

# Burwash Parish Council

## Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting

Held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018, at 8pm at the Village Hall

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### Present

Chair – Cllr Betty McBride, Vice Chair – Cllr Steve Moore, Cllr Crabtree, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Elmslie, Cllr Jenner, Cllr Kenny, Cllr Mann and Cllr Pope.

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#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and noted from – Cllr Caulkin, Cllr Chalk and Cllr Vereker

#### Public Time

- a. A member of the public noted that ESCC should not be cutting the rural verges, in order to protect wild flowers in the area. BPC was asked to obtain a cutting schedule for these areas to ensure they are not cut too early.
- b. The Council was congratulated for the format of the Annual Parish Assembly for 2018.

#### 2. Disclosures of Interest

No declarations made.

#### 3. Correspondence to the Clerk

- a. It was noted that Burwash Weald Cricket Club had been in contact asking for confirmation about the grant application they had sent in. Due to an administrative error in the Clerk's absence this grant had not been presented to Council.

**RESOLVED** – The full amount of the grant asked for was £1,920.60 to replace the concrete base in the cricket nets. Cllrs agreed to award a grant of £1,000.

- b. Cllr Chalk had given her resignation to the Clerk. The Clerk had replied to ask this was given to the Chair to make the resignation official.
- c. Feedback to the Neighbourhood Plan group had highlighted Morris Close as a concern. It is one of the brightest spots on the dark skies map and the landscaping does not seem to be finished.

**RESOLVED** – Council will write to Hastoe outlining their concerns and ask if the lighting can be adjusted and when the landscaping will be finished.

- d. St Bartholomew's Church lights were reported as being switched on late in the evening.  
**RESOLVED** – The NP Environment Group would speak to the Church.

#### 4. Traffic Issues Within the Village

After the Annual Assembly, which had included a focus on traffic issues, several items were highlighted in the discussions.

**RESOLVED** – Cllr Crabtree and the Chair would write a follow up letter to ESCC incorporating the comments and feedback residents had given on the evening. The Clerk will send.

**RESOLVED** – The Council would ask Nick Skelton from ESCC for a walk around the key areas on the A265 with County Cllr John Barnes to identify the safety issues before ESCC do its review. It was agreed that Cllr Crabtree, the Chair and a member of The Outsiders group would attend.

**RESOLVED** – Cllr Crabtree would write an outline traffic strategy for the 12<sup>th</sup> June full council meeting. Cllr Crabtree would work with input from the Parish Assembly, the July 2016 BPC Traffic Calming Proposals and *The Outsiders* residents group. A fuller document (including timescales and some feasibility and funding considerations) would be brought to the July meeting. Council noted that this was a long-term project which will need more work in the coming months.

## **5. Shrub Lane - Land North West of, Burwash TN19 7BU**

After the Annual Assembly, which had included a focus on this proposed development, several items were highlighted in the discussions.

Members of the public were urged to comment on the proposals, whatever their viewpoint. The Public and Council need to put in writing their comments on the Shrub Lane appeal by the 28<sup>th</sup> June. BPC has rejected this application so will work with residents and Burwash: Save our Fields from Concrete to ensure the best strategy to oppose this development is achieved.

**RESOLVED** – Cllrs Jenner, Moore and Vereker will draft a letter for the appeal ready for the 12<sup>th</sup> June full council meeting.

**RESOLVED** – Council will develop a schedule of engagement with the community to advertise the need for comments on the appeal by the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**RESOLVED** – If required a potential EGM would be held on the 21/06/18.

## **6. War Memorial**

Cllrs were asked to agree to Cllr Vereker's recommendation to employ The Stone Shop to do the cleaning of the war memorial having received three quotes. The Stone Shop was the middle quote which would mean a grant could not be applied for as it was not the cheapest, but they were deemed the most suitable company with their experience of cleaning war memorials made from Clipsham Stone and did the previous cleaning. Current earmarked reserves stand at £3,544.

**RESOLVED** – To employ The Stone Shop to clean the War Memorial at £3504.00 plus VAT.

## **7. Information for noting or including on a future agenda**

- a. Jacky Nash Memorial
- b. Flowers have been planted around the phone box at The Wheel in memory of Jacky.
- c. BW&C Grass Verges event in June

**Close of meeting**