

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES AND PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

2nd March 2021

Minutes of a meeting of Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held virtually on 2nd March 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, Borough Councillor Bokor, Tracey Sowerby on behalf of Leicestershire County Council, Mrs S Massey (Clerk), no members of the public

160/20 To receive apologies for absence.

Resolved: None.

161/20 Disclosures of interests, disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests or personal interests that could lead to bias, by Parish Councillors to items on the agenda.
None.

162/20 To approve the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting.

Resolved: To approve and sign.

163/20 Questions/comments from the floor (limited to 15 minutes).

Tracey Sowerby attended to introduce herself as the community recovery worker representing Leicestershire County Council. This department provides a point of contact and in addition undertakes test and trace, lateral flow testing, safe and well checks, delivery of food parcels and are supporting communities to build resilience following COVID whilst working alongside other services.

It was agreed that Cllr Bokor's report be moved to item 7, minute reference 166/20.

164/20 County Councillor's report

Cllr Shepherd gave an update on the scrutiny flooding report. Cabinet has approved all recommendations.

165/20 Police Report

Sgt Paul Bird attended and introduced himself as the new beat sergeant for our area. Sgt Bird confirmed that further speed checks will take place as soon as staff become available. Cllr Carr asked about the recent spate of 'dog-napping'. Sgt Bird asked that any local intelligence is passed directly to his team.

The Clerk reported that there was no police report available.

166/20 Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Bokor reported that the COVID numbers in the Wolds, Rearsby and Cossington

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have reduced to zero at this time and that this was testament to all those who have stuck to the rules. Cllr Bokor further reported that Leicester still has the second highest positive COVID tests in England.

Cllr Bokor has been contacted by the developer working on behalf of the poultry farm. A planning application on this site is expected by 15th March 2021. Cllr Bokor noted that this is the preferred site in the Wolds Neighbourhood Plan.

A planning application (pre-application advice) has been received on the Hawker site on Melton Road for 100 houses. The Parish Council will meet virtually on Monday 9th March 2021 to formulate a response. The clerk reported that the Parish Council has yet to receive a response to their letter dated 10th November 2020 or subsequent email sent on 11th January 2021, furthermore, another email had been sent on 1st March 2021.

Resolved: That the clerk will contact Jane Hunt's office and ask that this matter is escalated.

Cllr Shepherd and Cllr Bokor left the meeting 20.23

167/20 To make observations and agree any action on the following planning applications:

a) P/20/2126/2 15 St Andrews Close, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5TJ

Resolved: Not to comment.

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

This item was discussed under minute reference 166/20. This application is currently at appeal.

c) Update P/20/2322/2 Land off Melton Rd, Burton on the Wolds LE12 5AL

This item was discussed under minute reference 166/20. This application was deferred at the plans committee.

168/20 To receive the Clerk's report including the playground safety checks reports.

The reports were noted.

169/20 To receive reports from councillors

a) Plantation Management Committee

Cllr Best reported that 9 trees have been felled as part of the felling programme. The felling generated a small pile of chippings which will be spread when restrictions allow. The next Plantation Management meeting will take place virtually on 9th March at 10.30 a.m.

b) Playing Field Association

Cllr Shields reported that the tennis courts have been cleaned and that the exercise graphics for the concrete slab have been ordered. The next meeting PFA will be held

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virtually on 15th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

c) Other Councillors' Reports – for information only.

Cllr Cooper reported that the Biodiversity Network is being set up by Leicestershire County Council and our PC has applied to be involved. With Spring fast approaching it would be worth reminding people of Nature spot, where individuals can record the species they spot in the area. Our biodiversity representative would be willing to help people get started on this and particularly encourages them to record the common sightings as well as the unusual.

Cllr Hibbins reported that dredging by landowners should be dealt with to relieve flooding.

Cllr Shields confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan will go to referendum on 6th May 2021.

170/20 Business

a) To receive the *draft* Plantation meeting minutes of 19/01/21 and 09/02/21.

Resolved: To note these minutes.

b) To approve the updated Internal Audit Review checklist.

Resolved: To approve this checklist.

c) To approve expenditure of up to £250.00 for plants and compost for the planters.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

d) To approve expenditure of £25 for LRALC Common Land training for Cllr Shields.

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

e) To agree the plans for the Annual Parish meeting in May.

Resolved: This meeting will be held virtually in line with current legislation.

171/20 Finance

a) Financial update:

Account balance @	28/02/2021
Current	1,000.00
Reserve/General	16,067.53
Reserve/Bonus	5,617.06
Loughborough B/Society	42,598.81
TOTAL	65,283.40

Balance includes:	
Plantation funds	2,342.66
Neighbourhood Plan	792.91
Lottery/Finding Fitness	4,680.00
Hubbard Rd Land Management	36,623.93

b) To approve the schedule of payments totalling £1,244.77

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Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council - Schedule of Receipts and Payments						
Payments			Mar-21		Month 12	
PAYEE	FOR	INVOICE NO.	AMOUNT	Type	COST CENTRE	
1 M&BG Ltd	Grounds maintenance	Invoice	£517.00	Direct	Split	
2 Commune	Website provision	Invoice	£510.00	Direct	Gen admin	
3 Leicestershire County Council	Street lighting recharge - Prestwold	Invoice	£144.79	Direct	Village amenities	
4 LRALC	Training	Invoice	£40.00	Direct	Training	
5 S Massey	Zoom provision/mileage (Precept delivery)	Claim form	£32.38	Direct	Gen admin	
TOTAL			£1,244.17			

Resolved: To approve this expenditure.

172/20 Correspondence for discussion

a) Temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO) relating to the closure of Wymeswold Lane on 7th March 2021.

Resolved: To note the details of this TTRO.

b) Email from a resident regarding dog fouling specifically on Seymour Road.

Resolved: That the Parish Council is happy with the clerk's response to the resident, that they sympathise and will continue to monitor and take action as appropriate.

173/20 To agree items for inclusion in the press release

P/21/0165/2, Donation of elm trees by Goscote Nurseries, dog fouling, Nature Spot

174/20 The next Parish Council meeting will take place on virtually on Tuesday 6th April 2021 at 7.30 p.m. unless advised otherwise and will be preceded by the Village Hall Management Committee meeting at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20

These minutes are a true and accurate record _____ Date _____

Cllr A Carr, Chairman.