

# Burstall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – at 7.30pm

**51.17 Present:** Andrew Cooper (chair), Nick Fiske, Andrew Kerrison, Mary Smith, Lesley Raby, Keith Raby, Rupert Catlin, Ann Burchnall, Simon Girling, District Councillor Nick Ridley. 2 members of the public.

**52.17. Apologies.** County Councillor Christopher Hudson, Joan Eagle, Barry Gasper

**53.17. To approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.**

These had been circulated to all parish councillors and were proposed as a true record with two small amendments by Lesley Raby seconded by Keith Raby and will be signed by Barry Gasper at the march meeting.

**54.17. Matters Arising from these minutes:**

Interviews for the clerk's role had taken place and the parish council were pleased to appoint Jo Brown to the role as from the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2018. Jo had come along to the parish council meeting to observe and the council congratulated her on the appointment.

The centenary event of the end of World War 1 was discussed with further details to be decided with the various groups in the village including whether the village stage a lunch or evening event and the beacon lighting.

BT – Broadband. Andrew Cooper had contacted by e-mail the BT engineers and Cllr Christopher Hudson requesting an update on the Superfast Broadband provision in Burstall. To date there had been no responses.

UK Power Networks are currently working on various poles in the village there are issues with work they wish to carry out in the churchyard which are being dealt with by the PCC.

**55.17. Declaration of Interest of any item on the agenda:**

No declarations were made

**56.17. Reports from County, District Councillors:**

County – Cllr Christopher Hudson was unfortunately not at the meeting but had forwarded a monthly report to councillors.

District Council – Cllr Nick Ridley reported it has been a difficult few weeks at Babergh. New leader John Ward was in place but with 17 months to elections there would still be problems to face. The councils are settling into Endeavour House well although car parking is an issue. An increase of council tax this year is to be expected and the final figures will be released soon. Cllr Ridley is stepping down as chairman of planning and moving to a cabinet position dealing with assets and investments.

A merger between district councils Mid Suffolk and Babergh will be considered in a telephone survey of 2000 residents, it was mentioned though that in the best interests of both councils a decision needs to be made soon regarding whether to merge fully or not.

A councillor spoke about making sure that if people are contacted as part of a survey that they check it is not a scam.

**57.17. Planning;**

DC/18/00046 – 4 Kenney Close

There were no objections from the council to the application

**58.17. Reports from Parish Councillors:**

A BAPTC meeting will take place at the end of January

**59.17. Budget/Precept:**

The budget/precept had been discussed at the November meeting and all councillors were in favour of a 2% increase. This was proposed by Ann Burchnall and seconded by Keith Raby with all in favour. The necessary forms were completed and will be sent to Babergh.

**60.17. Correspondence.**

Suffolk View

Clerks and Councils Direct

Field Work

Countryside Voice – to circulate

Parking in the village, an e-mail had been received by the council regarding inappropriate parking in and around the village in particular obstructing pavements.

There is a requirement in law not to park on and obstruct the pavement, but this is not enforced.

After discussion by the council it was decided to put a note in the newsletter about being courteous, respectful and parking appropriately and speak to County Councillor Christopher Hudson and the highways department to see if they can offer any advice or solutions.

**61.17: Finance-**

**Accounts for payment:**

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

Cheque No	Payee	Expense	Amount
372	S Barber	Clerk Salary	£230.00

**62.17: Any other business/items for next agenda.**

There are an increasing number of dogs in the village and the need for a dog bin was discussed. The general thought was that those that do not clear up after their dog at the moment would still not use a dog bin and siting of one would pose a problem.

A grit bin to replace the piles of grit on Church Hill is needed as the piles simply wash away.

The possibility of building one rather than buying was discussed.

The outgoing clerk was presented with a card and gifts which she was very grateful for and wished everyone well.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm