

BURTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the monthly meeting held online on Wednesday 1st December 2021, 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Robin Howells, John Evans, Scott Sinclair, Derek Jones, Nia Phillips, Vicky White, Laurence Price, John Mathias; Peter Horton (Clerk).

Apologies: C'llrs Paddy McNamara, Fiona Hart,

Declarations of known interests

None.

Approval of minutes of the November 2021 monthly meeting

The minutes were approved as written (proposer C'lr Robin Howells, seconder C'lr John Evans) and retained by the Clerk for signature following the meeting.

Matters Arising

Potholes. Clerk reported on the message received back from P.C.C. They had said there were no potholes outstanding that required temporary repairs, but some outstanding ones on the list for permanent carriageway repairs. C'llrs Derek Jones and Laurence Price expressed concern about the condition of the potholes on the main road at Burton, and close to the bus shelter between Hill Mountain and Sardis, which had worsened considerably. C'lr Laurence Price also mentioned again the problems around the manhole cover by the junction with the main road and Church Road in Burton. Clerk to re-report all of these.

Road drain outside Trinity House. The Clerk updated Members on the responses received from P.C.C., who were currently overseeing investigations into the problem with the road drain.

Sardis planning enforcement. No change.

Houghton playpark. Members were informed that the fencing repairs had now been completed.

Meeting with Clerk. Members were informed that arrangements had now been made for the meeting to take place in January 2022.

Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant application. Members were informed that the grant application had been submitted for work at the area adjacent to the pontoon at Burton Ferry, and was now under consideration in P.C.C. A decision was expected in early 2022. C'lr Scott Sinclair undertook to inform those who had quoted unsuccessfully for the work, as a courtesy.

Plans

Applications

21/0773/PA - Extension and alterations with garden studio; Site Address: Carwinion, Kiln Park, BURTON FERRY, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 1NY – No objections.

Consents granted

21/0474/PA - Proposed new field gate access & closure of existing access; Site Address: Field adjacent to Penry Point, Hill Mountain, Houghton.

Correspondence

- 1) P.C.C. – Response to query about timetable for resumption of Saturday bus service along main road – noted.
- 2) Hywel Dda – Holding response to letter sent in about reduction of services at Withybush Hospital – noted.
- 3) Mike Standish (Tree Warden) – Invitation to apply for trees to be planted in the community – noted.

- 4) P.C.C. – Message asking if B.C.C. would consider leasing land at Hill Crescent for allotments – dealt with in agenda item below.
- 5) P.C.C. – Response regarding situation with potholes and highway repairs; further holding response regarding drain outside Trinity house – dealt with in ‘Matters Arising’ above.

Accounts

Payments

Clerk (salary October – December 2021)	:	As per contract
H.M.R.C. (P.A.Y.E. tax for Clerk’s salary)	:	As per contract
Clerk (incidental expenses June - November)	:	£179-96
Spencer Jones (signage cleaning)	:	£ 30-00

The above payments were approved by Members (proposer C’Ilr Robin Howells, seconder C’Ilr Laurance Price).

Discussion of possible lease on land at Hill Crescent

It was noted that two absent Members (C’Ilrs Paddy McNamara and Fiona Hart) had sent messages of support for a proposed lease of the land for allotments.

Members were in favour of pursuing a lease on the basis of proposed use for allotments, though some Members were uncertain how practical this proposition would be without access improvements. It was also noted that no mention had been made by P.C.C. of the level of rent proposed, though it had been mentioned by them at the outset that it would be a peppercorn rent.

Members were in agreement to pursue the proposed lease arrangement, and were happy to accept C’Ilr Paddy McNamara’s offer to negotiate this with P.C.C. Clerk to convey this to C’Ilr Paddy McNamara.

Any update on applications received for co-option onto Council

There were no current applicants for the open vacancy. Matter to be kept on agenda.

Discussion of adoption of Equality Statement

The draft was adopted by Members (proposer C’Ilr Derek Jones, seconder C’Ilr Robin Howells). Clerk to arrange to re-format it and get it signed by the Chairman.

[NOTE – C’Ilr John Mathias entered the meeting at this point]

Discussion of adoption of Environmental Policy

With the minor amendment of a change of wording from ‘premises’ to ‘property’ in describing land owned / controlled by the Community Council, the policy was adopted by Members as drafted (proposer C’Ilr Robin Howells, seconder C’Ilr Vicky White). Clerk to arrange necessary amendments and signature by Chairman.

Discussion of needed work to playpark seesaw

Members were informed that the existing seesaw was thought to be uneconomical to repair. C’Ilr Paddy McNamara was recommending its replacement with a new one, and had sent pictures of the kind proposed for Members’ attention. The proposed model would fit within the existing matting at the playground, thus removing the need for additional / replacement matting to be provided. However, the proposed seesaw was not priced. Clerk to seek other quotations for a similar type of seesaw for comparison at the next meeting.

C’Ilr Laurence Price undertook to look at the existing seesaw in conjunction with C’Ilrs Robin Howells and Scott Sinclair (if available) as soon as possible, to assess whether or not it should be removed.

Public Forum

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Any other business

Footpath, Plot 1, Kiln Park. Footpath registration to be tabled as an agenda item for January.

In the meantime, the Clerk undertook to check on the current status of the path.

Pedestrian shelter, Bowling's Corner. Members noted that the staining of the shelter had been completed satisfactorily, but wondered when the bench would be replaced following the repairs carried out. The Clerk undertook to chase up return of bench.

Common land, Sardis. C'llr John Evans reported that the trees planted at the land had almost all disappeared, with only one being readily visible during a recent visit.

Path through Houghton Moor. C'llr Laurence Price reported that the track had recently been cleared and swept by a community-minded local resident, with very positive improvements as a result.

The meeting ended at 7-50pm. Next meeting to be held at 7pm on Wednesday 5th January 2022.