

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held at the Jubilee Hall, Houghton on Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Present: Cllrs John Evans, Michael Pettit, Scott Sinclair, Iain Wood, Robin Howells, John Mathias; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Paddy McNamara, Nia Phillips, Derek Jones, Alun Williams.

The meeting chaired by C'lr Iain Wood.

Declarations of known interests

None

Minutes of December 2017 monthly meeting

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman (proposer C'lr John Evans, seconder C'lr Robin Howells).

Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

Matters Arising

Barnlake. The Clerk reported on the current situation. More information was awaited from P.C.C. regarding the status of the land. Matter held in abeyance until further response received. Matter to be placed on agenda for further discussion in February.

One Stop. Clerk had given John Mathias' telephone number to One Stop, but no contact had yet been received by C'lr Mathias from them. Clerk to contact One Stop to give them one final opportunity to make contact and arrange the work as needed.

Seat slab, Burton ferry. C'lr Iain Wood informed Members that the work was due to be carried out within the next couple of weeks or so.

Electricity cabinet. Nothing more heard as yet regarding the cabinet.

Noticeboard, Burton Ferry. Members noted that there were no specific proposals on table at present for a suitable location for the noticeboard. Matter of overall works at Burton Ferry to be placed on the March agenda for an all-encompassing discussion.

P.A.L.C. / OVW membership. Decision on possible membership held in abeyance for discussion at a future time.

Post box. The Clerk informed Members that he had telephoned without success, and also called in to the sorting office, but been unable to obtain any useful information, probably due to the fact that they were flat out dealing with the Christmas rush. He undertook to call in again and try to obtain information about the missing post box.

Bollards, New Wells Road. Members were informed that C'lr Robin Howells had consulted with his neighbours, as requested by P.C.C. They had expressed support for the proposal to install bollards. This had been conveyed by C'lr Howells to the Clerk, and by the Clerk to P.C.C. Further communication from P.C.C. was now awaited regarding a timetable for the works to be carried out.

NHS consultation on proposed major trauma network. C'lr Iain Wood requested a copy of the consultation document. Clerk to provide this to him.

Cricket nets, playing field. Members noted that these had now been removed.

Burton footpath. The Clerk had reported this to P.C.C., and had received a holding response. Members noted that the path had not been cleared.

Plans

Applications received

There were no applications for discussion this month.

Consents issued (for information)

17/0712/PA (Detached dwelling (outline with access, layout and scale for consideration) - The Rafter's, Ashdale Lane, Hill Mountain, Pembrokeshire, SA62 4NU)

Correspondence

- 1) Cleddau Reach School – Reply regarding artefacts from old school – noted.
- 2) P.C.C. – Request for precept figure for 2018/19 – dealt with in Accounts.
- 3) P.C.C. – Pride application – Clerk to correspond with C’llr Laurence Price over the grant, to make the necessary arrangements to get the work completed.
- 4) P.C.C. – Holding response regarding status of land at Barnlake – noted.
- 5) P.C.C. – Information on future funding of by-elections - discussed in Accounts.

Accounts

Payments

There were no payments for approval this month.

Budget statement / precept discussion for 2018/19 financial year

The current budget was assessed and found to be on track. Members agreed to set the precept at £8000. The £600 increase was to cover the possible need to pay for rechargeable election expenses in future years.

Computer

Members agreed a budget of up to £250 for 1/3 of the purchase cost of a new computer, necessary software and setup costs. Computer to be shared with Rosemarket and Johnston Community Councils. It was also agreed in principle to cover 1/3 of the cost of a support contract in case of future problems with the computer, at a likely cost of around £3-33 / month. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

The above items were approved by Members (proposer C’llr John Evans, seconder C’llr Robin Howells).

Discussion of works needed on playing field

Grounds maintenance work. C’llr Michael Pettit had seen a digger going into the playing field that day, which was thought to be One Stop commencing the outstanding work.

Dog fouling. Clerk to request information / input from C’llr Rob Summons regarding the quota of dog bins for the community, with a view to obtaining one for the playing field if possible. Matter to be placed on February agenda for discussion if any useful information had been obtained by then.

Any other business

Bus shelters. Matter to be placed on February agenda for discussion, including possible discussion of replacement for bus shelter removed from Bowling’s Corner, and new bus shelter at Barnlake. .

Cleddau Reach Governing Body Minutes. C’llr Scott Sinclair mentioned the minutes, which had been circulated to Members for information. He noted that the minute record had covered his reason for resignation from the board of governors.

The meeting ended at 8-20pm. Next meeting, Wednesday 7th February, 2018