

Burwash Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on the 10th January 2017, at 7.00pm in Parish Room (Internet Room), The Bear Car Park

Present

Chair – David Vereker, Vice-Chair – Cllr McBride, Cllr Crabtree, Cllr Durrant,
Cllr Elmslie, Cllr Jenner, Cllr Kenny, Cllr Moore, Cllr Nash and Cllr Pope

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and noted by the Clerk for Cllr Caulkin and Cllr Dixon.

2. Disclosures of Interest

Cllr Kenny and Cllr Elmslie both declared a personal interest of being members of the No Concrete Group.

3. Report from County and District Councillor

- a. **County** – Cuts are more likely to be around £16-17 million rather than £23 million. Increase to council tax is likely to take on the full 3% for adult social care.
- b. Parish councillors expressed their congratulations to Cllr Barnes on his MBE.

4. Accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – minutes of the Council Meeting held on as a correct record of the proceedings of the Parish Council held on 13/12/16

5. Correspondence to the Clerk

- a. Email received from concerned resident about the overnight parking in the village car park. Councillors noted the concern and welcomed any feedback from residents within the Parish however current ownership or the car park is under review.

6. Finance (standing item)

- a. Bank balances at 31/12/16 are £36,453.09 in the current account and £10,665.16 in the savings account.
- b. **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. The voting was unanimous.

Payment Schedule	Cheque No.	Amount
Clerk Salary	102100	
Pet Waste Solutions	102101	£95.33
HMRC	102102	£22.75
Hut rent	102103	£50.00
Payroll	102104	£85.00
Clerks Expenses	102105	£18.00
Website hosting and CMS license	102106	£456.00

- c. **RESOLVED** – Budget monitor was received; earmarked reserves are at £32,158.88; Cllr Moore checked and signed the bank reconciliations.

7. Precept 2017/18

RESOLVED – Councillors received the final draft of the budget and resolved the precept figure as £39,283 to send to Rother District Council before the 31/01/17.

8. Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Councillors received the first draft of the report from the Working Group. The full draft of the report will be available in February's meeting but the initial findings will be posted on the NP web page.

RESOLVED

- a. Representatives from the working group to meet with Rother District Council and the two District Councillors to update and share information from the report.
- b. That Burwash PC (via the NP working group) will join the Rother NP Forum.

9. Communicating with the Parish

Councillors discussed the end of year communications with the Parish.

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed that the Clerk will write an update on the finance pages on the Parish Council website based on the feedback given at the full council meeting.

10. Adoption of Phone Boxes

Councillors resolved the following on each proposed phone box closure:

RESOLVED

- a. Councillors choose not to adopt sites:
 - i. Opposite Burwash Laundry Site, Shrub Lane, TN19 7BU
 - ii. Junction with A265 Vicarage Road, Burwash Common, TN19 7LH
- b. Councillors choose to challenge the closure of the below site as a phone box as this area has very poor mobile signal. The objections will be put to Rother to argue on the Parishes behalf. If BT choose to still close this site the Parish Council will adopt the phone box and look at any potential opportunities to keep it as a working phone box based on what options are made available to them:
 - i. Next to the Wheel Inn, Heathfield Road, TN19 7LA

8. Date of Next Meeting – Burwash Parish Full Council 14/02/17 at 7.00pm at Burwash Common Pavilion.