

Burwash Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held on the 14th November 2017, at 7.00pm in the Parish Room, The Bear Car Park, Burwash

Present

Chair – Cllr David Vereker, Vice-Chair – Cllr McBride, Cllr Caulkin, Cllr Crabtree, Cllr Dixon, Cllr Elmslie, Cllr Kenny, Cllr Mann, Cllr Moore and Cllr Pope. Cllr Durrant present from point 10c.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and noted from - Cllr Jenner.

Also District Councillor Kirby-Green

Public Time

Queries were raised as the designation of Down Meadow and the impact of that status on the schedule of care that should be maintained. Cllrs Durrant and Emslie undertook to respond at the December meeting.

2. Disclosures of Interest

No declarations made however, Cllr Emslie informed the Council that had resigned from the Residents' Association.

3. Report from County and District Councillors

a. **County** – Cllr Barnes reported that the CPE working group was endeavouring to get ESCC to create two schemes so that rural areas would be treated differently to urban. He also confirmed that this would be a lengthy procedure whatever the outcome of the working group's efforts. He also confirmed that on-going cuts to funding for County Councils are getting worse and further cuts would have to be made to services as other savings would be hard to find.

b. **District** – Cllr Barnes said that the DCLG consultation (right homes in the right places) has closed and it is to be hoped that a better formula be found as RDC is particularly poorly served by the current proposals. He also stated that the Shrub Lane planning application had raised serious concerns around previously established development boundaries and

4. Accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED – minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th October 2017 are a correct record of that meeting.

5. Correspondence to the Clerk

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

6. Finance (standing item)

a. Bank balances at 31/10/17 are £56,689.30 in current account and £10,665.16 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	S/O	£68.00	
NEST	S/O	£11.23	
Pet Waste Solutions	S/O	£93.55	
Adam Watts	S/O	£15.00	
St Barts PCC	102193	£10.00	Donation to Christmas Tree Festival
Post Office	102194	£144.13	HMRC mth end 5/11/17
Jane Cheshire	102195	£619.35	Statutory Maternity Pay - month 4
Paulette Barton	102196	£563.37	Locum clerk hours for October
Jane Cheshire	102197	£79.99	Ann sub Office 365 Home
SSALC Ltd	102198	£66.00	Planning Update 24.20.17 one attendee
B.P.F.A.	102199	£30.00	Hire of hall - 25/09/17 - 3 hours
Royal Mail Group	102200	£318.00	PO Box Annual Delivery Fee
City Escapes	102201	£55.30	Grass Cutting Hornbeam Meadow (1)
Total of unpaid cheques		£1,787.31	

- c. Budget monitor was received; earmarked reserves are at £37,125.59; Cllr Dixon checked and signed the bank reconciliations.
- d. **RESOLVED** that the 2nd Draft Budget as presented by the Finance Committee be approved for 2018-2019 as attached at Appendix 1.
- e. **RESOLVED** that the Grant Schedule for 2018/2019 be as attached at Appendix 2.

7. Bench at the top of Batemans Lane

The full reports were received and are available on file.

RESOLVED to fully approve a replacement bench at the top of Batemans Lane. Cllr Moore to expedite, he has also received confirmation that NT will pay £250 towards the cost of this.

Update on Kipling Project & Memories Project

The final draft of the map will be available for consideration in the New Year.

Confirmation has been received that a full application for funding can be made to the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the Memories Project. Cllrs Moore and Crabtree were thanked and congratulated on this.

8. Neighbourhood Plan

The full report was received and is available on file.

Cllr Moore reported on increasing local interest and that work streams were progressing with an overview check every 2-weeks.

9. Planning Update

- a) The draft letter to RDC regarding the RDC Planning Meeting and the Shrub Lane application was agreed and so it was **RESOLVED** that it would be sent.
- b) The report from Cllr Emslie on the SALC Planning Update being unavailable it will be circulated when ready and will also be held on file.

- c) It was reported that tenders would be invited in the New Year for the build at Old Rectory Court. Building expected to commence in the second half of 2018.

10. Responses to Consultations

RESOLVED to agree that suggested PSPOs (Public Space Protection Orders) proposed by RDC be.

RESOLVED to respond to RDC that while preferring that CPE is not introduced should it be so then RDC must identify and address all areas of concern even though that means a lengthier process to implementation. It should be a user pays scheme. The NP infrastructure would also be bearing this in mind in their deliberations.

Cllr Vereker undertook to lead the Bear Car Park project should the possible introduction of CPE bring this project forward.

At this juncture, Cllr Kenny gave his apologies and left the meeting while Cllr Durrant arrived and took his seat.

RESOLVED that while the current Boundary Commission proposals do not impact on Burwash Parish directly, leaving the Parish within the Bexhill and Battle constituency, comment should be made regarding the change of District Ward boundaries joining Burwash with Etchingham while the Boundary Commission proposals would split that Ward between 2 constituencies.

RESOLVED that ESCC be told to keep cost cutting on the Library service to an absolute minimum and to better advertise the options to use in addition to traditional 'walk-in' buildings. BPC would also support the Fairer Funding Campaign.

11. Pollarding of Lime Trees

Cllr Durrant reported that ESCC wanted to pollard during Jan/Feb 2108 as this is better for the health of the trees and the tree surgeon agreed. It had been agreed that the work will be done with secateurs and not chain saws. Should there be excessive leaf fall giving to rise to safety issues then ESCC Highways to be informed and they will deal with this.

RESOLVED to review after next year's pollarding had been completed and regrowth begun – June 2018 agenda suggested.

12. Battle's Over

Having determined that BPC would support this project, to be lead by Cllr Dixon, councillors were asked if, for 2018, they could support the Burwash Remembrance event in preference to their own local event.

13. Information for noting or including on a future agenda

No items were raised at this time.

14. Date of Next Meeting – Burwash Parish Full Council 12/12/17 at 7.00pm at the Parish Office, Bear Car Park, Burwash.