

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1st December 2020

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

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

Apologies: None.

In attendance: County Cllr Shepherd, Borough Councillor Bokor, Mrs S Massey (Clerk), 2 members of the public.

115/20 To receive apologies for absence.

Resolved: None.

116/20 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 122/20 (e), she is a friend of the applicant.

117/20 To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

Resolved: To approve and sign.

118/20 Questions/comments from the floor (limited to 15 minutes).

A resident reported on a burglary in Burton on the Wolds and subsequent suspicious vehicles in the early hours of the morning. This has resulted in the street lighting being resumed on Springfield Close. The resident volunteered to administer Charnwood Watch. The Parish Council accepted this and offered to print literature as required.

The resident asked if CCTV could be installed on Loughborough Road/Melton Road. Cllr Carr asked both Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Bokor if Leicestershire County Council or Charnwood Borough Council would consider funding for this. Cllr Shepherd will enquire and report back. Cllr Shepherd suggested that we contact Insp. Mark Botte for advice on this issue. The resident will email the clerk with information already received.

119/20 Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Bokor reported that Charnwood COVID numbers are reducing but that we are moving into tier 3 from 2nd December 2020. The vaccination centre will be opening at Southfields and a new lighthouse testing centre is now opened at Loughborough University.

120/20 County Councillor's report

Cllr Shepherd confirmed that the road repairs on Loughborough Road and Melton Road have been completed. Cllr Shepherd was shocked to hear that the road workers

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were abused during their time in the village. Cllrs Carr and Shields passed on their thanks to LCC for the work carried out.

Cllr Shields reported that the verge on Springfield has been churned up by a contractor's vehicle and that LCC has not yet reinstated this area. The clerk has reported this again and is awaiting response.

Cllr Shields reported that LCC has removed a road sign from the grass verge that is in dispute on Loughborough Road/Brickwood Place. The clerk confirmed that no response has been received from LCC regarding the ownership of this piece of land despite the licence of cultivation being in place since 30th April 2010.

121/20

Police Report

PCSO Jade Martin sent the following report:

During the month of November 2020 from 01/11/2020 – 28/11/2020 Burton on the Wolds had 1 x Assault reported, as with last month this was a road rage type incident, 1 x Public Order offence and 1 x Drugs supply and production offence in which three males have been arrested and this is currently under investigation. Prestwold had 1 x Burglary reported to a brick built shed whereby entry has been forced and items taken. Cotes had no crimes reported. These figures do not include private domestic related incidents or harassments.

The clerk reported that the police have carried out speed checks on Loughborough Road however; this was undertaken when the roadworks were in place and unsurprisingly there was no evidence of speeding traffic in this area.

122/20

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

a)

P/20/1515/2 Land adjacent to Wymeswold Ind Estate, Prestwold

The application makes reference to discouraging lorries entering and exiting the site from the east to avoid Burton on the Wolds village. The application also includes screening/planting of the site.

Cllr Cooper stated that the PC has no grounds to object directly to the application because the application comes directly from our Neighbourhood Plan which the Parish Council has already passed.

Comments were made related to changes that the examiner has made to the NHP pre-submission document. Cllr Shields confirmed that once the pre-submission was passed to Charnwood Borough Council, we were not able to challenge the examiners comments but were invited to provide additional supporting information.

Cllr Cooper read from the NHP Referendum: 'The small scale expansion of the industrial park will be supported provided that the scale and scope of the new provision and its relationship to the existing park provision is supported with current and appropriate evidence.'

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Cllr Windsor stated that he is unhappy with parts of this application, being the expansion of the access road and the brown field areas on the site that should be developed prior to greenfield.

Resolved: To comment as follows: Cllr Windsor drafted the following response: Reference be made to NHP policy WV17, access road observations, agreement to discourage vehicles from entering and leaving the site via Burton on the Wolds village, planting and screening be encouraged.

b) P/20/1248/2 Brook Farm, Barrow-upon-Soar – Refuse

c) P/20/1701/2 43 Hubbard Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AX - Refuse

d) Update P/19/0041/2 Land off Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL (Re-consultation)
No update.

e) Update E/18/0253 Hill View, Burton on the Wolds. Change of use (HGV/lorry park) info only.
No update.

Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Bokor left the meeting 20.38.

123/20 To receive the Clerk's report including the playground safety checks reports.

Resolved: The reports were noted.

124/20 To receive reports from councillors

a) Plantation Management Committee

Cllr Best reported that the next Plantation Management Committee meeting will take place virtually at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday 19th January 2021. The next volunteer day will take place from Sunday 6th November 2020. COVID guidelines will be strictly adhered to. Cllr Cooper confirmed that the grant application for 75% of the tree felling has been successful.

b) Playing Field Association

Cllr Shields reported that the concrete slab has been completed. Fencing has been installed and the gateway closed onto Towles. A rain screen has been installed to the side of the front doors (meeting room side). Verti drainage has been carried out on the football pitches. Discussions regarding the tennis club take place on Friday 4th December 2020. Football and tennis will resume from 2nd December 2020 and it was noted that the play area and playing field have been very well used this year. In addition, Cllr Shields and the clerk are still looking into a lease agreement between the Parish Council and the PFA in relation to the pavilion.

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- c) Other Councillors' Reports – for information only.
Cllr Hibbins reported the sad loss of Gaynor Byass. Mrs Byass was a parish councillor for many years and did a huge amount of work in the community.

Cllr Shields asked that the Parish Council thank Carol Black and her family for their litter picking activities in the parish.

125/20 Business

- a) To approve expenditure of £100 for the installation of Christmas lights to the Village Hall & tree and removal on or before 12th Night.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- b) To receive the draft minutes of the Plantation Management Committee meeting held on 17th Nov 2020.

Resolved: To receive these draft minutes.

- c) To approve expenditure of £40 for Clerk's training @ LRALC 'The role of internal audit' on 13th Jan 2021.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- d) To approve expenditure of £40 for Clerk's training @ LRALC 'Internal controls' on 11th Feb 2021.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- e) To approve expenditure of £499 for repairs to the wet-pour (x2 areas) at Towles Fields play area.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- f) To approve expenditure of £56 for the removal of excess thread on protruding bolts.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- g) To approve expenditure of £120 to replace damaged foothold on the traverse wall.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- h) To approve expenditure of £379 to attend to gate closing springs (to slow closing speed).

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- i) To approve expenditure of £350 to replace worn bearing in the overhead rota.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

- j) To approve expenditure of £145 to replace fixing panel on the junior slide unit.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

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Finance

a) Financial update:

Account balance @	01/12/2020
Current	1,000.00
Reserve/General	16,802.56
Reserve/Bonus	5,616.93
Loughborough B/Society	42,598.81
TOTAL	66,018.30

Balance includes:	
Plantation funds	2,892.66
Neighbourhood Plan	792.91
Lottery/Finding Fitness	0.00
Hubbard Rd Land Management	37,032.03

b) To approve the schedule of payments totalling £808.46.

Payments		Dec-20	Month 9			
PAYEE	FOR	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	Type	COST CENTRE	
1 M&BG Ltd	Grounds maintenance	Invoice	£495.00	Direct	Split	
2 Springfield Property Services	Replacement bus shelter roof (Melton Rd)	Invoice	£177.21	Direct	Maintenance of assets	
3 Springfield Property Services	Repairs to brickwork @ Village Hall	Invoice	£45.00	Direct	Maintenance of assets	
4 Springfield Property Services	Replacement of edging to Millennium Garden	Invoice	£91.25	Direct	Maintenance of assets	
TOTAL			£808.46			

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

c) To increase the 2020-21 Maintenance of Assets budget by £500 to £2,000 to allow payment of items 11 (e)-(j).

Resolved: To approve this budget increase. £500 will be moved from 'Contingency' to 'Maintenance of Assets'.

d) To discuss the budget for the following year to be finalised at the January 2021 meeting.

Resolved: That the budget will be discussed further and the precept set at the parish council meeting on 12th January 2021.

127/20 Correspondence for discussion

a) Email from 'Runthrough' re 2021 Leicestershire Half Marathon scheduled for Sun 28th Feb 2021 starting & finishing at Prestwold Hall (includes map).

Resolved: To note the contents of this email.

128/20 To agree items for inclusion in the press release
Happy Christmas (website copy), Happy New Year (Link copy), Neighbourhood Watch, Plantation grant has been agreed.

129/20 The next Parish Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30 p.m. unless advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22 p.m.

These minutes are a true and accurate record _____ Date _____
Cllr A Carr, Chairman.