

# Minutes

## Burton & Winkton Parish Council

### 16 January 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of Burton & Winkton Parish Council held this day at Burton Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Alinda Howland (Chair), Maxine Mussell, Cheryl Pountain, Jodie Sloane, Cllr Flagg, Tony Bragg and Michael Connolly.

**Also present:** T Mayled (Clerk) plus 8 residents.

#### Part 1 Open Items.

**23/001 Apologies for Absence.**  
John Stevens & Claire Wade.

**23/002 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 6 December 2022.**  
The minutes were then taken as read, confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the Chairman. Proposed Maxine Mussell seconded by Tony Bragg and unanimously agreed.

**23/003 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.**  
Maxine Mussell declared her business interest through Hut Wash and her husband's business which has carried out some maintenance work on behalf of the parish council.

#### **Public Participation.**

Sandy plot issues were discussed under item 8.

A question was raised on behalf of the scouts regarding the recently resurfaced car park at the rec and how slippery the surface had become during cold weather. The only solution may be for salt to be scattered during frosty weather.

The scouts will also be submitting a request for a utility cable to be laid to their building to provide internet facility. The possibility of additional lighting for the car park area was also raised following a health & safety review for the scouts. Again, a written request will be submitted.

**23/004 Chairman's Comments.**  
The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and explained that due to recent issues planned activities had been quieter than in previous months. Research regarding grants for LED lighting for the hall and furniture are still progressing.

**23/005 Planning Applications.**  
See separate schedule.  
The standard response will be issued for the tree applications.

**23/006 Correspondence.**  
**A/ Consider 20 is plenty signs.**  
Following a request from a resident for Twenty is plenty signage on Footners Lane the parish council are considering other sites which may benefit.  
Cllr Flagg advised that Christchurch Town council are taking a more blanket approach to cover most of the town. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Town Council and learn how they had approached this matter. The Chair also requested that the Clerk kept the resident advised of any progress with this request.

Clerk

Clerk

**B/Campbell Road lease.**

After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact BCP legal to request confirmation that a previous lease did actually exist and that therefore three months' notice would be required. No contact has been received from BCP Council regarding this play park since the formation of the council.

Clerk

**23/007 Discuss Sandy Plot issues re flooding & maintenance.**

Concerns have been raised from residents concerning flooding and previously the dirt patch at the far end of Sandy Plot.

Cllr Flagg organised a meeting regarding these matters with BCP Highways, BCP Parks department and Sovereign housing. The parking issues and footpath concerns were also raised.

The parish council has worked with Sovereign housing resulting in a general tidy up of the area, the parking bays being marked out and fly tipping rubbish being removed.

BCP Council have asked for evidence to confirm that the residents are not happy with the situation concerning the dirt/ water lake. The parish council have been advised that the parks department manage the area as green space and that there is a lack of funds to allow for any improvements.

The Chairman recommended that a working party of councillors and residents is set up to tackle the various issue in Sandy Plot and present a combined face to BCP council.

One resident asked that if the area is improved would parking there still be allowed.

The Chairman advised that suitable proposals on how the site could be improved would require professional advice and mentioned the concerns re the health and safety issues if nothing was actioned.

Cllr Flagg stated that BCP Council should be advised that the green space is no longer suitable for the requirements of the residents but was aware of the financial situation that the council is presently in. However a capital programme bid should be proposed allowing for the area to be tarmacked.

Tony Bragg asked what the proposal for improvements may look like and one resident replied asking for the site to be flattened and made suitable for parking.

The Chairman reported that during the meeting with all the parties' Sovereign housing were supportive of any suggestions to improve the area.

Working party meeting to be set up.

Clerk

**23/008 Police report.**

Tony Bragg provided an update following the last police liaison meeting many of the issues involved the Christchurch area and nothing was reported for Burton & Winkton. Inspector Deakin advised that she had no input regarding recruitment but that one new PCSO had been employed for the Boscombe area. Councillors however understood as had been advised previously that Burton & Winkton would gain another PCSO. This will be checked with the Inspector.

Cllr Flagg did advise that since the above meeting there have been van break-ins reported.

**23/009 Ward Councillors report.**

As discussed above plus.

As distributed the request from the Police Crime Commissioner asking for residents views on an increased contribution of £15 per household to allow for the recruitment of an additional 15 officers. The details will be display on the parish council website and through social media.

Cllr Flagg did raise the concern that will any of these additional officers actually be deployed to the Christchurch/Burton & Winkton area.

Cllr Flagg also discussed local flooding which has had a great impact in the parish during this week. Cllr McCormack has carried out a lot of work trying to resolve this issue and the Clerk will contact him for an update.

Clerk

Cllr Flagg reported on the financial issues deeply affecting BCP Council and their plans to sell off assets such as commercial units on the Airfield Way industrial estate to raise funds but lose future rental income.

**23/010 To receive reports from the Environment & Amenities working party including A/ Fingerposts.**

As minimal update no full report produced.

Planting of the wildflowers on the rec still scheduled for April.

Tree planting on the rec and the replacement tree on the village green scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Maxine Mussell reported that the last 2 bus shelters are still to be replaced and that despite continued chasing no date has yet been supplied by BCP Council.

Regrettably unhelpful comments have again been published on social media stating the parish council is hoping to remove the football club and scouts for the recreation ground. As previously advised on many occasions this is incorrect and the parish council continue to support both parties.

A representative of the scouts was at the meeting and the Clerk was instructed to advise the football club.

Clerk

Cheryl Pountain asked if there should be a Community Flood plan in place.

Cllr Flagg advised that there should be a plan in place produced by the local council now BCP Council. The Clerk was instructed to contact them to obtain details.

Clerk

Cllr McCormack will be contacted to ascertain if there is a drain clearance schedule in place. Michael Connolly advised that on several occasions he has reported blocked drains to BCP Council with maps and pictures but they have still failed to attend.

Clerk

**23/011 Discuss any village events.**

Maxine Mussell reported that the following events are planned.

- Wildflower planting with assistance from the local school.
- Maypole event in association with the school.

Cheryl Pountain asked if any guidance had been received regarding the forthcoming coronation. The Charmian advised that nothing had been received and that it is up to residents to organise their own street parties and local gatherings. More guidance will be issued in due course.

**23/012 To receive reports from the Burton Community Centre working party including A/ Solar panels.**

As minimal update no full report produced.

Income continues to meet projected figures with the target of £13k PA.

Grants are being investigated for furniture, replacement flooring in the hall and LED lighting throughout the building.

Cheryl Pountain enquired if the warm hub scheme had been considered. Due to the lack of suitable furniture and the more central location of other facilities the hall had not been considered suitable.

One of the councillors advised that St Luke's church were considering setting up such a project from early February.  
Proposed by Maxine Mussell, seconded by Chery Pountain and unanimously agreed that an initial donation of £50 plus the offer of help is made to the church. The Clerk was instructed to follow up.

Clerk

One resident has raised concerns regarding hirers of the hall parking on the grass and blocking the road for emergency vehicles.  
Maxine Mussell explained that some hirers were given permission to park on the grass to hopefully avoid inconveniencing residents.  
Cllr Flagg suggested that if residents could provide photographic evidence of any vehicle blocking access this would assist the parish council.

**23/013 To discuss the traffic & Highways report.**

The Clerk reported that BCP Council traffic department had promised to phone him back this week with an update on the proposed reduction in the speed limit on the Burley road. The Clerk will also ask about the speed strips and other measures promised plus the still awaited permission for the potential new finger post in Winkton.

Clerk

**23/014 Neighbourhood Plan briefing.**

John Stevens was unable to attend as presently away.

The December meeting with Jo Witherden was apparently cancelled. It is understood that the Design report has been amended by the Neighbourhood group and re-submitted.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Jo for a summary of the progress to date and the next steps. An invitation to attend the next parish council meeting will also be issued.

Clerk

The Clerk confirmed that as instructed by Jo a new grant application for funding has been submitted.

**23/015 Financial Statement** as at 16 January 2023 as attached.

Resolved to ratify payment of above accounts.

Proposed by Maxine Mussell seconded by Tony Bragg Unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 20 February at Burton Community Centre, Sandy Plot at 7.30pm.

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