

Burwash Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on the 10th April 2018, at 7.00pm in the Burwash Pavilion, Burwash Common

Present

Chair – Cllr David Vereker, Cllr Chalk, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Elmslie, Cllr, Cllr McBride, Cllr Moore and Cllr Pope.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and noted from - Cllrs. Caulkin, Crabtree, Jenner, Kenny and Mann also District Cllrs Barnes and Kirby-Green

Public Time

A member of the public wished to publicly thank and congratulate Cllr McBride on the on-going work to the village website, this was endorsed by all those present.

A blocked drain on the A265 at Laurelhurst remains unresolved in spite of a resident reporting it. Council will endeavour to get action from ESCC Highways.

2. Disclosures of Interest

No declarations made.

3. Report from County and District Councillor

As the councillors had offered apologies for absence there were no reports this month.

4. Accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th March 2018 are a correct record of that meeting with the addition of the issue of lorries creating a danger by mounting pavements at the pinch-point in the High Street.

5. Correspondence to the Clerk

The Clerk will endeavour to secure regular updates on roadworks/closures to circulate in good time. Notification that an election need not be called to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Greg Durrant has not been received so a co-option process may not yet begin.

No other correspondence had been received that did not concern items already on the agenda.

6. Finance (standing item)

- a. Bank balances at 31/03/18 are £43,398.63 in current account and £10,672.35 in the savings account.
- b. **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. The voting was unanimous. The Chairman signed the approved payment schedule.

Payment Schedule	Cheq No.	Amount	
EDF	D/D	£74.00	
Pet Waste Solutions	S/O	£93.55	
Adam Watts	S/O	£15.00	
NEST (pension)	D/D	£10.15	
S. Payne	102235	£210.00	Replacement bench Batemans Lane
Jane Cheshire	102236		SMP month 9
Paulette Barton	102237		Locum clerk hours for March
HM Revenue & Customs	102238	£150.79	PAYE payment due upto 5/4/2018
Electrical Solutions South	102239	£55.00	Replacement transformer for Christmas Lights
Rialtus Business Solutions td	102240	£142.80	Software maintenance - single user
ESALC Ltd	102241	£836.41	18/19 Subs for ESALC & NALC
Steve Moore	102242	£250.94	Reimbursement NP print, consumables & postage
Royal Mail	102243	£330.00	PO Box Annual Fee (Nov 2017 payment canx)

Total of unpaid cheques

£3,158.66

- c. Budget monitor was received; earmarked reserves are at £ 37,125.59
- d. It was **RESOLVED** that a Finance Committee meeting be called for the first week in May.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Moore reported that progress continues to be made and a meeting has been called specifically to begin work on the Call for Sites. The full report is on file.

A draft letter to ESCC, to be copied to the relevant head of department, Cabinet member, County Councillor and the MP, was discussed and a revised draft to be agreed. **RESOLVED** that the finished letter be sent to include a 7-day response window or efforts would immediately be escalated to include the press and media both local and national.

8. National Trust Project

a) Burwash Map

Cllr Moore proposed, and was duly seconded, that printing of the map be delayed briefly while the final amends were confirmed. This was approved and **RESOLVED**.

b) Kipling Statue

Cllr Moore reported an impressive turn out for the drop-in session and pledges received almost equal the total amount required. Discussion on location with RDC Planning officers to be held on site/s. The statue will not be in place for November.

9. Grit Bin

Councillors reviewed the quotes for the installation of the Grit Bin and it was **RESOLVED** to employ Frogheath Landscapes. BPC to confirm with the company but liaison to be through Mr Lindsay Green, whose work on securing the quotes was noted and thanks made.

10. War Memorial

The third quote only have just been received, Cllr Vereker and the group working to improve the War Memorial can now ascertain which, if any grants, might be available. Also check to see if consent is required to clean this listed monument.

11. Annual Assembly

Cllr Crabtree being absent there was no report but date of 24th May confirmed.

12. Twinning

Cllr Mann being absent this was deferred to a future meeting.

13. Listed Building – the barn at The Rose & Crown

Cllr Dixon reported that the deterioration of the barn at The Rose & Crown continues to give rise to concern. No response has been received from Harveys and further contact will be made to include photographic evidence of the poor, if not dangerous, state of repair.

14. Information for noting or including on a future agenda

Battle's Over (poppies) and Pavements : Cllr Dixon

Traffic calming : Cllr McBride

Resurfacing work to the High Street – update and confirmation of start date

An EGM to follow up on the Neighbourhood Plan consultations regarding traffic

Date of Next Meeting – Burwash Parish Full Council 8/05/2018 at 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms, Bear Car Park.