

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 3rd December 2019 AT 7.30PM IN THE CORONATION HALL BURROWBRIDGE**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – There was none

593. Welcome: S.Kirk, S.Wilton, D.Graham, M. Jay, M. Swan, L.Hall, D.House

594. Apologies: I.Foster, P.Stone, S.Buller

Presentation from Somerset Rivers Authority Community Engagement Team. The Parish Council welcomed Dawn James & Emma Giffard who gave an informative presentation to the meeting. The PC has asked for a Presentation to be delivered at the next APM. Dawn & Emma have said that they are happy to attend. **Action: DH**

595. Minutes of November's Meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked.

596. Public Question & Answer session: None

597. Matters arising from the previous Minutes:

a. Finger Posts – No update

b. Notice Board Repair – Work in Progress **Action: MJ**

598. Finance a. Update on Finances: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £10,232.73 in the Active Saver Account, £1581.39 in the Community Account. The Active Saver Account is running with a high balance due to a planned purchase of a storage container. £462.17 in The Coach House Account. This balance has been reduced due to a request that a donation to be returned. **Action: DH**

c. Parish Clerk's Salary: November's Salary for the Clerk was authorised. SK Proposed, DG seconded. **Action: DH**

d. Any other Financial Issues: There were none.

599. Planning. Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans) of application 51/18/0007 at the Former Burrowbridge School, School Lane, Burrowbridge. No further comments.

600. Highways: Parking on the Riverside Junction Parking: The Clerk informed the meeting that there had been some discussions on the NEXTDOOR community discussions APP. The Clerk has spoken to the Traffic Management Department who is going to send an engineer out to look at the area as it might be practical to have a chevron painted on the narrowest section of the road. This will not be until the New Year. Also, the complaint that a "sharp bend warning sign" is missing at West Yeo Saltmoor. The Traffic Management Department has said that there has never been a warning sign travelling towards Burrowbridge. However, they will send out an engineer to survey the area. There has been a delay in moving forward with these requests as the person who was originally dealing with the issue, has moved to another Department. **Action: DH**

601. Footpaths: Update from Parish Path Liaison Officers – Unfortunately Chris and Brian were unable to attend the meeting. Brian did submit a report saying that the Footpaths are clear but very muddy.

602. Parish Land: A team from the Community Service will be working on the Parish Garden and adjoining small piece of land approximately 3 times a year. The cost will be £30 + VAT for each day. This will support Brian who will continue doing the light work which will allow the garden to be developed so it will be more presentable to see.

603. The Coach House: a. Pre-planning Application: A meeting with the Planning Department has been conducted on site. DG has been advised that it could be difficult to get planning permission mainly due to the close proximity to the A361. There will also need to be a flood risk assessment and a tree survey. DG will give a more detailed update in The Bridge Magazine. The expenditure to get a planning application ready for submitting to the Planning Department will cost between £3K - £5K. Currently there is only £462.17 in the Coach House Account. **Action: DG**

604. Flood Resilience: a. Container: SW has looked at a couple of containers but they were not suitable. It is felt that a container cannot be put into position until the land is dry. **Action: SW**

b. Flood Resilience Volunteers – DG has a list of names of residents who would like to join the team of Flood Wardens. A meeting will be planned for the New Year. **Action: DH/DG**

605. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: Nothing to report

606. SALC: Nothing to report

607. National Trust/Burrow Mump Car Park. Nothing to report

608. Correspondence: a. Nothing to Report

609. Items of information Council Only.

a. Electric Vehicle Community Charger – The Clerk has conducted some initial enquiries about the process and cost of installing a Vehicle Community Charger. Due to the cost this will not be considered in the near future.

b. David Fothergill informed the meeting that if/when approval is given for the new housing development, the Parish Council can choose the street names.

610. Matters to be reported.

Date & Time of next meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 4th February 2020

Close of meeting: 9 PM

Signed: Date: Tuesday 7th January 2020

Steve Kirk, Chairman