

# BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were signed as a true record of the meeting.
- 4 No matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Working party meeting to be arranged
- 6 Grants – No grant applications received
- 7 Car Park Report – see attached report from the Clerk

Standing Orders suspended to allow Dist Cllr Bourne to join the discussion

Councillors discussed the various issues with the draft car park lease as outlined in the Clerks report. Cllr Bourne believes he can address the issues and have them resolved.

Standing Orders re-instated

- 8 A proposal by Cllr Locke that the Parish Council resolves to withdraw from the village car park construction project.  
Cllr Locke proposed an amendment to his original proposal stating ‘I propose that the Parish Council defers voting and re-lists the proposal for the Finance & General Purpose Committee meeting that is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021; at which point we hope to have an agreed lease for Councillors to consider, and that any decision taken at that time, must be ratified by Full Council at the meeting scheduled to take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022’. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Wates and carried unanimously by Committee.  
Cllr Lord asked if it would be prudent to set a cap on any expenditure between now and the date of the next meeting. Committee agreed that any further expenditure should be approved by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Bolton.
- 9 Banking update – Current account has been moved to Unity Trust. Paperwork has been submitted to Nationwide to move the deposit account. Once the end of year accounts for the nursery have been accepted by Companies House the Clerk will start moving the nursery account away from Lloyds.
- 10 Cllr Lord proposed that the Parish Council purchase one defibrillator now and set money in the budget to purchase a second in April 2022. Seconded by Cllr Wates and carried unanimously.
- 11 Finance – None

- 12** Items of an urgent nature brought to Committee's attention for inclusion on a future agenda
- Café Nearu – Apple & Cor have said they are leaving the hall. The Clerk suggested speaking to the deli at the shop parade to see if they would like to run a Friday café and Saturday Market kitchen. Cllr Herwig mentioned Linda Lodge, pre-Covid, ran a monthly coffee morning to raise funds for St Catherine's Hospice. Cllr Hale suggested the Working Party of her, and Cllrs Locke and Bolton meet and see what ideas they can come up with to have the café used more.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.57pm. The next scheduled meeting is at 7.00pm on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

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