

Minutes

Burton & Winkton Parish Council

21 January 2025

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

Present: Maxine Mussell (Chair), Michael Connolly, Tony Bragg, and Diane Hetherington.

Also present: T Mayled (Clerk) plus 2 residents.

Part 1 Open Items.

25/001 Apologies for Absence.
Apologies received and accepted Cllr Flagg, Cllr Sloane & Cllr Smith.

25/002 To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 3 December 2024.
The minutes were then taken as read, confirmed as a true record and to be signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Connolly and **Resolution passed.**

25/003 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
Cllr Mussell declared her business interest through Hut Wash.

Public Participation.

One resident raised the issue of dog poo being left on the pavements including the route pass the school and if signage could be installed.

The Chair explained that this is an ongoing issue for all councils and that regrettably signage has insignificant impact on those who do not clear up after their dog.

The Chair advised that the parish council has introduced an initiative to install dog poo bag dispensers at sites controlled by the parish council to try and encourage people to clear up after their dog. The success of this trial will be monitored.

A representative of the Scouts thanked the parish council for the installation of the “fantastic” new entrance barriers and gates at the recreation ground. One of the old gates was damaged and proving difficult for the tenants and volunteers to open. Both gates required repairs, and the new gates meet the latest regulations.

25/004 Chairman’s Comments.
None.

25/005 Planning Applications.
See separate schedule annexed to these minutes. The standard response will be issued for the tree applications.
No objections were raised to the other applications under review.

25/006 Discuss and approve councillor vacancy application.
Application received from Haida Nazar, and details circulated in advance. The candidate confirms that they meet the qualification criteria.
This is to fill a vacancy from May 2023, and so the usual co-option process applies
Proposed by Cllr Mussell and **Resolution passed** to welcome Haida to the parish council.
Declaration of acceptance of office completed.

25/007 Correspondence.
A/ Request to continue support of the warm hub.
B/ Football club request to terminate their lease.

A/ The chair advised as previously discussed the parish council would wish to continue its support. This is now to be a joint community initiative provided by the church and parish council.
Proposed by Cllr Bragg and **Resolution passed** to provide up to £100 to cover costs.

B/ Following the written request received from the football club to terminate their lease and the return of the keys to the football hut/changing facility the Clerk has spoken to our solicitor for advice.
After discussion, the councillors decided the best option is to arrange the surrender of the lease by the football club. It is understood there may be costs which the Clerk will ascertain.
The football club have not responded to the request to confirm that the hut has now been emptied and that their utilities bills are up to date.
Clerk to chase.

Clerk

Clerk

25/008 Discuss flooding across the village & flood wardens-including supply of sandbags & sand.

No update as BCP have still not responded to written enquiry regarding possible supply and installation of ROAD CLOSED barriers for use when road under railway bridge is flooded.

25/009 Police Report.

Cllr Bragg reported attending the latest police liaison call.

Hopefully, a mobile police station will be attending Christchurch & Highcliffe every 6 weeks.

Beryl electric scooters are to be introduced to Christchurch.

Discussion around ANPR cameras which the police are in favour of and can help with catching fly tippers.

Police resources remain under pressure.

Reports re fire & thefts from farm buildings.

Reports of fresh catapult ball bearing attacks in Winkton, Police are aware and investigating.

The police have successfully closed down a couple of drugs dealing locations.

25/010 Ward Councillors Report.

Cllr Flagg not present.

25/011 To receive reports from the Environment & Amenities working party including.

A/ Flagpole for Burton Green.

B/ Hedgehog signage.

A/ The research is ongoing. The Clerk reported that as requested by BCP council a pre- application planning advice form has been submitted.

This possible expenditure as confirmed by the DAPTC is within Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 but must be for the benefit of the community. The councillors were in favour and the Chair confirmed speaking with a number of residents who all supported the idea.

Proposed by Cllr Hetherington and **Resolution passed** for expenditure of £1644 on a 7-meter pole pending agreement from BCP council and Hinton Admiral estate.

B/ The Clerk advised that BCP council hope to instal within the next 28 days.

- The Christmas tree has finally been removed.
- The bus shelter on the green has been patched up by a resident and full repairs will be carried out in the spring by the parish council.

- The entrance barriers on the recreation ground have now been replaced and the fencing improved.
- The fire risk assessment report of the scouts building has been discussed with the scouts and several amendments requested.
- Scouts asked to supply event schedule for use of Scout Hut outside usual Scout nights ie Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

25/012 Discuss any village events including.

A/ Maypole event.

A/ The school have confirmed they wish to hold the event next year and the Clerk has been asked to request a date for the event.

Clerk

- The parish council await contact from the URC re the raising of the cross at Easter.
- The 80th Anniversary of VE Day May 2025 no events are presently planned by the parish council.

25/013 To receive reports from the Burton Community Centre working party including.

A/ Assignment of day to day running of Community Centre.

A/ The Chair will progress but reported that the volunteer group is set up.

MM

- The boiler has now failed completely. The next grant application period opens in February when a request for funding will be submitted.

MM & Clerk

25/014 Discuss budget for 2025/26 and precept requirement.

Information and budget distributed in advance by the Clerk.

Following discussions at the previous meeting it was confirmed that a 5% increase (this figure will actually be slightly lower for residents due to an increase in the tax base as advised by BCP council) in the precept would be requested.

This will result in an increase for a band D property to approximately £18.11 an increase of 86p. As explained this will still result in the lowest parish council cost to residents compared to the four neighbouring councils.

Proposed by Cllr Hetherington and **Resolution passed** to increase the precept by 5% to a total figure of £29429.

The Clerk will inform BCP Council of the precept requirement.

Clerk

The Clerks salary scale is to be reviewed, and the Chair will refer to the DAPTC for guidance.

MM

- 25/015 Discuss DAPTC consultation on standards & conduct.**
Details circulated in advance.
After discussion agreed to support the consultations proposal.
- 25/016 Discuss unregistered land review.**
Cllr Bragg reported that the maps have now been obtained, and that the Hinton Admiral estate will initially complete the process.
- 25/017 To discuss the Traffic & Highways report and Community Speedwatch Team.**
The team continue to be successful, and 3 events are planned for January.
- 25/018 Neighbourhood Plan briefing & update.**
Cllr Connolly reported.
BCP council are staging hearings over the next 3 days regarding the local plan.
National Policy Planning Framework has been revised by the government and increased housing numbers issued.
A meeting with Hinton Admiral Estate is due at the end of the month.
- 25/019 Financial Statement as of 21 January 2025 as attached.**
Resolved to ratify payment of above accounts. Annexed to these minutes.
Payment of invoice for £627 to Hutwash agreed.
Proposed by Cllr Hetherington and **Resolution passed.**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 25 February Burton Community Centre, Sandy Plot at 7.30pm.

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