

Burstall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2018

36.18 Present: Barry Gasper (chair), Andrew Cooper, Nick Fiske, Mary Smith, Ann Burchnall, Simon Girling, Andrew Kerrison & County District Cllr Nick Ridley

37.18. Apologies. Keith & Lesley Raby, Rupert Caitlin & Cllr Christopher Hudson

38.18 To approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16th July 2018

These had been circulated to all parish councillors and were proposed as a true record by Ann Burchnall seconded by Mary Smith and signed by Barry Gasper

39.18. Matters Arising from these minutes:

Suffolk Highways had responded regarding the A1071 turning visibility issues to confirm that inspections are being carried out every 3 months to monitor the situation.

40.18. Declaration of Interest of any item on the agenda:

No declarations were made

41.18. Reports from County & District Councillors:

County - Councillor Christopher Hudson was unfortunately not at the meeting but had forwarded a monthly report to councillors which had been circulated via email.

District Council - Nick Ridley reported that the Boundary Commission has now confirmed the new wards. The Joint Local Plan is on schedule with the consultation in December or January. The Wolsey Grange development has now started with the building of 475 houses and a primary school. However there does not seem to be any plans in place at the moment for the infrastructure of the A1071 turning and traffic lights which will only get worse and cause more traffic problems in the area. The Corks Lane HQ development is going ahead and also the developments in Angel Court, Hadleigh and Hamilton Road in Sudbury.

District Council - Barry Gasper reported that the 5 year land supply has been reinstated as a result of the scrutiny committee. VOIDS have now dropped from 58 to 17 which is good news as they now have a management team in place which is working very well.

The issue of recycling was raised - Suffolk Waste Partnership are pushing this and are currently negotiating a new contract.

42.18. Reports from Parish Councillors:

There were no reports

43.18. Planning:

There were no planning applications to discuss. The clerk did inform the council that public meetings to discuss planning applications must be held and will send details round of dates to be penciled in for planning application meetings.

The issue of the closure of the footpath alongside Burstall Hall was raised. Ann Burchnall has spoken to Suffolk County Council and confirmed it is not a public footpath but a permissive footpath. The footpath is in Sproughton Parish although Burstall Hall is in Burstall Parish. She believes an agreement has been reached with the nextdoor landowner to move the footpath but the council would like clarification. The clerk was asked to write to Sproughton Parish Council to ask them for clarification of the rights of way and if the path can be regulated.

44.18: Finance:

Accounts for payment:

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

Cheque No	Payee	Expense	Amount
000384	Jo Brown	-replacement cheque for 000381 - bank returned cheque	£262.04
000385	Jo Brown	Clerk Salary	£234.00
000386	Acott Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£440.00

The clerk informed the council that PKF Littlejohn has confirmed that we are exempt from an external audit as the income and expenditure is below £25,000. This was all agreed.

Andrew Kerrison reviewed and signed the bank statement to the bank reconciliation.

The clerk gave a Finance report showing budget to actual year to date to 31st August 2018.

It was agreed to add Andrew Cooper as a bank signatory this was proposed by Ann Burchnall and seconded by Nick Fiske.

45.18. Correspondence received

All correspondence is circulated via email and is working well.

46.18: Any other business/items for next agenda.

Joan Eagle has sent a letter of resignation and was thanked for her many years service as a parish councillor. Clerk to send a card of thanks.

Andrew Cooper raised the issue that the c & u road verges that were due to be cut in July as set out in the letter from Suffolk Highways has not been carried out. Clerk to contact Suffolk Highways.

Andrew Kerrison raised the issue of the damage he received to the bank in front of his property which is now exposing the hedge roots, on the A1071 during the bridge closure in July. He is not able to access the bank to repair or cut the hedge as it is too dangerous. He is very frustrated as is not been able to contact Suffolk Highways on this issue to get it resolved. It was agreed the clerk with email Cllr Hudson to arrange for a conversation to take this issue further.

As there is now a vacancy it was agreed to approach Steve Higgs to co-opt on to the council. All were in agreement.

There were no items for the next Agenda

Confirmation of next meeting November 19th 2018

The meeting closed at 8.30pm