Minutes

Burton & Winkton Parish Council

17 July 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, Cheryl Pountain, Tony Bragg and Michael Connolly.

Also present: T Mayled (Clerk) plus 6 residents.

Part 1 Open Items.

23/088	Apologies fo	r Absence.
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None.

23/089 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 19 June 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 Cheryl Pountain and unanimously agreed.

23/090 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Maxine Mussell declared her business interest through Hut Wash.

Public Participation.

One resident raised the issue of the closure of the Avon Valley pathway. The Chair explained that the parish council had not been consulted or advised in advance. The risk of increased flooding was a concern. Cllr Flagg advised that the Environment Agency had decided not to repair the defences in that area.

The Scouts thanked the parish council for their support with the recent carnival and confirmed that the defibrillator donated to the football club has now been fitted to the exterior of the Scouts building.

The parish council were also advised that St Luke's are now considering one of three candidates for the vacant position of vicar.

23/091 Chairman's Comments.

Covered as above.

23/092 Planning Applications.

See separate schedule annexed to these minutes.

The standard response will be issued for the tree applications.

Cllr Flagg advised he would not take part in any planning application discussions as he has been appointed to the BCP Council planning committee.

23/093 Correspondence.

A/Campbell Road lease.

The Clerk advised that BCP Council have been contacted to challenge the condition of the play area and if the equipment has passed the Annual safety inspection.

B/Scouts letter/carnival event.

The Scouts reported that they still await the installation of the internet.

23/094 Discuss Sandy Plot issues re flooding & maintenance.

The Chair advised that the recent elections have delayed progress.

The local working party of residents have been contacted to re-convene with the intention of producing a resident's survey regarding the issues in Sandy Plot then writing to BCP Council with the findings.

Cllr Flagg advised that a tour of the parish with the directors from BCP Council has now taken place. Regrettably the feedback was that BCP Council will have to concentrate on providing essential services within their budget constraints before considering new projects.

23/095 Discuss flooding across the village & flood wardens.

Cllr Flagg will make enquiries with BCP Council to ascertain if a flood management plan does exist for the parish.

The Chair explained that advice appears to differ between BCP Council to the Environment Agency as to actions to be taken in controlling flooding.

23/096 Police report.

Following the departure of Inspector Deakin the online liaison meeting was arranged at the last minute but then did not progress to plan. This was only planned after Cllr Flagg challenged if these meetings were to continue.

23/097 Ward Councillors report.

Cllr Flagg advised that during the tour of the village he was advised that the reduction of the speed limit on the Burly road will proceed. Delays have been caused by multiple applications being processed all at once by BCP Council.

Cllr Flagg was informed that Hampshire CC has refused to engage in a discussion regarding the speed and weight of traffic traveling down from Ringwood. It has been suggested that another data survey is requested regarding the traffic travelling through the parish to support any requests for speed reductions or calming methods to be introduced. Cllr Flagg agreed to pursue this matter.

Jodie Sloan advised that she could provide records of local incidents from the British Horse society to support the request for traffic calming measures.

Cllr Flagg also advised that potholes are taking BCP Council on average 5 weeks to repair which he believes is unreasonable.

23/098 To receive reports from the Environment & Amenities working party including

A/ Community garden proposal.

No further progress response from Meyrick Estate. The Clerk will chase again.

B/ Himalayan Balsam.

Cheryl Pountain and Jodie Sloan walked the river bank and have provided photographs of the issue.

It is understood that Meyrick Estate have an action plan in place to deal with the issue where on their land. BCP council would be responsible for other areas and it is understood that the Environment Agency is only actually responsible for the stream itself.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Hurn PC and obtain the contact details for Alex Deacon (Wessex River Trust) and request his attendance at the next parish council meeting.

Cheryl Pountain also raised the replacement of the flower tubs and has found a charity supplier who can provide 3 feet long wooden troughs at £25 each. The Chair asked for the project to be fully costed and suggested that the Scouts may be prepared to help maintain them. Sponsorship could also be considered and the Clerk was asked to contact the Bear at Burton and the Fisherman's Haunt to gauge support. Social media could be used to seek volunteers to water and help maintain the displays.

Maxine Mussell reported that native knotweed has been found in the meadow flowers on the recreation ground and will require removal.

The gate post at the Martins Hill Close entrance will require replacement due to rust – quotes to be obtained.

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23/099 Discuss any village events. Christchurch Town council have been contacted regarding a fire beacon to help celebrate the D-Day 80 Anniversary and Cllr Flagg recommended contacting Wilbert Smith at BCP Council to if they could loan such a beacon. 23/100 To receive reports from the Burton Community Centre working party. Maxine Mussell reported that unfortunately the centre had suffered a flood following a leaking pipe. Income remains on course at £6k. Grants are still being investigated for the replacement boiler. A meeting has taken place with Sovereign Housing to see if they will contribute towards the cost of cutting back and removing the trees bordering the green space at the front of the building. Following distribution of the quotes a resolution was passed proposed by Maxine Mussell and seconded by Cheryl Pountain to proceed with the replacement of the smoke detectors in the main hall. Clerk to instruct the contractor. 23/101 To discuss the traffic & Highways report. As discussed above. Update register of Pecuniary Interest Forms. 23/102 The Clerk distributed forms for completion. 23/103 Review and adopt Standing orders and Financial regulations. Documents previously distributed. Proposed to re-adopt Maxine Mussell, seconded Tony Bragg and unanimously agreed. 23/104 Neighbourhood Plan briefing. The Chair of the working party provided a comprehensive summary of the present situation. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes. A meeting with Jo Witherden planning consultant will be organised for a date in August. 23/105 Financial Statement as at 17 July 2023 as attached. Resolved to ratify payment of above accounts. Annexed to these minutes. Proposed by Maxine Mussell seconded by Cllr Flagg and unanimously agreed. The meeting closed at 8.40pm. Date of Next Meeting Monday 11 September Burton Community Centre, Sandy Plot at 7.30pm.

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