

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1st September 2020

Minutes of a meeting of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held virtually on 1st September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr A Carr (Chairman), Cllr R Shields (Vice Chairman), Cllr W Best, Cllr L Cooper, Cllr A Lawrence, Cllr E Wardle, Cllr M Windsor.

Apologies: Cllr K Hibbins.

In attendance: County Cllr Shepherd (arrived at 20.10), Borough Councillor Bokor, PS Wharton (Leics. Police), Mrs S Massey (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

069/20 To receive apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept the apologies of Cllr Hibbins.

070/20 Disclosures of interests, disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests or personal interests that could lead to bias, by Parish Councillors to items on the agenda.

Cllr Wardle declared a DPI in item 076/20(j), she is a friend of the applicant.

Cllr Wardle declared a DPI in item 076/20 (b)/(c), she is known to the applicant.

Cllr Shields declared a DPI in item 076/20 (b)/(c), he is known to the applicant.

071/20 To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

Resolved: To approve and sign.

072/20 Questions/comments from the floor (limited to 15 minutes).

Cllr Shields asked Hamish Byers from the Prestwold Estate if partridges have been introduced into the grounds as they are escaping into Springfield Close. HB confirmed that this was the case.

Cllr Carr said that a number of residents had got the impression that the Estate appeared to be alienating long standing walkers with many actions including the erection of electric fences, grazing cattle on fields adjacent to footpaths and failing to ensure the maintenance of the public footpath signage. He appreciated that during the lockdown many problems were caused by residents, unfamiliar with codes of conduct, who were venturing out onto the estate for the first time, but it did seem that there was now a sense of "not feeling very welcome" amongst some villagers.

HB said this was not the intention and said he would look into the situation with the cattle and other matters including the broken and missing public footpath signs.

073/20 Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Bokor's comments were made under minute ref 076/20h

Agenda item 7. was moved forward.

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074/20 Police Report

PS Chris Wharton was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that there is no crime of note and no ongoing issues in this parish.

Cllr Carr asked about speeding traffic both in Burton on the Wolds and Prestwold. The Clerk confirmed that this has been reported to PCSO Jade Martin and that speed checks will be undertaken as soon as possible.

Cllr Carr asked about the speeding tractors in the village. PS Wharton will look into this.

PS Wharton recommended that all residents sign up online for Neighbourhood Link which contains crime alerts and statistics.

PCSO Martin sent the following reports; In July 2020 we had 0 Incidents reported in Cotes & Prestwold, 1x Assault and 1 x Harassment reported in Burton on the Wolds. In August 2020 we had 0 Incidents reported in Cotes & Prestwold, 1 x Harassment reported in Burton on the Wolds.

PS Wharton left the meeting at 19.59.

075/20 County Councillor's report

Cllr Shepherd reported on the LCC highways report related to P/20/1171/2. Cllr Shepherd is awaiting a response.

Cllr Shields asked if there was a date for the scheduled repairs to Loughborough Road. Cllr Shepherd will ask LCC for a firm date.

Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Bokor left the meeting at 20.23.

076/20 To make observations and agree any action on the following planning applications:

a) P/20/1180/2 Manor Lodge Farm LE12 5TP - Agriculture for Prior Approval - For information only.

b) P/20/1290/2 Wisteria Cottage, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AF (retrospective).

Resolved: Not to comment on this application.

c) P/20/1291/2 Wisteria Cottage, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AF Listed building consent (retrospective).

Resolved: Not to comment on this application.

d) P/20/1248/2 Brook Farm, Cotes Rd, Barrow upon Soar LE12.

Resolved: To OBJECT to this application on the grounds that it is development in the open countryside, that the building that they wish to demolish has an agricultural tie on it and that this building is irrelevant to this planning application.

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- e) P/20/1199/2 Model Farm Buildings, Prestwold Estate, Prestwold LE12 5SQ.
Cllr Shields would like to thank the estate for bringing this building back into use.

Resolved: Not to comment on this application.

- f) P/20/1228/3 Model Farm Buildings, Prestwold Estate, Prestwold LE12 5SQ Listed building consent.

Resolved: Not to comment on this application.

- g) P/20/0774/2 20 Barrow Road, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5TB – **Grant conditionally**

- h) Update P/20/1171/2 Hawker Business Park, Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds LE12 (change of use from Class B1a Offices to Class C3 Residential)

This item was moved and taken after 074/20 Police Report.

Cllr Bokor reported that there is no update and that we are awaiting the decision of the planning officer on 11th September 2020 however, she has discussed the forward strategy with Cllr Shields and said that she had sent all the information that she had to Cllr Shields.

Cllr Shields is looking into the appeal process. Cllr Bokor suggested that we need to have an appeal ready to include the letter written on our behalf and recommended that this is sent prior to the date of decision to the office of Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State. Cllr Windsor asked what the process is for stopping the building. Cllr Shields confirmed that if the application for change of use is successful, a full planning application will be made and will follow the planning application process

Cllr Shields volunteered to draft a letter to Robert Jenrick on Wednesday for the Clerk to send by both e-mail and post with a copy to the local MP.

Resolved: That Cllr Shields will draft a letter to Robert Jenrick MP for the Clerk to send.

Cllr Carr stated that he was very disappointed with Wymeswold Parish Council's response to this application despite this development being in their parish in their parish and he had written to their Chair to express his surprise at their lack of support. Cllr Shields wanted to record his concern at the abysmal response of Wymeswold Parish Council and that although they didn't have a meeting in August, a meeting could have been arranged to discuss this important issue.

Cllr Shields reported that some of the letters sent by residents in Burton on the Wolds and Walton Le Wolds have been excellent with over 60 responses received by development control.

- i) Update P/19/0041/2 Land off Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL (Re-consultation)

None.

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j) Update E/18/0253 Hill View, Burton on the Wolds. Change of use (HGV/lorry park) info only.

None.

k) Update Burton on the Wolds Van Sales, Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds

None.

077/20 To receive the Clerk's report including the playground safety checks reports.

Resolved: To note receipt of these reports.

078/20 To receive reports from councillors

a) Plantation Management Committee

Cllr Best reported that the next volunteer day will take place on 6th September 2020 and the next Plantation Management Committee meeting will take place virtually at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 15th September 2020. All welcome.

b) Playing Field Association

Cllr Shields reported that a physical meeting, if possible, will take place if possible on 29th September due to too many of the committee being unable to attend virtually.

Cllr Shields confirmed that the Great British Spring Clean will take place on Saturday 12th September between 10-12, meeting at the Towles Fields car park at 10 a.m.

Finally, due to activities restarting at Towles Fields, COVID regulations and a risk assessment for the pavilion have been put together by Cllr Shields and Cath Thomson. This will be sent to all users of the pavilion.

c) Other Councillors' Reports – for information only.

Cllr Cooper will attend a biodiversity course.

079/20 Business

a) To approve expenditure of up to £150 for plants/bulbs/compost for autumn planting.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

b) To consider and, if appropriate, formulate a response to the NALC consultation related to the proposed changes to the national planning framework.

Resolved: To note the NALC consultation.

c) To approve expenditure of up to £130 for the trim/reshape of the conifer at the Village Hall or expenditure of up to £300 for the fell and removal of the conifer/stump/spoil at the Village Hall.

Resolved: To approve expenditure of up to £130 for the trim/reshape of the conifer at the Village Hall.

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- d) To consider applying for an active travel grant of up to £5,000 from LCC for the edging back of overgrown vegetation on the footpath adjacent to the B676 from Prestwold Lane to Cotes.

Resolved: That the Clerk will apply for this grant.

- e) To review the response from residents to the Hawker Business Park proposal, P/20/1171/2.

Cllr Carr asked for opinion to the resident's response to the leaflet drop regarding P/20/1171/2 as there was only a 10% response from the houses that he had delivered to. Discussion followed. Cllr Cooper suggested that the leaflet was also sent to inform residents of this application as well as to encourage comment however it was agreed that there was a high level of apathy in the village regardless of the methods used to communicate information.

- f) To review the communication between the Parish Council and residents.

Cllr Carr reported that, in his opinion, information on the website is a waste of time as a means of communication and that word of mouth and the noticeboards are better vehicles for the distribution of information. Cllr Carr also suggested that leaflet drops are not effective. Cllr Wardle suggested that alternative communication channels are needed for different sections of the community if we are to reach everyone.

- g) To consider that Cllr Lawrence draft a social media policy using NALC social media guidelines for consideration.

Discussion followed regarding the broadening of communication to encompass all residents.

Resolved: That Cllr Lawrence will draft a social media policy using NALC social media guidelines. This draft will be checked by LRALC/NALC to ensure compliance prior to the next meeting.

- h) To review a renewed initiative to challenge the HGV route through Burton on the Wolds.

Resolved: To defer this item to the next meeting.

- i) To approve expenditure of £177.21 for the replacement of the felt roof on the bus shelter on Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- j) To approve expenditure of £45.00 to repair the brickwork to the Village Hall wall (Seymour Road).

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- k) To approve expenditure of £91.25 for the replacement of brown rope edging to the border at the Village Hall (Loughborough Road).

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

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080/20

Finance

a)

Financial update:

Account balance @	31/08/2020
Current	1,000.00
Reserve/General	7,455.92
Reserve/Bonus	5,616.78
Loughborough B/Society	46,098.81
TOTAL	60,171.51

Balance includes:	
Plantation funds	3,070.91
Neighbourhood Plan	792.91
Lottery/Finding Fitness	0.00
Hubbard Rd Land Management	37441.94

b)

To approve the schedule of payments totalling £954.75.

Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council - Schedule of Receipts and Payments						
Payments			Sep-20		Month 6	
PAYEE	FOR	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	Type	COST CENTRE	
1 M&BG Ltd	Grounds maintenance	Invoice	£495.00	Direct	Split	
2 LRALC	Councillor training	Invoice	£40.00	Direct	Training	
3 RCC	Membership	Invoice	£60.00	Direct	Membership	
4 R Shields	Bulbs/plants/compost for Autumn planting	Invoice	£84.75	Direct	Village amenities	
5 PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit fees	Invoice	£240.00	Direct	Audit	
6 Charnwood Borough Council	Garden bin @ Burial ground	Invoice	£35.00	D/D	Burial ground	
TOTAL			£954.75			

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

c)

To receive the external auditors report.

Resolved: To note receipt of this report.

081/20

Correspondence for discussion

a)

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order for Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds from 19th Oct for 3 days.

Resolved: To note receipt of this TTRO.

b)

Email from a resident regarding regulations surrounding East Midlands Airport night flights over Burton on the Wolds.

Resolved: The Clerk responded that there were no conditions placed upon the airport in relation to night flights and that there is not a no fly zone above Burton on the Wolds.

082/20

To agree items for inclusion in the press release

Request for volunteers to distribute the Link around Burton on the Wolds.

083/20

The next Parish Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7.30 p.m. unless advised otherwise preceded by

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.40

These minutes are a true and accurate record _____

Date _____

Cllr A Carr, Chairman.