

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2nd February 2021

Minutes of a meeting of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held virtually on 2nd February 2021 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 (arrived at 19.47), Borough Councillor Bokor, Mrs S Massey (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

145/20 To receive apologies for absence.

Resolved: None.

146/20 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 152/20d, she is a friend of the applicant.

147/20 To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

Resolved: To approve and sign.

148/20 Questions/comments from the floor (limited to 15 minutes).

Resident A expressed his concern regarding P/19/0041/2 Land off Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL and P/20/2322/2 Land off Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL. Resident A, having watched the plans committee recording in relation to P/19/0041/2, stated that in his opinion, development control has missed the point regarding the infrastructure of the village and urged the Parish Council to focus on that area. The resident asked if objections from residents are taken into consideration. Cllr Bokor confirmed that all objections are noted and that the Plans Committee are made aware by way of the Officer's report. Cllr Bokor confirmed that the officer's recommended that this application be refused had this application been determined.

Resident B asked why there are now two applications for the same site. Cllr Shields reported that this is normal procedure for developers, one application is at appeal and one is a new application. The reasoning is so that grounds for refusal can be dealt with prior to determination of the new application. The resident asked why was this application was not determined within the timescale. Cllr Shields stated that he could not understand as the report for this application was ready for committee in March 2019 however there was a requirement for additional technical information from the developer. Cllr Shields reported that Richard Bennett, Head of Planning, Charnwood Borough Council, attended the September 2019 Parish Council meeting and gave exactly the same reasons for non-determination, that they were waiting for technical information from the developer.

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Resident C asked how the application for a similar sized development on Loughborough Road was rejected. Cllr Carr stated that this application was determined within the allowed timescale and that Charnwood had a 5 year housing supply in place.

149/20 Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Bokor reported on COVID numbers in Charnwood, currently at national average with 250 cases per 100,000, and the vaccination programme in the Borough.

150/20 County Councillor's report

Cllr Shepherd drew attention to a previously circulated report on flooding which will be tabled at the Cabinet Meeting on Friday 5th February with recommendations made to the panel. Cllr Shields asked that urgent work is undertaken on the flooding at Prestwold. The clerk confirmed that work was ordered by LCC on 30/12/20 and is awaiting inspection.

151/20 Police Report

The police sent the following report: There was no reported crime in Burton on the Wolds or Cotes. Prestwold had 1 x Criminal Damage to a gate reported in the area of Prestwold Lane.

152/20 To make observations and agree any action on the following planning applications:

a) P/20/2322/2 Land off Melton Road, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL

The Parish Council has written to all objectors to P/19/0041/2 and encouraged them to re-send their original comments applying the same objections to this application.

Resolved: To OBJECT to this application using the letter sent on 13/02/2019 as the basis for this objection whilst acknowledging that although there is not a 5 year housing supply, there are things that can outweigh that such as unsustainable location; classed as another settlement in the current local plan and there is no need for additional housing in other settlements; The NPPF policy clauses do give some scope for putting a better case forward; Address the 91 residential apartments recently approved on the Hawker site less than ½ km of this site and the affect that this will have on the amenities in the village; Recent flooding in this area.

Resolved: That the clerk will email Richard Bennett, copy to Cllr Richard Bailey, to request that a different planning officer consider this application to ensure that we have a second opinion and review of the planning application. The Parish Council lack confidence having listened to the report at the plans committee in relation to P/19/0041/2 which seemed to ignore most of the objections sent in by the Parish Council and residents.

Agenda item 8d, minute ref 152/20d was considered.

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

On 20th November 2020, Charnwood Borough Council issued a Certificate of Lawful

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Use or Development allowing the storage of motor vehicles on the blue shaded area of the plan. It was noted that cab units were being parked overnight which is not in the spirit of what they have permission to do.

Resolved: That the clerk contact enforcement with this information.

Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Bokor left the meeting at 20.33.

b) P/20/2355/2 16 Sowters Lane, Burton On The Wolds LE12 5AL

Resolved: Not to comment.

c) Update P/19/0041/2 Land off Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL

This application would have been refused if it had been determined within the timescale and is currently at appeal.

153/20 To receive the Clerk's report including the playground safety checks reports.

The reports were noted.

154/20 To receive reports from councillors

a) Plantation Management Committee

Cllr Best reported that an additional Zoom meeting will be held on 9th February at 10.30 to review the decision at the January meeting to pause formal volunteer sessions and informal work parties. The meeting will consider the need for work in the Plantation, particularly on the paths in the context of the Covid situation. Cllr Cooper reported that most of the documentation has been submitted to LCC Shire Grant. The next full meeting of the Plantation Management Committee will take place virtually on 9th March 2021 at 10.30 a.m.

b) Playing Field Association

Cllr Shields reported that the PFA has taken over the management of the tennis club, this will be confirmed at the next meeting where formal handover will be scheduled. The tennis courts booking system will be moved online and in addition, the tennis courts will be cleaned, funded by the tennis club. Two trustees have joined the PFA, one member responsible for tennis and one member who manages the junior football club. The PFA is considering a 12 month portaloo contract, funded by the PFA and the tennis club. The fete has been postponed until Sunday 3rd July 2022. The next PFA meeting will take place on 15th March and the PFA AGM on 17th May.

Cllr Carr asked about the long term plans to improve the drainage of the field. Cllr Shields stated that the PFA is mindful of this and are considering reduction options.

c) Other Councillors' Reports – for information only.

Cllr Hibbins reported that the flooding in Cotes was an issue as a result of ditches and rivers not being dredged.

Resolved: That the clerk will email LCC to ask that landowners are contacted and asked to dredge their ditches.

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Cllr Shields reported on the Charnwood Borough Council Local Plan virtual briefing, the slide presentation was distributed to councillors prior to this meeting. A report will be going to cabinet on 26th February and it will go to full council on 29th March 2021. The papers for cabinet will be available prior to this meeting.

155/20 Business

- a) To consider Mrs Thomson's offer to represent the Parish Council on the LCC Biodiversity Network.

Resolved: To thank Mrs Thomson and accept her offer.

Resolved: That Cllr Cooper will be Mrs Thomson's direct contact and will be responsible for giving Mrs Thomson's reports to full council.

- b) To consider a donation request from Citizens Advice, Charnwood.

Resolved: Not to donate at this time. The Clerk will advise CA.

156/20 Finance

- a) Financial update:

Account balance @	31/01/2021
Current	1025.00
Reserve/General	18,233.14
Reserve/Bonus	5,617.02
Loughborough B/Society	42,598.81
TOTAL	67,474.97

Balance includes:	
Plantation funds	2,342.66
Neighbourhood Plan	792.91
Lottery/Finding Fitness	4,680.00
Hubbard Rd Land Management	36,896.03

- b) To approve the schedule of payments totalling £1,063.70

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Payments		Feb-21			Month 11	
PAYEE	FOR	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	Type	COST CENTRE	
1 M&BG Ltd	Grounds maintenance	Invoice	£528.00	Direct	Split	
2 LRALC	Internal Audit service	Invoice	£250.00	Direct	Audit	
3 LRALC	Clerk's training	Invoice	£40.00	Direct	Training	
4 The Cartridge People	Toner cartridges	Invoice	£180.80	Direct	Gen admin	
5 The Cartridge People	Toner cartridge	Invoice	£64.90	Direct	Gen admin	
TOTAL			£1,063.70			

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2 LRALC	Internal Audit service	Invoice	£250.00	Direct	Audit	
3 LRALC	Clerk's training	Invoice	£40.00	Direct	Training	
4 The Cartridge People	Toner cartridges	Invoice	£180.80	Direct	Gen admin	
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TOTAL			£1,030.70			

The clerk stated that the grounds maintenance payment is incorrect and should read £495.00. The payment will be increased from the February invoice, payable in March.

Resolved: To approve the amended expenditure of £1,030.70.

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Chairman's signature: _____

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c) To approve the third quarter (Q3) bank reconciliation, accounts summary and forecast of payments & receipts to the year end.

Resolved: To approve the third quarter bank reconciliation, accounts summary and forecast of payments & receipts to the year end.

157/20 Correspondence for discussion

a) Email from a resident regarding verge damage on Huntingdon Close.

The resident has reported this damage to CBC. The clerk has reported this verge damage to LCC.

Resolved: That the Clerk will contact CBC and report the verge damage.

158/20 To agree items for inclusion in the press release

Nesting birds, the Parish Council continues to support residents in their concerns and doing what we can with regard to both planning and flooding issues in the parish.

159/20 The next Parish Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.30 p.m. unless advised otherwise.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.13.

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