout 2018 as opposed to 3009 in 2017. The number of third time offender has increased from 14 to 46 over the same time frame. However the group has proved effective in slowing the average speed down by 1MPH and there has been a 4.6% reduction in offenders. The SpeedWatch group intends to ask for the site in Broadbridge Lane to be re-instated.
- 096 Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee, Mr Peter Bond –** Nothing to report
- 097 Correspondence –**
Nothing of note
- 098 COMMITTEE MEETINGS–** to accept the minutes of meetings since 13th November 2018
a) Planning Committee – 13 & 27/11 and 11/12
b) Finance & General Purpose – 9/10
Unanimously accepted by Council
- 099 Annual Parish Meeting -** The date of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting has been agreed as 7.00pm on Monday 1st, in the Assembly Hall.
- 100** Cllr Locke proposed that BPC carries out a 4-week trial for a coffee vending machine at the Centenary Hall and that the Working Party may enter into a hire agreement at the end of the trial period if deemed suitable, seconded by Cllr Hale and carried unanimously
- 101 Election process report -** Attached
- 102 Budget Preparation for 2019/20**
i) To discuss any additional projects since the F & GP Meeting of 11th December 2018
To purchase new folding chairs and trolley using reserves – delegated to Properties & Projects
- 103** ii) To discuss and finalise precept amount – Proposed by Cllr Wates and seconded by Cllr Gilbert that BPC set the precept at £73,560 for the financial year 2019/20; carried unanimously
- 104 FINANCE –**
Payments ratified £3558.13
Payments authorised £6236.07
Direct debits £379.43
Unanimously agreed, cheques to be signed at end of meeting

- 105** Items of an urgent nature brought to Council's attention for inclusion on a future agenda – Cllrs Hale and Bolton informed Council that the winner of the 2018 Christmas Lighting competition is 101 Redehall Road.

Council resolved, under standing order 10., to require members of the press and public to withdraw from the meeting to permit Council to discuss confidential matters relating to allotment lands

Signed..... **Dated**.....

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Part II

- 106** The confidential minutes of Tuesday 8th May 2018 were signed as a true record of the meeting
- 107** No matters arising
- 108** **Allotment lands** – Cllr Wates reported that after several years of running a loss at the Burstow Garden site, this year should see it generate a positive income. There is no planned expenditure beyond the usual hedge cutting and small repairs such as the pump. The Parish Council then discussed various options concerning land owned by Burstow PC and instructed the Clerk to investigate a number of options.a

The meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next scheduled meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th March 2019

Signed..... **Dated**.....

