

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE CORONATION HALL BURROWBRIDGE**

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Mike Jay informed the Parish Council that his relationship with the Owner’s of the King Alfred Pub is not currently harmonious and confirmed to the meeting that any observations he has made with regard Planning Application 51/19/0003 are open, honest and transparent and he does not have any Pecuniary Interest.

**477. Welcome:** S.Kirk, S. Wilton, M.Swan, M. Jay, L Hall, I. Foster, D.Fothergill, D.House

**478. Apologies:** D.Graham, P.Stone,

**479. Minutes of April’s Meeting:** These were signed once the action points were checked.

**480. Public Question & Answer session:** Andy Flay, a resident of Burrowbridge, attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council about the PC’s observations made on Planning application 51/19/0003.

**481. Matters arising from the previous Minutes:**

**482. Finance**

- a. **Update on Finances:** DH informed the meeting that there is £12,355.15 in the Active Saver Account, £141.71 in the Community Account and £2462.17 in The Coach House Account. The Precept of £6,000 has been credited into the Active Saver Account. To meet outgoing cheques, the Clerk was authorised to transfer £250.00 Proposed SK, seconded DG. **Action: DH**
- b. **Clerk’s Expenses** a. The Clerk’s presented her expenses from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 until 30th April 2019. Which included an invoice paid by the Clerk to “Signs Express” for the purchase of 3 banners to advertise the APM. This was proposed by SK and seconded by SW. **Action: DH**
- c. **Annual Audit:** The Clerk present the accounts to the Chairman for checking and signing prior to be presented to the internal auditor. **Action: DH**
- d. Any other financial issues – There were none.

**483. Planning. a. Application No.51/19/0005: Replacement of various extensions with the erection of a single storey and a two storey extension to the front, first floor extension to the side, raised terrace with alterations to fenestration and the replacement of an outbuilding at Stanmoor View, Stathe Road, Burrowbridge.** The Councillors had no objections to this planning application. **Action: DH**

**b. Application No. 51/19/0003 Change of use of holiday let accommodation to residential dwelling at The King Alfred, Burrowbridge. (retention of works already undertaken.)** This application was received on the day of the meeting and to prevent a delay until the next monthly meeting it was agreed to discuss the planning application. The Councillors observations which have been forwarded to the Planning Department are:

- (i). That the Planning Department need to be aware that there was a breach in a previous planning application where a holiday let is being used as a private dwelling. 51/15/0012 & 51/15/0013. Planning application for “change of use” was not submitted before the use of the holiday let changed to a private dwelling.
- (ii). There are concerns over the reduction in size of the pub carpark which is one of the causes of an overflow of car parking on Riverside. This road is regularly being used by heavy and agricultural vehicles. LH informed AF that the corner of Riverside is a parking danger for parked cars. The Police has been informed of the dangerous parking. A request for yellow lines to Highways has been submitted. Cars have been damaged.
- (iii). It is felt that the owners are not maintaining repairs to the Grade II listed main building.

c. Andrew Flay attended the meeting as a concerned resident and asked the Parish Council a number of questions: **a. Was the decision rushed?** The Clerk informed AF that all Planning Applications are thoroughly checked, read and discussed. The decision was not rushed through. **b. Were the PC unanimous is the decision?** Yes. **c. Did any of the Councillors declare “Declaration of Interest”?** Yes, Mike Jay informed the meeting that the relationship between himself and the owners are not currently

harmonious due to a personal issue. **d. The response was not detailed enough.** The PC disagreed with this comment.

The PC informed the meeting that evidence in regard to parking on Riverside has been discussed on a number of monthly meetings. Carparking has been reduced by a private garden.

The Landlady has moved into a dwelling which is currently classed as a Holiday Let this is in breach of Planning Applications 51/15/0012 & 51/15/0013. **e. AF asked the PC to review their original decision.** The PC respected this request and also spoke with the Planning Department and also took advice from the County Councillor and the PC re-considered and reviewed their original observations and the original decision stands. The Planning Department informed the Clerk that a number of letters have been received. The Planning Department explained that will only consider comments relevant to the Planning Application. If the PC did want to change their original comments, the original comments will still be available for public reading. The Planning Department are aware of breach of the previous planning applications. The Clerk also invited Mrs Webster, the Landlady to attend the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019. But she declined.

MJ informed the PC that as Chairman of the Village Hall, he was informed that motorists had been given permission by somebody to park in the Village Hall. This is incorrect.

**484. Highways: a. Works on Riverside:** This work has now been completed.

**b. Bend at West Yeo Road :** The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has been contacted about what signage historically to warn motorists about the sharp bend. It was discussed that a black & white chevron sign was there very near to the "no through road" sign. David Fothergill advised the Clerk to contact Jo Sharp of Highways. The Clerk said that she would take some photos which would help Highways to identify where a warning sign is needed.

**Action: DH**

**485. Footpaths:** Nothing to report

**486. Parish Land:** Nothing to report

**487. The Coach House:** Nothing to report

**488. Flood Resilience:** Mike Jay informed the PC that the purchase of a container has been discussed at the Village Hall meeting. Discussions are still in progress.

**Action: MJ/SK**

**489. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters:** Nothing to report

**490. SALC:** Nothing to report.

**491. National Trust/Burrow Mump Car Park.** Nothing to report

**493. Correspondence: a. Dog Fouling:** A resident contacted the Clerk asking if there was anything the PC could do to ask Dog Walkers to pick up the Dog Poo left by their dogs during their doggy walks. Notices have been put on all the PC notice boards and website. And there is an article in the forthcoming Bridge Magazine

**Action: DH**

**494. Items of information Council Only. a. Election Paperwork,** The Councillors completed paperwork from the local elections in relation to any expenses incurred. None was incurred.

**Action: DH**

**b. Cider Press.** Ian Foster and Mike Jay will be arranging the collection and storage of the cider press which was gifted to the restoration of the Coach House

**Action: IF/MJ**

**c. Margaret "Maggie" Payton:** It was with great sadness that we were informed of Margaret "Maggie" Payton's passing at Easter. Margaret served as the Parish Clerk for 17 years as well as being a founder member of the Bridgekidz Craft Workshops. Margaret was awarded the Somerset County Councils Chairman's award in recognition of the valuable work she did for the Parish, especially during the Floods in 2014. She will be sadly missed by the people of Burrowbridge and her many friends. Our thoughts are with Charles and Sarah at this sad time.

**495. Matters to be reported.**

**496. Date & Time of next meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019**

**Close of meeting: 8.50 PM**