

**MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th February 2020 AT 7.30PM IN THE CORONATION HALL BURROWBRIDGE**

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – There was none

630. Welcome: S.Kirk, D.Graham, I.Foster, M. Jay, M. Swan, D.Fothergill, D.House

631. Apologies: S.Wilton, L.Hall, P.Stone, S.Buller

632. Minutes of January's Meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked.

633. Question & Answer session: Mrs D Nichols attended the meeting to discuss with the PC their ideas and plans for the Coach House. The Chairman briefed Mrs Nichols on previous meeting and action points about the Coach House. The PC informed Mrs Nichols that due to the building becoming unsafe and also the cost to rebuild the building, the PC would like to develop the area into a garden with a seating area. Mrs Nichols presented plans on how the garden could look. The PC welcomed the drawings and informed Mrs Nichols that this is very much like what the PC would like to do. Brian Walker, gardener, will leave a 2-metre clearance around the Coach House whilst waiting for the works to start. **Action: All**

634. Matters arising from the previous Minutes: a. Parking at Riverside: The parking which is causing obstruction at Riverside has been raised with the Police who have said that no parking offences have occurred and that the matter needs to be raised with Traffic Management, Highways. The PC is still waiting to hear from Traffic Management. A request has also been made asking for a salt bin and a warning sign to be installed at the sharp bend on the West Yeo Road and for the flood warning signs to be collected. **Action: DH**

635. Finance a. Update on Finances: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £10,252.62 in the Active Saver Account. £1,042.15 in the Community Account. £171.17 in The Coach House Account. **Action: DH**

b. Village Hall Rent: An Invoice for the annual hire of the Hall was submitted for £275.00. Proposed by SK, seconded by DG. **Action: DH**

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

d. Any other Financial Issues: There were none.

636. Planning: No Planning applications were received.

637. Highways: a. Flooding on Stathe Road: With the recent floods on our local roads the Parish Council have been informed by the relevant departments of the following: The drains on Moorland Road are on a Bi-annual programme as they are considered not as susceptible to flooding and the blockage issues as experienced in the Stathe Road area. The next planned inspect is due by the 7th November 2020. The Highway Superintendent will reactively inspect the location and if there is a potential risk to flooding of property or personal injury the gullies will be reactively cleaned out. County Roads felt that the gullies are being filled by soil/debris which are falling off tractors/vehicles/lorries etc throughout the year and road sweeping is only carried out every 4 years. This situation has been raised with Somerset West & Taunton Council who have agreed to sweep these roads every year in October and December. **Action: DH**

b. Warning sign on West Yeo Road: An update still has not been received. **Action: DH**

c. Salt Bins and ice warning signs: An update still has not been received. **Action: DH**

- d. Abandoned warning signs:** The Chairman asked the Clerk to remind Highways to collect the warning signs. **Action: DH**
- 638. Footpaths:** Nothing to Report
- 639. Parish Land: a. Fence adjoining Walkies Farm:** A quote has been received but the PC are still discussing the repair of the hedge. **Action: ALL**
- 640. The Coach House:** Please see the Public Question & Answer session.
- 641. Flood Resilience:** DG informed the meeting that there are 3 new Flood Resilience Officers, Jane Brookhouse, Harry Paget-Wilkes and Dave Walker. **Action: DG**
- b. Purchase of Storage Container:** Work in Progress. **Action: SW**
- 642. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters:** Nothing to report
- 643. SALC:** Nothing to report
- 644. National Trust/Burrow Mump Car Park.** Nothing to report
- 645. Annual Parish Meeting:** The date for this year's APM will be 19th May 2020. Damon Bridge, RSPB, has confirmed that he will be delighted to deliver a presentation at the APM. The PC will ask Damon to talk to us about the Crane Project, Owls, Cuckoos and any changes which may be happening on the Somerset Levels. **Action: DH**
- 646. Correspondence: a.** The PC has received a complaint but as the letter was not signed no action will be taken. The Clerk was asked to explained in the Bridge Magazine that any anonymous letters are ignored and disposed of. **Action: DH**
- 647. Items of information Council Only. a. Oak Lodge:** This will be carried forward onto the next month's meeting. **Action: DH**
- 648. Matters to be reported.**

Date & Time of next meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 7th April 2020

Close of meeting: 2050

Signed: Date: Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Steve Kirk, Chairman