

Burstall Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 19th March 2018 - at 7.30pm

63.17 Present: Barry Gasper(Chair), Andrew Cooper, Nick Fiske, Andrew Kerrison, Mary Smith, Keith Raby, Ann Burchnall, & District Councillor Nick Ridley and 1 member of the public.

64.17. Apologies. Were received from Simon Girling, Joan Eagle & Lesley Raby

65.17. To approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2018.

These had been circulated to all parish councillors with one adjustment and were proposed as a true record by Ann Burchnall seconded by Mary Smith and signed by Barry Gasper. The minutes from 20th November 2017 were also signed by Barry Gasper.

66.17. Matters Arising from these minutes:

It seems the parking issues have now been resolved and would like to thank all those involved. The broadband cabinet thought to be on coronation corner has actually been installed on the corner of Nick Ridley property in Burstall Lane

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

There were none

68.17. Reports from County, District Councillors:

County - Cllr 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 are recommending new ward boundaries in Babergh, but they have not counted the population properly. The result of the telephone survey will be given tomorrow evening and indications are that it is more positive than expected. The referendum on the merger is proceeding and should be carried out late this year. If it does not go the way of a merger there will be a serious problem. A full business case will go out before the referendum. The investment in the Hadleigh & Kingfisher pools had been agreed. Barry Gasper reported that there was a scrutiny committee meeting today calling in the 5 year land supply. It was a very successful meeting getting resolutions passed to instruct the planning department to assess the 5 year land supply on a regular basis throughout the year. The planning department will provide a report in April where the land supply is at and this will carry legal weight. They will review the situation on a regular basis and there will be an internal review within a six month period, this is to ensure that they are being transparent for reasons on decision making.

69.17. Reports from Parish Councillors:

Andrew Cooper thanked those who attended at short notice the school transport meeting which was well supported

70.17. Planning;

DC/18/00295 - 5 Orchard Lands, Ipswich Road, Burstall

This has been circulated via email and there were no objections from the council to the application

71.17. Grass Cutting Tender

Two tenders had been received:

- Acott Landscapes with a cost of £130.00 a visit for 16 visits to the village a year
- Goodwins Maintenance Services £187.50 a visit for 16 visits to the village a year

The Council accepted the tender from Acott Landscapes with Andrew Cooper proposing and Andrew Kerrison seconding, all were in favour.

72.17. Local Government Boundary Draft Recommendations:

The proposal is that Sproughton goes in with Pinewood, and Bentley with Copdock, Washbrook, Burstall, Hintlesham & Chattisham and Little & Great Wenhams. This is to divide up the wards population wise to

reduce the number of councillors so they become single wards. This does not have anything to do with the Ipswich Local plan and there will have to be a County Council re-organisation. The issue was raised that this could make a difference to the close relationship we have with Sproughton as they will now be in a different ward.

73.17. Remembrance commemorations

The village celebration for the Centenary arrangements are well underway.

There will be a 2 minutes silence at the service in the morning. After the service there will be a buffet lunch provided by the village organisations. In the evening Barry Gasper has been invited to light the beacon at 7pm. The Royal Hospital School have accepted the invitation to play The Last Post and the Reveille at the beacon lighting. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the village hall. Further details need to be finalised and needs co-ordinating with the Church Warden.

The final timetable of events will be on the village website and circulated with the Annual Newsletter.

74.17. Annual Newsletter & APM

The Annual Parish Meeting is on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm.

Barry Gasper is collating the reports for the Annual Newsletter. Andrew Cooper has kindly offered to print the Remembrance commemorations timetable on a separate sheet to be circulated with the newsletter. The deadline for this is Mid April.

75.17: Finance-

Accounts for payment:

The following payments were approved and cheques signed:

Cheque No	Payee	Expense	Amount
000373	Mrs Jo Brown	Clerk Salary	£234.00

Appoint internal auditor - Heelis & Lodge were appointed as auditors for the year this was proposed by Andrew Cooper and seconded by Andrew

Internal Accounting Review - The council are satisfied that all current internal accounting procedures are in place

Precept - A genuine mistake regarding the precept has arose with the Hintlesham precept amount of £5982 being entered for Burstall . This is therefore an increase of 28.6% instead of the agreed increase of 2%. The legal department at Babergh are not able to make an amendment as this has been legally agreed and suggest the extra amount is put into reserves in the accounts and adjust for this over future years. It was proposed and agreed that a short statement will be in the newsletter.

76.17. Correspondence received

Babergh Councillors Register of Interest still 3 councillors to complete Barry Gasper, Simon Girling & Rupert Caitlin

Information received from NALC via SALC regarding the LGDPR with a suggested tool kit to be used. Ann Burchnall would like a copy of this and will look into this further. The suggestion that pooling with other parishes would be most beneficial.

77.17: Any other business/items for next agenda.

The issue of the road closure signs in the village were causing chaos was raised. Suggesting that more information is required on the redirection signs.

A discussion was held on the recent bad weather and who is responsible for clearing the snow on the roads. Suffolk County Council have a list of registered farmers, can Christopher Hudson issue the Parish Council with a list.

Add road closures as item on the next agenda.

Broadband update - Barry Gasper has signed up for the enhanced broadband but is not working as expected. Andrew Cooper has been liaising with Better Broadband for Suffolk but seems that Openreach are still trying to connect cables and electricity to the box outside the church. An update on this from Christopher Hudson at the next meeting is requested.

The issue of planning applications being circulated to all Parish Councillors was raised as there is a separate planning committee. The decision was that this was ok and that all were happy to see them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm