

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting of Tuesday 12th October 2021 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, Andrew Gilbert and Debbie Hale. Also present Dist Cllr Kevin Bourne and the Parish Clerk

- 1 Apologies received and accepted by Committee from Cllrs Carney and Holdsworth
- 2 Declarations of interest – None
- 3 The minutes of Tuesday 12th October 2021 were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4 No matters arising from the minutes
- 5 To consider and resolve that the Parish Council proceeds with the village car park construction.
The Clerk informed Committee that she had been informed the draft lease had been sent to the Dept for Education for final approval before the School and Council can sign it. When any school playing field land is to be disposed of, whether by lease or sale, this must be approved by the Minister. The Clerk said that all the disputed terms had been agreed save for the matter of council paying the school's legal costs. The Council had agreed to pay costs up to the 6th September 2021 but the Surrey Legal Officer was attempting to have the date extended until the end of September. In order to bring this to a close the Clerk asked the Council's solicitor to share an email with the Surrey Legal Officer. This email, dated 6th September 2021, was part of a discussion between Wendy Iball (Burstow School Bursar) and the Chairman, where it was clearly stated Council would pay reasonable costs up to that date.
Cllr Gilbert proposed given that, sufficient progress had been made, the Parish Council proceed with the car park construction project. Seconded by Cllr Wates and, by majority, the Committee voted in favour. Cllr Wates asked the Clerk to place an item on the next Full Council agenda, asking all members to ratify this resolution. After discussion Members suggested the project be re-named 'Redehall Car Park' to avoid confusion with the other two car parks the council owns.
- 6 Budget 2022/23 – The Committee instructed the Clerk to ensure there would be no increase in Precept to residents in the next financial year. Cllr Locke asked requested funds be allocated to repaid and re-mark the hall car park. Cllr Gilbert said that the playgrounds were looking rather worse for wear and requested funding to upgrade the playgrounds be included.
- 7 Cllr Lord proposed that the newest member, Cllr Dodman, be voted on to the F&GP Committee, seconded by Cllr Bolton and carried unanimously.

- 8** Urgent Items
Christmas Lights Competition – Cllr Dodman volunteered to judge the village competition.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm. The next scheduled meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022

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