

Burwash Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on the 13th December 2016, at 7.00pm in Parish Room (Internet Room), The Bear Car Park

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies received.

2. Disclosures of Interest

No declarations made.

3. Report from County and District Councillors

a. **County** – No further update but council tax likely to rise.

b. **District**

i. Trying to clarify the position on the boundary edge footpath for residents to keep on using.

ii. RDC have started gathering facts on the impact and practicality of implementing Civic Law Enforcement of parking within the district.

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 8/11/16

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 30/11/16 are £39,055.93 in current account and £10,663.83 in the savings account.

b. **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. The voting was unanimous.

| Payment Schedule | Cheque No. | Amount |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|
| Clerk Salary | 102091 | |
| Pet Waste Solutions | 102092 | £95.33 |
| HMRC | 102093 | £22.75 |
| Thomas Backhouse - Lime Trees | 102094 | £780.00 |
| City Escapes - Sept | 102095 | £110.60 |
| City Escapes - Oct | 102096 | £55.30 |
| Matthew Richmond - Lights | 102097 | £35.00 |
| Viking Direct | 102098 | £52.16 |
| NP Questionnaire Distribution | 102099 | £100.00 |

c. **RESOLVED** – Budget monitor was received; earmarked reserves are at £32,662.82; Cllr Dixon checked and signed the bank reconciliations.

d. **RESOLVED** – Councillors agreed the proposed payment schedule for Clerk's pension.

7. Budget 2017/18

Councillors to received final draft of the 2017/18 budget.

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed final budget would be resolved in January 2017 final draft will be reviewed by the finance working group.

8. Amicus Update

On 22nd October, a joint meeting was held between the Parish Council, Rother District Council and Amicus Horizon to discuss the Old Rectory Court site. The Parish Council was represented by Cllrs. Vereker, Jenner and Moore.

Amicus Horizon tabled a revised plan for this development which involves the creation of 15 units of rented housing for older people and 4 houses for shared ownership. The outline plans showed a different layout from the previous proposal to deal with the issue of visual encroachment into the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. All parties felt that this made progress possible and Amicus will now appoint a new architect to work this outline drawing into a more comprehensive proposal. It was further agreed that once this has happened a further design meeting would be held with the Parish Council, this is likely to be in February.

Amicus confirmed that any former residents who did wish to return to the new scheme would be able to do so. Amicus will also provide Rother and the new architect with the advice previously provided by the Parish Council on the finishes expected to be used for the new development to complement this historic setting. All parties agreed to work collaboratively to make this important new development a success.

9. Car Park

Councillors reviewed the proposed car park paper.

RESOLVED – Councillors formally agreed to ask Rother for the freehold and will continue to develop of the heads of terms based on the submitted paper by Cllr Vereker, Cllr McBride and Cllr Durrant after the meeting with Rother District Council. The Clerk will write to and organise a meeting with Rother.

10. Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

Councillors gave an update on progress and gave a short verbal report on the recent NP questionnaire. 135 responses received. Cllr Elmslie will write up a full report for councillors.

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to find out further information but in principle agreed to join the Rother NP.

11. BT telephone boxes

Councillors looked to gain further information before deciding on the adoption of the following phone boxes in January 2017:

- a. Opposite Burwash Laundry Site, Shrub Lane, TN19 7BU
- b. Next to the Wheel Inn, Heathfield Road, TN19 7LA
- c. Junction with A265 Vicarage Road, Burwash Common, TN19 7LH

12. Burwash Weald War Memorial in St Philips

Councillors looked at spending up to £500 to support the application to the War Memorial Trust for a grant to professionally clean and restoration of the parish owned war memorial in St Philips Churchyard for the IWW centenary.

RESOLVED – Councillors resolved to spend up to £500 in support of the war memorial.

13. Speedwatch Update

Councillors received a report on the progress of speedwatch. Since 18/08/16 10 volunteers have been recruited. They work in 7 different locations and 416 vehicles have been reported. The most reports were located on the A256 outside Highfields into the village. Highest recorded vehicle is at 54mph coming out of the village.

14. Burwash Events

RESOLVED – Councillors resolve the following proposed dates:

- a. Spring Love Burwash Day – Saturday 25th March
- b. Burwash in Bloom – judging on Friday or Saturday 24th/25th June
- c. Autumn Love Burwash Day – Saturday 23rd September
- d. Annual Assembly – Thursday 18th May

8. Date of Next Meeting – Burwash Parish Full Council 10/01/17 at 7.00pm at the Parish Room.