**Burwell Parish Council**

**Community, Leisure, Health, and Sport Meeting of 19.11.24 at 7.30 pm**

**Jubilee Reading Room**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Mike Swift (Chair), Jim Perry, Ian Woodroofe, Clive Leach, Paul Webb, Liz Swift and Charlie Milner

**CLH&S/191124/01 Apologies for absences and declarations of interests**

Apologies were received from Geraldine Tate

**CLH&S/191124/02 Approval of the minutes of the 17.09.24**

The minutes of the 17th September 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Paul Webb and seconded by Liz Swift and approved by all.

**CLH&S/191124/03 Action Sheet Updates on the following and from the previous meeting of items**

**not included on the agenda**

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| PROJECT |  |
| Recreation Ground and Margaret Field  Football Provision and liaison with the Football Club. | The minutes of the football club meeting held on 21/10/24 were noted. As the groundsman couldn’t attend there will be a meeting with him on 27th November to discuss the FA report on the condition of the pitches.  Ian Woodroofe stated that Simon Gale has offered to look at the Tennis Courts for free to advise on work needed. He is now retired from Cambridge Courts. The Parish Clerk will set this up with the maintenance officer to attend. It was noted that this had already been raised at Assets and Environment and the agreement had been to revisit tennis courts maintenance in Spring. |
| Spring Close Management Group | There was a working party held on 28th September to do some hand scything and tidying pre-winter  New tarmac surface laid under the accessible gate by the Maintenance officer.  It was noted that the Vision plan needs updating by Jenny Moss and Paul Webb |
| Pauline’s Swamp | The Vision Plan needs updating by Jenny Moss and Paul Webb.  The Chair thanked Richard Jenkins and Jim Perry for their work on site particularly with the CCTV system. He also thanked Paul Pickles for his work clearing the site.  Hardcore has been laid where we would put the portacabin.  The developer (Lynx Court) of the land adjacent to Pauline’s Swamp is now actively supporting us. They will concrete the area and possibly may be able to provide electricity and water.  Jim Perry confirmed that the water table is quite shallow and they may be able to use a pump. Ian Woodroofe stated we would need an abstraction licence. The Chair confirmed this should be discussed as Pauline Swamp trustee meetings as this forum was for updates.  There are still some issues with accessing the CCTV (power and router) which Richard Jenkins is working to resolve.  Jim Perry has asked the builders next door to donate any post and rail fencing they no longer need to us. |
| BAFY | Charlie Milner has now set up a group for 16-18 yr old footballers, paid for by BAFY.  They have funding through Lizzie Houghton (CCC), and agreed the use the phoenix room at Burwell Village College through the Governors, however this also needs to be agreed with the Headteacher, Mr Kern who cannot meet until 20th January.  The Sports Centre has said the connexions bus can be parked there until a more appropriate location is found.  BAFY now has short, medium, and long term plan.  There was a public meeting on Oct 14th, however only 3 youths turned up. One is going on the panel for EDF funding. They want a pump track, there may be funding available. Options are being explored including transport to Mildenhall pump track. |
| Community Orchard | Nothing to report |
| Community Garden | Michael Swift has now asked Helen McMenamin-Smith to send a regular report. |
| Liaison with Sports Centre | This weekend the astro-turf will be back in use. LED lighting in main hall which is saving money. They are applying for funding: Net-zero grant, one with Burwell Carnival, one with CCF, and other infrastructure funding.  Business plan has been updated.  Chair is Quentin Cooke and Helen McMenamin-Smith is Vice chair.  Keen to have continued support from the Parish Council. |
| Climate Change Policy | The climate change forum was held recently. Part of this updated on the BEG website which was delayed slightly due to issues with the bank.  Solar farms/renewable energy will be a key issue. We have requested a public consultation in Burwell from Kingsway Solar farm.  Viv Atkinson from Cambridge Community Funding has requested that EDF organise an open day/tour of the solar farm for funding applicants. |
| A to B1102 and Public Transport issues | Liz Swift has received an update on the buses from Andrew Highfield. They have now awarded the contracts and will announce launch dates soon. The no 11 will continue until the launch of T4 and T5. We have requested if we can share the news on social media.  At the A-B1102 meeting they presented the results from a travel survey – one of main points was people want to get to Cambridge, Newmarket (not Ely). 6 form colleges and Addenbrookes will be catered for with the new routes.  Ian Woodroofe asked about £12m funding that has just been allocated to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Liz Swift confirmed that she thinks this is new funding, the group are now pushing for evening and Sunday buses. |
| Westhorpe Play Area | Nothing to report |
| Repair Café/Swish | Last two have been highly successful, 2 further events planned – 2/3/25 and 16/3/25. Repair and Swish want to direct money towards environmental projects but will need to come to Council for approval. |
| Newmarket Road Sports Hub | Meeting on 20th December – face to face with This Land, Charlotte Cane and others arranged.  Recent negative press about the CEO of Vistry and 2 profit warnings -may explain lack of updates from first stage of housing development. |
| Trees on the Avenue | Mike raised issue of safety of the trees and ownership. Clerk to continue to investigate and push for funding. |
| Waterways | Clive Leach and Ian Woodroofe reported on the issues they have been involved with on the Weirs and that it has become a legal matter.  The Clerk advised that nothing had been agreed at Council about progressing this matter. They confirmed that they had been making no decisions, just escalating matters to the relevant authorities. |

**CLH&S/191124/04 Collection at Christmas Carol event**

Mike Swift has spoken to Helen McMenamin-Smith, and she would like to organise a collection again for Magpas.

**CLH&S/191124/05** **Donations Update including East Anglian Air ambulance correspondence**

Twinning have been informed that they should write in to request a donation. We currently have money left in the donations budget. East Anglian Air Ambulance offering CPR training – Clerk to forward details to the Sports Centre and Football Club.

**CLH&S/191124/06 Affordable Homes**

Parish clerk to arrange for Gary Roffey from Cambridgeshire ACRE to attend a full Council meeting.

**CLH&S/191124/07 VCAEC (Voluntary & Community Action East Cambridgeshire) AGM**

Jim Perry provided a brief overview and some documentation. The social car scheme is going well but they are short on volunteers for other areas. Lis Every was re-elected as Chair.

Liz Swift mentioned Burwell at Large could be a good event for them (as well as the Parish Council) to attend – 22/23 March 2025

**CLH&S/191124/08 Date of the next meeting: 18th February 2025**

Meeting closed 20.34pm