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BURTON OVERY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD – Tuesday 17th November 2020

Present : Cllr Carolyn Carson (Chairperson)
Cllr Dave Fletcher
Cllr Sarah Rankine
Cllr Bob Warwick

The Clerk plus ten members of the public

20/290. Apologies – None

20/291. Questions from members of the public – Taken under appropriate agenda item.

20/292. Declarations of interest – None

20/293. Approval of Minutes 17.10.20 - Approved and signed remotely by Cllr Carson.

20/294. Matters arising not on the agenda

Cllr Carson reported that 64 objections had been submitted to HDC re. the Carlton Lane planning application. It was noted that the plans for the entrance had been adjusted slightly to reduce the amount of removed hedge. It was noted that all objectors would receive notification of the date the application would be considered by the HDC planning committee and that whilst all could attend the meeting, only three representatives could speak. The nominated people would be decided when the date was known. It was further noted that the nearest shops were further than 3 km away from the proposed lodges.

Cllr Carson reported that she will be standing down as Chairperson in the spring. This to be further considered at the next meeting.

20/295. Recruitment of Clerk – Cllr Carson reported that an excellent replacement Clerk had been recruited and Phil Woodward was welcomed to the meeting.

20/296. To consider any emergency Covid 19 information & measures that have arisen between meetings – None

20.297. Council asset safety checks – No health and safety issues reported.

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20.298. Planning – to consider

a. Ref. No: 20/01142/FUL - Scotland House Lower End, Scotland Lane -

Informed by concerns expressed by members of the public both during the consideration of the application at the meeting and in prior communications to the council, the council unanimously agreed to object strongly to this proposed development.

This new application failed to meet many of the criteria stated as reasons for granting planning permission for the earlier application (18/01516/FUL) as the scale and proportions were much too large, the proposed curtilage extension was unacceptable and the development did not preserve the character and appearance of the site and its village and rural surroundings and would be to the general detriment of the amenity of the neighbouring residents. A copy of the submission can be seen on the parish council website or HDC planning site.

b. Ref. No: 20/01614/TCA – Sunnyside, Scotland Lane – It was agreed that the parish council would follow the advice of the HDC arboricultural officer.

c. Ref. No: 20/01745/TCA - Wheatridge, Main Street - It was agreed that the parish council would follow the advice of the HDC arboricultural officer.

20.299. Planning decision – Noted

20.300. Finances

a. Payments of £211.27 & £52.80 (Clerk's net salary & PAYE November), £20 (training) and £92 (annual membership SLCC) were agreed.

b. October on-line bank statement – Payments of £14.39 (Zoom Pro), £52.80 (Clerk's PAYE September), £106.49 (dog waste collection), £211.27 (Clerk's net salary October) and £30 (broadband) were noted together with a refund of £1.10 taken previously in error.

c. ALCC membership renewal – It was noted that this renewal would not be transferable to the new clerk and appropriate action would be taken in the new year.

d. Draft budget 2020-21 – The 'Building Reserves' element of each draft budget was considered first and the middle option of Draft 2 was unanimously agreed. Considering Draft 2 in more detail, it was agreed that Parish Plan work would be subsumed in general expenses. It was noted that there were projected underspends in the following budget areas in 2020-21: asset maintenance; community resilience; defibrillator; parish plan work; room rental and training.

The estimated increase necessary in the precept to £78.54 was noted. The actual increase in money and percentage would be available at the next meeting.

e. S.137 expenditure on village christmas tree – A sum of £150 was unanimously agreed. Cllr Fletcher to organise the tree and reusable battery pack and lights.

20.301. Highways – to consider volume and speed of traffic in the village – Cllr Rankine to look into options available but it was agreed that no action would be taken until the Oaks Road development was complete and the scale of the problem known.

20.302. Community Initiatives – None were raised other than the village Christmas tree.

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20.303. Wildflower verges & biodiversity – Various options for wildflower verges were discussed and it was agreed that the council would start with the corner of Main Street and Back Lane. Cllr Rankine to complete the application form and submit by 27th November.

Stuart Weselby kindly agreed to donate £30 to cover the costs of any seeds required.

20.304. Correspondence

a. The Annual Parish Liaison Event – Cllr Warwick to attend on behalf of the council.

b. Virtual Climate Emergency Action Day for Local Councils- Cllr Goddard to attend on behalf of the council.

20.305. Items for the next Agenda – approval of budget, updates on Carlton Lane and Scotland House, Lower End planning applications, recruitment of new councillor and chairperson and reports from the Parish Liaison Meeting and Climate Change training day.

20.306. The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 15th December.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm

Signed

Date

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