

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

3rd September 2019

Minutes of a meeting of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held at Burton on the Wolds Village Hall on 3rd September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Cllr R Shields (Vice Chairman), Cllr W Best, Cllr K Green, Cllr L Cooper, Cllr K Hibbins, Cllr M Windsor, Mrs S Massey (Clerk).

Apologies

Cllr A Carr (Chairman), Cllr E Wardle

In attendance

County Cllr Shepherd, Borough Councillor Boker, 3 members of the public.

098/19 To receive apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept the apologies of Cllrs Carr and Wardle.

099/19 Disclosures of interests, disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests or personal interests that could lead to bias, by Parish Councillors to items on the agenda.
None.

100/19 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th August 2019.

Resolved: To approve and sign these minutes.

101/19 Questions/comments from the floor (limited to 15 minutes).

A resident asked about comments made by the Parish Council to Development Control at Charnwood Borough Council regarding balcony conditions on his recent planning application. The resident stated that the screening requested at his property should not be required as it was not visible from neighbouring properties and that no objections had been made. The resident stated that the objection to his application was irrelevant and should not have been made. Cllr Shields stated that the objection was made as a direct result of conditions being placed on a similar application and that the comments were relevant. Cllr Boker stated that the Parish Council, as a consultee, was invited to comment and that regardless of the resident's opinion, the comments would be taken into account by Planning Development at Charnwood Borough Council.

A resident asked for an update on P/19/004/2. Cllr Shields reported that the developer has asked that the decision be deferred until September but that Charnwood Borough Council has reiterated that it will not support this application.

A resident asked about the permissive paths on the Prestwold Estate. Hamish Byers, a representative of the Prestwold Estate present at the meeting, reported that all permissive paths will be closed on 1st December 2019 due to government funding being withdrawn. Funding has now been made available for environmental

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stewardship. A limited number of paths will be open via a horse riding scheme on a 'pay as you ride' basis. HB confirmed that no new permissive footpaths will be created within the next 20 years.

HB further reported the Estate will be hosting a Benefit Gala Dinner in support of DNRC on 2nd November. This will be open to the public and tickets will be available via the estate office. He also stated that the hall will be open to the public for a couple of events aimed at local people over the Christmas period. A proportion of the profit from these events will be donated to charity.

Finally and for information only, the estate are intending to submit a planning application for a bund to absorb sound from the race track to sections of Wymeswold.

102/19 Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Boker reported on recent articles in the Link.

Cllr Shields reported on the plans committee meeting regarding 17 Hall Drive and stated that comments by residents, Cllr Boker and Cllr Shields were not taken into account or the effect that this development would have on its immediate neighbours.

103/19 County Councillor's report

Cllr Shepherd reported on issues with the repairs to the B676. A site meeting will be arranged between LCC, Cllr Shepherd and members of Parish Council.

Borough Councillor Boker left the meeting at 20.15

County Councillor Shepherd left the meeting at 20.25

104/19 Police Report

During the month of August 2019 in Burton on the Wolds there was 1 x Burglary Dwelling, 1 x Vehicle Crime and 1x criminal damage. Cotes and Prestwold had no reported crime.

The Clerk is awaiting a response from the resident who has shown interest in setting up the Neighbourhood Watch in Burton on the Wolds and will follow this up prior to the next meeting.

105/19 To make observations and agree any action on the following planning applications:

- a) P/19/1447/2 4 Hall Dr, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AD (comments extension granted.)
Resolved: Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council has no objection to the extension of the property however, the Parish Council OBJECT to the installation of the fence, it is obtrusive to the street scene, it will affect a locally listed heritage asset (the wall) and the setting of a listed monument (the Lion's Mouth Fountain).

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b) P/19/1751/2 2 The Willows, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AP
Resolved: Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council OBJECT to the complete removal of the yew tree and would like to ask if there is the possibility of raising the canopy to relieve some of the problems listed.

c) P/19/1241/2 49 Hubbard Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AX - granted conditionally.

d) P/19/1375/2 15 Barrow Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AA – granted conditionally.

e) Update P/19/0888/2 17 Hall Drive, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AD.
The application was granted conditionally.

f) Update P/19/0016/2 LCC Highways response 25 Melton Road Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AG.
The response was noted.

g) Update P/19/0041/2 Land off Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL.
This item was discussed under minute reference 101/19.

h) Update E/18/0253 Hill View, Burton on the Wolds. Change of use (HGV/lorry park) info only.
No further information is available at this time.

106/19 To receive the Clerk's report including the playground safety checks reports.
Resolved: To note receipt of these reports.

107/19 To receive reports from councillors

a) Plantation Management Committee
Cllr Best reported that the first session of the 2019/20 season saw one group tackling the issue of a beech tree which leaned across the path near the school story circle. This has been the subject of a few complaints by walkers concerned about banging their heads on it. One option would have been to fell the tree but as it is healthy removing it would have left a stump, which would then be a trip hazard, a bit of lateral thinking was required. As a result some the holly on the other side of the tree has been removed and the path has been diverted. For the time being the tree is also taped to make it more visible but eventually the old path will be abandoned and the tree allowed to grow as it wants to without endangering anyone.

The remaining volunteers concentrated on removing snowberry bushes and were joined by a newcomer to the village. He did a great job and we hope he'll be back again.

The next Plantation volunteer session will be on 6th October and the next Plantation Management Committee meeting is on 17th September 2019 at 10.30 a.m. at the Pavilion, Towles Fields. All welcome.

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b) Joint Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Cllr Shields reported that the Wolds Villages Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Charnwood Borough Council on 19th August 2019. The consultation period will run from 28th August until 9th October 2019. All documents are available on our website.

Any comments made on the Neighbourhood Plan and/or supporting documents should be sent to Charnwood Borough Council together with your name and address by email to localplans@charnwood.gov.uk or in writing to:

Planning Policy, Charnwood Borough Council, Council Offices, Southfield Road, Loughborough LE11 2TN

Formal representations should be received by Charnwood Borough Council by no later than Wednesday October 9, 2019 using the contact details above.

Should you have any queries regarding the Neighbourhood Plan or its submission then please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01509 634929 or email localplans@charnwood.gov.uk.

c) Playing Field Association

Cllr Shields reported that the next PFA meeting is on Monday 9th September 2019.

In addition, Cllr Shields reported that prices are being sought for the replacement of guttering on the back of the pavilion, Eaton volunteers are attending on 11th September to paint fences and play equipment where necessary and work on the concrete base will take place in October.

d) Lion's Mouth Fountain

Cllr Shields reported that he has contacted a specialist who is compiling a method statement as required by Charnwood Borough Council Conservation department. A commencement date will follow.

e) Other Councillors' Reports – for information only.

None.

108/19 Business

a) To adopt the 2019 Financial Regulations updated by NALC (National Association of Local Councils).

Resolved: To adopt the 2019 Financial Regulations updated by NALC.

b) To receive the Annual Asset Inspection and discuss any issues raised.

Resolved: To approve the Annual Asset inspection.

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c) To approve expenditure of £45 ex VAT for the removal of a wasps nest at Towles Fields play area.

Resolved: To approve expenditure detailed above.

d) To approve expenditure of £47.50 for various external works at the village hall.

Resolved: To approve expenditure detailed above.

e) To identify potential wildflower areas and discuss resources, both financial and manpower, required for its upkeep.

Cllr Shields asked if councillors could identify areas for discussion at the October meeting.

Resolved: Deferred to the next meeting.

f) To consider the proposed imposition of 50 MPH speed limit on the B676.

Resolved: To request that this is extended to include Loughborough Road, Burton on the Wolds to the junction of Prestwold Lane.

109/19 Finance

a) Financial update:

Account	01/08/2019
Current	1,000.00
Reserve/General	5,536.07
Reserve/Bonus	10,102.21
Loughborough B/Society	45,846.65
TOTAL	62,484.93

Balance includes	
Plantation funds	2,319.92
Neighbourhood Plan	-343.03
Lottery/Finding Fitness	0.00
Hubbard Rd Land Management	41,947.84

b) To approve the schedule of payments totalling £3,564.11.

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Payments			Sep-19		Month 6	
PAYEE	FOR	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	Type	COST CENTRE	
1 S Massey	Clerk's salary	n/a	£699.30	S/O	Clerk's salary	
2 S Massey	Clerk's office expenses	n/a	£50.00	S/O	Clerk's expenses	
3 NEST	Clerk's pension (Employer & employee)	Schedule	£15.19	D/D	Clerks's pension	
4 M&BG Ltd	Grounds maintenance	Invoice	£495.00	Chq	Split	
5 Finding Fitness	Grant funded fitness clubs (Final)	Invoice	£748.80	Chq	Finding Fitness	
6 S Massey	Mileage May-Aug 2019	Claim form	£7.98	Chq	Gen admin	
7 Springfield Property Services	External works at Village Hall	Invoice	£47.50	Chq	Village Hall	
8 PKF	External audit	Invoice	£360.00	Chq	Audit	
9 RCC	Membership	Invoice	£60.00	Chq	Memberships	
10 Martin Tree Care	Emergency tree removal	Invoice	£200.00	Chq	Contingency	
11 Charnwood Borough Council	Uncontested Parish elections	Invoice	£130.41	Chq	Elections	
12 Charnwood Borough Council	Removal of wasp nest	Invoice	£54.00	Chq	Contingency	
13 Village Hall	Solar infeed grant	Receipt 3	£125.99	Chq	Village Hall	
14 PFA	Solar infeed grant	Receipt 3	£125.99	Chq	PFA	
15 Independent Playground Inspections	Playground inspections	Invoice	£132.00	Chq	Split Hubbard Rd/Towles Flds	
16 R Shields	Plants for village planters	Receipts	£137.95	Chq	Village amenities	
16 M&BG Ltd	Removal of fallen tree - emergency work	Invoice	£174.00	Chq	Contingency	
TOTAL			£3,564.11			

Resolved: To approve and sign the schedule of payments.

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- c) To receive the External Auditors report.
The External Auditors report was received and filed with the 2018-2019 audit papers.
- 110/19 Correspondence for discussion
- a) Email from a resident regarding dangerous parking close to the junction of Melton Road and Hubbard Road.
The Clerk has contacted the police regarding this issue, their response was as follows: The highway code advises people that they must not park within 10 meters of a junction however this is a recommendation and is not enforceable, so in itself will not cause a person to be prosecuted. The Highway Code may be used in evidence in any court proceedings under the Traffic Acts to establish liability if there is an accident. This includes rules which use advisory wording such as 'should/should not' or 'do/do not'. Contact can be made direct to Highways England to report this issue by email at info@highwaysengland.co.uk.
- b) Email from LCC attaching guidelines for the erection of permanent or temporary attachments to highway lighting columns.
The contents of this email were noted.
- 111/19 To agree items for inclusion in the press release
Neighbourhood Plan submission.
- 112/19 The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7.30 p.m. **at the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds.**
- There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.24

These minutes are a true and accurate record _____ Date _____
Cllr R Shields, Vice-Chairman.