

BURWELL PARISH COUNCIL
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Chairman: Mrs P Kilbey

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Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 10th April 2012 in the Jubilee Reading Room, 99 The Causeway, Burwell, CB25 0DU

Present :- Pat Kilbey – Chairman, Liz Goodman, Sylvia Greenaway, Gus Jones, Joan Lonsdale, James Perry, Derek Reader, Michel Scarff, Michael Smith, Fay Whitehouse, Mandy Wilkins, Hazel Williams, Brenda Wilson

01.04.12 Apologies for absence had been received from Beryl Brown, Tim Clay,
Apologies :- Don Harrison and Heather Sims,

02.04.12 The following personal interests were declared
Declarations Derek Reader - the payment of salaries
of any Hazel Williams – Cambridgeshire Acre
Interests
known to
Councillors :-

03.04.12 The minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on Tuesday 27th March
Approval of 2012 were approved and signed with the following amendments;-
Minutes :-

35.03.12 'It was resolved that no further notices would be put out by Gus Jones and some new posters giving details of the competition etc would be produced possibly by Mandy Wilkins. The competition to be jointly organised by the resident and Gus Jones.'

Should read

'It was resolved that no further notices would be put out at this time and some new posters giving details of the competition etc. would be produced possibly by Mandy Wilkins. Gus Jones would be unable to take any further part in the organisation of the Jubilee Events as he would not be in the country on Jubilee Day.'

Proposed – Hazel Williams, seconded – Brenda Wilson

04.04.12 A resident wished to express his concerns as to the process that was being
Public followed at present to produce the Masterplan. Whilst he believed that the
Forum :- Masterplan is the best option for the village the following points were made.

- Relatively little time is spend discussing future employment options at the meetings
- Concern regarding the proposed rate of housing growth with a possibility of 100-300 new homes in the first 5 years of the plan but no indication as to what could happen in the following 15-20 years
- The current process seems likely to encourage housing in areas where there is no strong opposition rather than in logical areas which would benefit the village
- The current options for the Masterplan seem to encourage houses built by a developer, this would bring in the requirement for a percentage of the housing stock to be social housing. What are the other options to deliver the original types of housing requested.

- Concern was also expressed at the length of time between meetings. There does not seem to be a logical order to the investigations being followed, to draw the plan to a conclusion.

In conclusion the resident expressed the fact that he felt the plan was being led down a limited path and was lacking in a clear vision for the future and furthermore it was mainly focused on housing growth.

Hazel Williams responded to the resident saying that she agreed with many of the points raised and that the Parish Council was to meet with the officers to discuss the Masterplan. The resident felt that the Parish Council needed to be involved in order to get a sensible discussion.

Another resident spoke on the subject of the gating of the Lode under bank and said that he felt it was important to keep open access for all as more and more access was being restricted across the countryside.

05.04.12
Planning
Applications :-

There were no planning applications for consideration.

06.04.12
Decisions
From District
Council :-

There were no planning decisions from the District Council.

07.04.12
Street
Lighting :-

Representatives from the County Council and Balfour Beatty were present to discuss the proposed changes to street lighting throughout the village. The representatives were asked to explain what the plan was and why it was necessary. It was explained that there were 32000 street lights across the county that needed to be replaced as they are at the end of their life expectancy. Some columns have been identified as being suitable to receive new lamps only and in these cases the columns will not be replaced. They are looking to save 50% of energy. Budget cuts mean that some 5500 lights will be removed completely and a low level of lighting will be introduced. It is possible that some residential streets may be more affected than others. At present Burwell is being surveyed and there is a web site (which they will provide the link for) showing all of the parish lights and which ones are being considered for removal, replacement etc. There will be a set number to be reduced within the village, but advice will be taken from the Parish as to which we feel are the most suitable for removal. Both the County Council and Balfour Beatty recognise the fact that communication with Parishes has not been good and are looking at ways of improving this. Prior to any work being done each street will be letter dropped outlining the proposals. The new light columns will be slightly taller than the existing ones and the lamps will be set differently to avoid as much light pollution as possible. We were assured that the lamps will be lower wattage but because the light will be more directional the amount of illumination should be much the same as at present but with a white light.

The question of lighting in Conservation areas was raised and again we were told that this would be replaced either like for like or similar but that the Parish Council would be consulted over these areas. The new lighting will be able to be dimmed from 10.00pm to 6.00am thus creating a greater saving in energy terms.

The next stage is for the link to the website to be sent out and a letter confirming the process to come out to Parishes along with a list of streets and proposed columns to be removed.

It was resolved that street lighting should be an agenda item for the next meeting when we should have more information.

08.04.12
Action
Points
Update :-

Mandeville Hall – The Noise Management Plan has been completed and forwarded to the planning officer at ECDC. We now have to wait for the Environmental Health Team to approve the plan.

Dial-a-Ride – Up to date figures for usage had been produced and they show an increase in use from an average of 7.9 to 9.0 people per journey from last year. It was agreed that we should continue to support the service as at present but that it should be monitored on a monthly basis.

09.04.12
Parish
Reports :-

Grounds – Weekly play area reports show ongoing maintenance as per the ROSPA report. The Clerk reported that the litter bin adjacent to the youth shelter had been pulled out of the ground despite the fact that it was set in concrete, but it would be refixed.

Trees/Environment -

Notification had been received of tree works at the following properties:-

Acacia House 29A High Street
Horse Chestnut – crown reduction by 30%

10.04.12
County &
District
Matters :-

There were no County and District matters for discussion

11.04.12
Other
Reports :

The reports listed on the agenda had been circulated to Councillors for information.

12.04.12
Priory
Meadow :-

Delta-T Devices had made an application to renew their lease on part of Priory Meadow for a testing station. It was resolved that the lease would be renewed for a further three years at the same cost of £50 per annum payable in advance as a lump sum of £150.

13.04.12
Masterplan :-

The last meeting on 2nd April had been well attended and it emerged that those present wanted to look at two options. Option one for 100 houses and the second for 350 homes. Focus groups were to be formed and the Parish Council is to be one of these focus groups. It was suggested that a meeting should take place with the officers from ECDC to discuss the Masterplan in more depth followed by a special meeting of councillors to discuss the information given by ECDC officers prior to the next Masterplan meeting in June. The suggested date for this meeting was Thursday 31st May and the Clerk would check to see if this was convenient for officers from ECDC.

14.04.12
Annual
Parish
Meeting :-

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting on 8th May 2012 would be held in Mandeville Hall starting at 7.00pm with the Chairman's report at 7.30pm. Suggested topics for the meeting were street lighting, Planting of trees and the DVD of Burwell at Large from Community Forum. There has as yet been no response from Clunch to say whether or not they are prepared to run the Annual Parish Report as a centrefold in Clunch.

15.04.12
Burwell
Day Centre :-

The current 21 year lease at the Day Centre expires in August this year. The Trustees made enquiries almost twelve months ago as to the renewal of the lease and the terms of renewal. No firm commitment has yet been received from the county Council but a business case is being drawn up for presentation to the county Council to help with negotiations for the new lease. Hazel Williams suggested that all correspondence on the lease should be copied to Martin Curtis, Cabinet Member at the County Council.

16.04.12
Cable
Laying :-

Carillion are due to start work in the village at the beginning of May laying a new mains cable which will eventually feed Soham and Ely. The work will effect parts of Weirs Drove, Hythe Lane, The Causeway, Silver Street and North Street. Carillion are keen to keep people informed and will be in the Reading Room on Tuesday 17th April from 10.00am – 12.00pm to

answer any questions parishioners might have. The Clerk has produced posters advertising this to be put up around the village and Councillors were asked to make people aware as well. It was suggested that they might also like to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

17.04.12
Finance :-

Consideration was given to the following :-

Renewal of annual subscription to Local Council Review – following discussion it was resolved to renew the subscription for 16 copies of the Review for the next twelve months at a cost of £192.

Authorisation of salaries and wages for April 2012

It was resolved that the salaries and wages should be authorised for the month of April 2012.

18.04.12
Corresp-
ondence :-

Invitation to nominate a village representative to attend the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Picnic at Burghley House on Wednesday 13th June 2012

The Chairman was nominated to attend on behalf of the Council. It was resolved that any further nominations should be made to the Clerk by 13.04.12 and if there were more nominations than spaces names would be drawn from a hat.

National Trust – Acknowledgement of our comments regarding the Harrisons Drove Crossing

Our comments had been noted and will be assessed along with all options in the near future.

Environment Agency – further response regarding the gating of the Lode under bank

The Environment Agency had confirmed that they would be keeping the under bank open to pedestrians but advised that it was a footpath not a bridleway, so suggested that we speak to Rights of Way with regard to equestrian access. The Clerk had spoken to the Rights of Way Officer who had confirmed that this was a footpath not a bridleway but also advised that if equestrian use could be established for twenty years or more there might be a case to challenge the use. He further advised that the best way to do this might be through the Fenland Bridleway Association. It was resolved that the Fenland Bridleway Association would be asked to investigate this.

St Mary's Church - ; letter from the Vicar regarding the proposed alterations to the Church

A letter had been received along with various pamphlets outlining the proposed alterations to St. Mary's Church. The Council were invited to make comments and share their thoughts on the proposals. It was resolved to ask the Vicar to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to display the proposals and answer any questions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37 p.m.

Signed this

day of

2012

Chairman