

BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Properties & Projects Committee meeting of Tuesday 25th January 2022 held at the Centenary Hall, Smallfield

OPEN FORUM: Two residents attended the meeting to express their concern as to road safety on Antlands Lane. They have recently moved to the Parish and have noticed the speed of traffic as it moves along. The residents believe vehicles travel at speeds in excess of the 50MPH limit and say that it makes it very dangerous to enter and egress from their home. There have been several accidents and the residents fear someone could be seriously hurt if the status quo remains. Residents have approached Surrey Highways with a view to getting the speed limit reduced to 40MPH to no avail and so are asking the Parish Council for help.

Attendance: Cllrs Gilbert, Wates, Hale, Locke, Dodman and Herwig

- 1 Apologies for absence received and accepted by Committee: Cllrs Bolton and Brock for reasons noted and 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 23rd November 2021 were signed as a true record of the meeting
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes – for information only
- 6 To discuss and consider a request from a Shipley Bridge resident to carry out a traffic speed survey in the area, with a view to having a limit of 40MPH
Committee asked the Clerk to contact our County Councillor requesting a speed survey and to offer assistance with costs if necessary. Cllr Locke suggested the residents contact Surrey Police requesting them to use the mobile speed van in the area. Cllr Bolton suggested that SpeedWatch could ask to have a monitoring point in Shipley Bridge. The Clerk will ask Cllr Bolton if the SpeedWatch is permitted to operate in 50MPH areas. Cllr Locke asked the residents if they would be interested in joining the SpeedWatch, especially if a monitoring point is allowed at Shipley Bridge.
- 7 Reports from Councillors for their areas of interest
Cllr Wates – Centenary Hall – Council is trying to get quotes to repair or replace the Hall guttering and some internal redecoration will be needed. Otherwise the building seems to be in a good state
Cllr Locke – Hall and car park drainage – Cllr Locke reported the car park drainage/flooding issue appears to be resolved. A petrol interceptor chamber was found on the drainage plans. The chamber was full of silt, preventing water from reaching the pond. The chamber was emptied by Tandridge. It will need to be emptied on an annual basis going forward.
Cllr Gilbert – Playgrounds – Cllr Gilbert reported he had visited the QE2 play area though it was difficult to see in the dark. The ground was very wet, making it an unwelcoming area for parents and children. Also the play equipment provision is poor. He will visit again in daylight to get photographs but thinks Council should consider resurfacing the play space and buying new equipment. He hasn't as yet checked the Plough Road playground but will do so before the next committee meeting.

Cllr Herwig – Hall gardens – The path to the Millennium Garden is slippery when wet or damp, with grass growing through. It will need some work this year. The plaque also needs cleaning. A gardener needs to be found to replace the previous gardener as the beds are looking in a poor state. Cllr Hale suggested creating a rose garden. Cllr Herwig requested Committee buy some ground staples to secure the weed membrane in the Community Garden as it is coming loose in places. Committee directed the Clerk to buy a new wheelbarrow as soon as possible.

All Councillors – new equipment Items required/requested are lawnmower, jet wash
Dowlands Lane field – Cllr Dodman – Cllr Dodman reported the field is in good condition and the horses are being well looked after by the tenant
Keepers Corner Nature Garden and Car Park – Cllr Bolton – No report

- 8 Report from Cllr Hall on road signs that need replacing or moved to face the right direction - report attached
The Clerk is to begin reporting the damaged/dangerous signs to Surrey Highways
- 9 Roadside gully cleaning & litter picking - Cllr Locke reported the only way to report a gully is to mark each one individually on the Surrey interactive maps. If Councillors see a blocked gully, please can they report it. Clerk has a supply of litter pickers and Tandridge bin bags. Road sweeping doesn't really seem to get done regularly
- 10 Café Working Party updates – Working party will schedule another meeting.
- 11 Update on defibrillators by Clerk – Defibrillators have arrived and the electrician is installing them on Wednesday 9th February. Some training sessions will be arranged as soon as possible.
Update from Clerk regarding sand bag storage – the new area has been constructed and the Caretaker will move the sand bags this week.
- 12 Items that Councillors would like to see on the next agenda
Cllr Wates asked the Jubilee event is listed for each agenda to keep Council up to date on arrangements

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm. The next scheduled meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 22nd February 2022

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