

BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD – Tuesday 17th October 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Bob Warwick
Cllr Bob Pain
Cllr Dave Fletcher
Cllr Nina Garner

The Clerk

23/077 Apologies – Cllr Sarah Rankine

23/078 Declarations of Interest – None

23/079 Questions from members of the public – Two members of the public were present at the meeting.

23/080 Approval of Minutes of the parish council meeting on 19.09.23 – Approved and signed by Cllr Warwick.

23/081 Matters arising not on the current agenda / Minutes Action Update
Updates and progress on all actions included in Appendix B of the paperwork was noted or dealt with on the agenda.
The clerk was asked to chase action on items 23/067 and 23/072.

23/082 Council asset safety checks – No issues of concern were reported. Cllr Warwick had checked the expiry date of the pads at both defibrillators and these would need to be renewed in August 2024.
The clerk was asked to check with LCC when the re-stocking of the grit bins was scheduled.

23/083 Christmas 2023 Arrangements
Cllr Fletcher undertook to arrange for the delivery and erection of the Christmas tree for the weekend of 1st December.
Cllr Rankine would be asked to acquire some more large decorations for the tree.
It was agreed not to hold a formal lights switch-on event this year although a mulled wine vigil would be arranged around the tree during the week before Christmas, on a date to be confirmed.

23/084 Village Maintenance Issues
Councillors confirmed that they were satisfied with the verge maintenance works carried out by the contractor during the summer and it was agreed to

add the strimming of the wildflower verge to his list of sites at the appropriate time during 2024.

The clerk was asked to check with the relevant staff at LCC whether the verge to the south side of Back Lane could be removed from the wildflower verge schedule as very little had grown there during the year (it being a north facing verge).

A further query was raised regarding access on the pavement outside Higher House, Main Street. This had been blocked off by bollards for some weeks forcing pedestrians to walk on the road, on the face of it because of a dangerous and leaning boundary wall to the front garden of Higher House. The clerk was asked to check with LCC and the occupiers of Higher House what the current situation was and proposals were in hand to deal with this situation.

23/085

Planning applications to consider –

- a. 23/01355/FUL – Kings Orchard, Scotland Lane – Rear extension & internal alterations. – **No Comments**
- b. 23/01179/FUL – The Springs, Carlton Lane – Amended application. – **It Was Resolved to Ask that Permitted Development Rights be removed from this Proposal in Order to Prevent Future Encroachment into Agricultural Land.**
- c. 23/01404/TCA – Wheatridge, Main Street – Works to Trees. – **No Comments**
- d. 23/01468/FUL – Land rear of 4 Baileys Lane, New dwelling and access drive from Back Lane. – **No Comments**

23/086

Planning Decisions to Note

Enforcement Updates

22/01855/FUL – Dog day-care business, Land off Scotland Lane. The response of the Planning Inspectorate was still awaited on this enforcement appeal.

The clerk was asked to find out from HDC what the current enforcement position was in relation to the garage recently erected at Yew Tree House.

Decisions Made

- a. **23/01120/LBC** – Corner Thatch, Bell Lane - Installation of an untethered electric vehicle charging point on the front of the building (fronting onto Main Street) - APPROVED
- b. **23/01192/TCA** – Cantu, Beadswell Lane – Works to tree - APPROVED

Decisions Pending -

- a. **23/00722/FUL** - Burton Brook Farm, London Road - Demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
- b. **23/01179/FUL** – The Springs, Carlton Lane – Erection of dwelling (see 23/085b above)

23/087 Financial Matters

- a. The clerk presented the budgetary position of the council as at 30th September 2023. No significant variances were noted from the agreed budget at this half-year stage. The position was noted and approved by the council.
- b. The clerk presented details of the actual banking statements as at 30th September showing balances on the current account of £2,124.64 and £15,513.52 on the reserve account.
- c. The banking reconciliation as at the 30th September was also presented and approved for signature by Cllr Garner.
- d. Details of the anticipated income and expenditure during October (attached at Annex A) were considered and approved at the meeting.

23/088 Community Matters

- a. The clerk advised that the commemorative plaque for the Coronation Rose had been received. Cllr Garner undertook to erect this.
- b. Cllr Warwick advised that 10 Coronation mugs remained unsold. It was resolved to donate four of these as a raffle prize for the forthcoming Christmas Tree Festival and donate the remaining ones to charity.
- c. Options for the date of the pond clearing works were considered and it was agreed to arrange this for Thursday 9th November with a reserve date of 16th. The clerk was also asked to draft a letter, in consultation with the chair, to go to the church authority and the relevant occupier regarding the possibility of developing the pond in the field to the north of the village hall.

23/089 Correspondence for Discussion

- a. The clerk presented details of the subscription renewal notice received from SLCC which was due on 1st December. It was agreed to renew the subscription in the sum of £112.
- b. The chair made reference to a copy of a media statement recently circulated by HDC in relation to the proposed development of housing in Harborough District in substitute for the lack of relevant land within Leicester City Council area. The clerk was asked to post a copy of this in the PC noticeboard.

23/090 Correspondence for Information (including items received following publication of the agenda)

- a. The clerk had circulated with the agenda papers a copy of the annual report of the chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee. This was considered and noted.
- b. The clerk reported that he had received acknowledgement of the complaint made to LCC regarding the overgrown hedges on Beadswell Lane and Town Street. LCC had advised that they had written to the relevant owners asked for the hedges to be cut back.
- c. The clerk circulated details of the LRALC AGM at Mountsorrel on 15th November, which was noted.

- d. LRALC had also circulated information regarding proposals to amend some of its Articles of Association. This was also noted by the council.
- e. The clerk made reference to the recently received Trading Standards Newsletter which focussed on online scams currently occurring in the County. The clerk was asked to post this on the council's website and on the WhatsApp Noticeboard together with the most recent HDC newsletter.

23/091 - Items for the next agenda – pond development / Neighbourhood Plan / Christmas 2023 arrangements / planning enforcement / Reporting of relevant issues to HDC and LCC.

23/092 - Date of next meetings – 21st November 2023

23/093 - Exclusion of the Public
No confidential matters were considered at the meeting.

Signed

Date

Annex A

OCTOBER						EXPENDITURE			INCOME
58	Misc. Income (HDC Lotto)	5 Income	5.2 - Misc.	03.10.23	I				2.00
59	Bank Interest (Oct)	5 Income	5.2 - Bank Interest	10.10.23	I				13.98
60	Vodafone Mobile (Oct)	1 Administration	1.9 - Phone - Bband	27.10.23	E	21.71	4.33	26.04	
61	HMRC - PAYE (Oct)	3 Staffing	3.2 - PAYE	28.10.23	E	146.40	0.00	146.40	
62	Clerk - Salary (Oct)	3 Staffing	3.3 - Salaries	28.10.23	E	219.89	0.00	219.89	
63	Plusnet Refund	5 Income	5.2 - Misc.	26.10.23	I	388.00			14.90
Monthly Total						388.00	4.33	392.33	30.88