

Burwell Parish Council

Community, Leisure and Sport

Minutes of the Meeting of 18.8.20 at 7.30 pm using Zoom

Present: Michael Swift (Chair), Jenny Moss, Helen McMenamin-Smith, Jim Perry, Liz Swift, Geraldine Tate, and Paul Webb.

CL&S/180820/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests

No apologies for absence had been received and there were no declarations of interests.

CL&S/180820/02 Approval of the minutes of the 16.6.2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2020 were approved. Proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Liz Swift.

Presentation from Gavin Richards, Burwell Community Radio

Gavin Richards attended the meeting to support the donation request from the Burwell Community Radio Group and answered questions from the Group members.

The radio station will initially be broadcast on the internet and will be accessible via its own website or Facebook page. Later it may be possible to acquire a community FM license which will allow greater accessibility to those unable to use the internet.

However, these licenses can be few and far between. There will be a soft launch for the station in late August or early September. Some research has been carried out to find out when residents would like the station to be available and the research was split between those wanting weekday mornings and others, weekends. To start with the team who are all volunteers, would prefer to focus on quality not quantity. Content will include general music, some live music, community topics and podcasts. At first, those involved will work from home, but further phases may include looking for studio facilities.

It is also hoped eventually to involve young people in the project and for this to happen the group will draw up necessary safeguarding policies and carry out DBS checks where required.

Liz Swift expressed the importance of getting a balance of views and ensuring items are checked and verified before going on air. Many of the items will be pre-recorded. The station will need to have indemnity insurance. The station is being set up as a Community Interest Group and not for profit. The station will not be regulated by Ofcom.

CL&S/180820/03 Action Sheet Updates

Please see Appendix One Action Update Sheet.

CL&S/180820/04 Moving of seat from Spring Close to Apple Tree Grove

Following a site meeting, ECDC has agreed to install the seat from Spring Close on the amenity area at Appletree Grove. The handyman will need to move the seat up to Appletree Grove. The Appletree Grove Residents Group are looking to sow wildflower seed around the perimeter of the area. Jenny Moss to approach ECDC if she wishes to pursue further tree planting on the area.

CL&S/180820/05 Cambridgeshire County Council Road Verges

An email from the Cambridgeshire County Council Biodiversity Team regarding the sustainable management of the road verge network in Cambridgeshire was discussed. Helen McMenamin-Smith informed the Group that she had forwarded the email to the Burwell Environmental Group. Michael Swift informed the group that at a recent Meeting, he had been told by the ECDC Tree Officer that Burwell has more trees than any other parish in East Cambs. He continued to say that it is important to obtain a balance between wild grassed areas and cut areas. Helen McMenamin-Smith reminded

the Group of the intention to create wildflower areas around the perimeter of the Recreation Ground. The creation of wildflower areas could mean that decent grass needs to be dug up. Jenny Moss suggested that it would be more beneficial for the verges between villages to be left to encourage wildflowers, although consideration does need to be given for verges where cycleways are present. It was agreed that further information on the project is required and the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Officer involved to discuss in more detail.

CL&S/180820/06 Donations for consideration

1. Burwell Community Radio

Following the discussion early, the Group raised some concern that the Burwell Community Radio Group does not have a bank account yet. The Clerk suggested that the Council could pay for an element of the set-up costs. Helen McMenamin-Smith expressed that she felt a Just Giving Page would be a benefit and would be willing to talk to Gavin Richards about this. The Group makes the following recommendation to full Council:

The Community, Leisure and Sports Group recommends to full Council that a donation of £250.00 is made to Burwell Community Radio once banking arrangements are in place.

2. Burwell Bowls Club

Since the Agenda was issued, Burwell Bowls Club have managed to obtain other funding to allow the group to continue. No further discussion took place on this item.

CL&S/210220/07 Policies

1. Social Media Policy and Website

The Clerk informed the Group that she had obtained some information from three website providers and would pass the information on to Paul Webb and Liz Swift once she had the opportunity to go through the reports.

2. Climate Change

See Action Update Sheet Appendix One

CL&S/180820/08 Any other business

1. Recreation Ground Neighbourhood Watch Sign

A request has been made from the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for a Neighbourhood Watch sign to be erected at the Recreation Ground. The Group agreed that they did not feel there was a need for a sign at the Recreation Ground, especially as there is CCTV on site.

Helen McMenamin-Smith left the meeting at 8.38 pm.

2. Remembrance Day 2020

The Clerk reported that there will soon be a need to discuss this year's Remembrance Parade with the Church with regards to Covid-19. The Road Closure application has been approved. It will not be possible to contact the bugler until more information is known.

Additional Item

An email has been received from a resident looking to carry out a 100km sponsored walk around the trim track at the Recreation Ground. The Group agreed that they had no issues with the event taking place.

CL&S/180820/09 Date of the next meeting – 20.10.20

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th October 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.

Signed

Dated