

Minutes

Burton & Winkton Parish Council

4 April 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, Jodie Sloane, Cllr Flagg and Tony Bragg.

Also present: T Mayled (Clerk) plus & 4 residents.

Part 1 Open Items.

23/034	Apologies for Absence. Cheryl Pountain, Michael Connolly and John Stevens sent their apologies.	
23/035	To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 20 February 2023. 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.	
23/036	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. Maxine Mussell declared her business interest through Hut Wash. Public Participation. Two residents thanked the current parish councillors pending the elections for their work across the parish including the improvements to the recreation ground, village green and community centre.	
23/037	Chairman's Comments. The Chair thanked Claire Wade for her work while a councillor following her recent resignation and also announced that John Stevens has decided not to stand for re-election. The Clerk was asked to send the councillors thanks to both for their work, support and time given to the parish. The Chair confirmed that the election nomination deadline has now passed. The Clerk was asked to congratulate the local football club where one team has remained undefeated through the season and has also reached a cup final.	Clerk Clerk
23/038	Planning Applications. See separate schedule. The standard response will be issued for the tree applications. A written enquiry re Westhayes has been received which relates directly to the outcome of the Local Plan but which is not currently supported by a live planning application and therefore outside of the parish council remit.	
23/039	Correspondence. A/ Consider 20 is plenty signs. Following the initial negative response from BCP council regarding the introduction of 20 is plenty signage the Clerk has been in contact with Christchurch Town Council who may also be pursuing this action. The Clerk will liaise with their Clerk to monitor if they have any success.	Clerk

B/Campbell Road lease.

After further communications with Sue Bessant the parish council have not been able to find any records which to support BCP council's claims.

After discussion the Clerk has been instructed to advise BCP council that the parish council wishes to give notice that the lease will not be renewed and that there is no evidence that the parish council have had responsibility of the park in the intervening years.

Proposed by Cllr Flagg, seconded by Maxine Mussell and unanimously agreed.

C/Scouts letter.

No update from the scouts regarding their requests.

23/040 Discuss Sandy Plot issues re flooding & maintenance.

The Chair reported that a meeting had taken place with some of the residents and that it was agreed a letter would be produced addressed to BCP council and Sovereign Housing highlighting the issues.

23/041 Discuss flooding across the village & flood wardens.

Concerns have been raised concerning the recent flooding and the impact on the area. It appears that volunteer flood wardens are having to take responsibility and act to handle the situation as best they can.

The drains and ditches still appear neglected and BCP council do not acknowledge these serious issues.

Cllr Flagg has been asked to take these concerns up with BCP council.

23/042 Police report.

Report has been circulated.

Cheryl Pountain who attended was unfortunately unable to attend the parish council meeting. Tony Bragg will attend the next meeting.

The speed van has visited the village at a couple of locations recently.

23/043 Ward Councillors report.

Cllr Flagg stated that his 4 year term as a ward councillor is ending but that he is standing for re-election.

23/044 To receive reports from the Environment & Amenities working party including A/ Community garden proposal.

Report has been circulated.

General maintenance of the recreation ground has taken place.

Holfleet – the pigs have disappeared and the occupant has not been seen for over six weeks.

Seeding with the participation of the local school on the recreation ground was a great success.

The Clerk reported that BCP Council have still not responded regarding the potential new fingerpost at Winkton despite chasing on numerous occasions.

The Chair reported that discussions have been taking place with Meyrick Estate regarding the possibility of setting up a community garden. Meyrick have confirmed that in principle they agree to the request. Proposed by Alinda Howland and seconded by Maxine Mussell that further inquiries are made. A visit to the Townsend project will be arranged to explore the possibilities.

23/045 Discuss any village events. A/ Maypole B/Kings Coronation C/Warm space D/Raising the cross.

A/ Clare Wade had taken the lead on this event and following her resignation Maxine Mussell has agreed to progress. Contact will be made with the school to check arrangements are progressing.

B/ Volunteer day still to be considered no updates received from the churches. One suggestion is to ask residents to inspect and report back on the condition of the local footpaths.

CLlr Flagg also asked for the parish council's thanks to be passed on to the residents who voluntarily carry out the regular litter picks across the village.

C/It is understood from St Luke's that the warm space initiative has developed in to more of a friendship meeting event. Hopefully the meeting events can continue until the warm space re-commences in the autumn. Once an update has been received from the church the parish council will consider another donation in support.

D/The URC have supplied a risk assessment and confirmation of their insurance cover. The parish council are happy to support their request for the event to take place. Proposed Maxine Mussell and seconded by CLlr Flagg. Unanimous decision.

23/046 To receive reports from the Burton Community Centre working party.

Report has been circulated.

Maxine Mussell reported that the Community Centre is now covering the day to day running costs and that the occupancy rate is up to 66% producing an income of £15K PA.

The other councillors thanked Maxine Mussell for all her hard work and time dedicated to ensuring the success of the centre.

The quote for the required fire alarm system maintenance was discussed but due to the potential cost further quotes will try to be obtained.

It was also reported that the boiler has developed a fault and may require replacing an initial quote of £8k has been obtained. Further investigations will be carried out and the possibility of grant funds researched.

After checking the records it has been confirmed that the ground maintenance contract has been taken out for a three year term at a fixed rate with Dorset Council

23/047 .Discuss pending elections.

The Chair checked that everyone was happy with the process to date for standing for re-election.

23/048 To discuss the traffic & Highways report.

As reported above.

Tony Bragg advised of an issue with the path at Winkton House and will provide the Clerk with details to follow up with BCP Council..

23/049 Neighbourhood Plan briefing.

John Stevens has regrettably decided not to stand for re-election and to stand down as Chair of the Neighbourhood plan working party. The Clerk will advise Jo Witherden. It was unanimously agreed to offer the role to Michael Connolly.

Clerk

23/050 Financial Statement as at 4 April 2023 as attached including A/Insurance renewal.

A/ The Clerk advised that the insurance cover as previously agreed had been renewed and with the option to fix the premium for the next 3 years. Proposed Maxine Mussell and seconded by Tony Bragg and unanimously agreed to ratify.

Resolved to ratify payment of above accounts.

Proposed by Maxine Mussell seconded by Tony Bragg Unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 9 May at Burton Community Centre, Sandy Plot at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Date.....
