

MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 7th May 2024

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

Welcome: S. Kirk, Chairman, S. Wilton, Vice Chairman, M.Jay, L.Jeanes, David Fothergill, District Councillor, D.House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: H.Husain, N.McGrath, J. Jeanes, N. Cavell

Members of the Public: 6 Members of the Public attended the meeting

1324. Minutes of April's meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked.

1325. Question & Answer Session: 6 members of the public attended the meeting to discuss Planning Application 51/24/0003

1326. Matters arising from the previous Minutes: There were none

1327. Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £14,773.46 in the Business Savings Account. £875.53 in the Community Account. £437.78 in The Coach House Account.

b. PRECEPT: The Clerk confirmed that PRECEPT of £10,000 have been credited into the Active Saver Account.

c. Parish Clerk's Salary. The Clerk's presented her April's Salary. SK proposed, SW seconded

d. Parish Clerk's Expenses: The Clerk presented her expenses for £24.14. Proposed SK, seconded SW.

e. End of year accounts: The Clerk confirmed that the end of year financial accounts have been submitted to the Internal Auditor, Tony McKenzie.

f. Gallagher- Annual Insurance Renewal: The Clerk presented the annual insurance renewal £717.16. SK proposed, SW seconded. The policy has been updated and approved by the Chairman.

g. Telephone Box Library Electricity Invoice: An electricity Invoice for the Community Library was received for £49.29. This is for 9 years use of electricity. Contact details and Usage information have been updated with NPOWER. **Action: DH**

e. Any Other financial issues: Nothing to Report

1328. Planning Application: 51/24/0002: a. Installation of solar array for the farms own use and the farms holiday accommodation at Walkers Farm, Bullplace Bridge Road, Stathe. The Parish Councillors agreed unanimously to write a letter of complaint to the Head of Planning asking for an investigation into why this planning application has been allowed to go ahead and be installed without planning permission eventhough planning and Enforcement planning was informed when building commenced. **Action: DH**

b. Planning Application: 51/24/0003: Change of use of land from agricultural to use Class B in association with vehicle repair garage at Stanmoor Garage, Stanmoor road, Burrowbridge (retention of works already taken). The applicants and 2 residents met with the Parish Councillors to discuss concerns and proposed changes to the above planning application. The Parish Council supported this planning application but with conditions. **Action: DH**

Planning Application: 51/12/0004: Erection of extension to garage for workshop and carport with alterations to roof and installation of 3 No. roof lights at Stathe Court Farmhouse, Bullplace Bridge Road, Stathe The Parish Council fully supported this planning application. **Action: DH**

1329. Highways: The Clerk informed the meeting that there were concerns from residents about the closure of Cutts Road and Mere Green Road being closed at the same time. David Fothergill explained to the meeting, that the work on both areas was critical and the dates of the closure could not be re-scheduled. However, it was acknowledged that Wessex Water did open the road at Mere Green at every opportunity.

1330. Footpaths: Nothing to report

1331. Parish Land: a. The PC agreed for risk assessments to be completed on the library telephone box and the community picnic area. MJ said he would carry out the risk assessments when the templates are available. **Action: DH**

1332. The Coach House: Nothing to Report

1333. Flood Resilience: Nothing to Report

1334. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: Nothing to Report

1335. SALC: Nothing to report

1336. Correspondence: Sue Buller, retired District Councillor, informed the Parish Council that AIRBAND have confirmed “that due to unforeseen developments, the build and others have been put on hold whilst an internal build strategy review takes place.”

1337. LCN: Nothing to report

1338. Annual Parish Meeting: The Chairman briefed the meeting on the timetable for the APM to be held on 14th May 2024. **Action: All**

1339. Items of Information Council Only: a. **Grass Land Management** – The Chairman discussed with the meeting the changes this year with regards to SCC reduction in managing the cutting of verges and hedges. Where appropriate and safe, grassland areas will be allowed to rewild, set seed and improve conditions for nature to flourish. For safety and visibility, on wider verges only a 12 metre swathe is cut and the remainder of the verge is left. The annual verge grass cutting schedule for this year will be uploaded to the [roadside grass cutting web page](#). The Parish Councillors will contact a local contractor to ask if specific verges and hedges could be cut and will have to be paid for by the Parish Council. David Fothergill informed the meeting that SCC are still responsible for repairing large pot holes. **Action: ALL**

Matters to be reported:

Steve Kirk, Chairman:

Date: 4th June 2024

Close of Meeting: 2050

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