

MINUTES FOR THE BURROWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 5th November 2024

A meeting was not held in October

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: There were none

Welcome: S.Kirk, M. Jay J. Jeanes, N. McGrath, N. Cavell, D. House, Parish Clerk

Apologies: S. Wilton, H. Husain, D. Fothergill

Members of the Public: Non Attended

1371. Minutes of September's meeting: These were signed once the action points were checked. A meeting was not held in October.

1372. Question & Answer Session: There were none

1373. Matters arising from the previous Minutes: There were none

1374. Finance: a. Update on Finance: The Clerk informed the meeting that there is £10,038.92 in the Business Savings Account. £631.24 in the Community Account. £437.78 in The Coach House Account.

b. Parish Clerk's Salary. The Clerk's presented her October Salary. SK proposed, N. McG seconded

c. NALC Annual Pay Award: The Clerk informed the meeting that the NALC pay award for Parish Clerks have been awarded wef April 2024.

d. Parish Clerk's Expenses: The Clerk presented her expenses for £32.13 which included a purchase for a Remembrance Flag. SK proposed and N. McG seconded.

e. St Michael's Church: The annual Church Grant £315.00 was authorised by SK and seconded by N. McGrath. The Church Committee sent their appreciation to the PC for continuing to pay this Grant.

f. Any Other financial issues: Nothing to Report

1375. Planning Application: a. 51/24/0007/CQ Application for Prior Approval for proposed change of use from agricultural building into 2 dwelling houses (Class C3) and associated building operations at Grange Farm, Bullplace Bridge Road, Stathe. The meeting supported this application but made an observation that there isn't any recreational area (Garden) around the properties. **ACTION: DH**

b. Enforcement Notice: Stanmoor Road: The Clerk informed the meeting that Planning Enforcement has visited the site again and issued an Enforcement Warning Notice to the Owner.

1376. Highways: a. Closure of the M5: The Clerk reported to the meeting about the concerns from residents on the huge impact the traffic has on our local roads whenever the M5 is closed. The concern has been raised with David Fothergill who informed the meeting that Unfortunately, when a major arterial road is closed, the travelling public will try to find alternative routes. There are no real options to prevent this happening. On the positive side, the M5 does run smoothly 99% of the time.

b. Thorngrove, Middlezoy: A call has been logged with Highways who will check the area but it is not a priority. The Chairman has asked for DEFRA to be informed. The Clerk has tried to speak to Middlezoy Parish Clerk without a reply but will try again. A call has been logged with the EA who, if there is a concern, will inform DEFRA. **Action: DH**

c. Watermain Replacement: The digging of trial holes was successfully completed during the recent road closure and Wessex Water would like to thank customers for their patience, understanding and co-operation while these investigations were carried out. This investigative work has helped with planning continued repair work which will take place in 2025 over two further phases. The installation is expected to take place in **APRIL 2025 during the Easter holidays & JULY 2025 during the school summer holidays.** Once these dates have been agreed with Somerset Council, Wessex Water will inform the Parish Council and fully outline how this will be communicated to customers and communities.

1377. Footpaths: Nothing to Report

1378. Parish Land: a. Community Garden: It was agreed at the meeting that the Gardener, Brian Walker, will be contracted to work 2 hours per week. This will be worked on a rolling contract depending on the weather. **Action: DH**

1379. The Coach House: Nothing to Report

1380. Flood Resilience: Nothing to Report

1381. Neighbourhood Watch/Police Matters: Nothing to Report

1382. SALC: Nothing to report

1383. Correspondence: Post Box Stanmoor Road: The Post Box is in place but it has not been commissioned.

1384. LCN: Nothing to report

1385. APM: The History of Burrowbridge: The Clerk informed the meeting that as yet, there hasn't been any interest in gathering historical information about Burrowbridge. The clerk was advised to contact the Chairman of the SW Heritage Club. **Action: DH**

1386. Items of Information Council Only:

a. Remembrance Silhouette: The figures will be in place in time for Remembrance Day. Due to the difficulty in securing them into the ground. They will be removed at a later date until they can be in place securely.

b. Christmas Trees: Two Christmas trees have been ordered and will be in place early December.

Action: DH/SK

c. Othery Speed Plan: Othery Parish Council are doubtful that they will be successful in reducing the speed limit. There aren't any accident blackspots to support the business case.

d. Cider Press: As soon as the cider press has been measured, a shed will be purchased to store the cider press. **Action: DH/MJ**

e. King Alfred: Assets of Community Value Nomination Form, with regards to the future of the King Alfred, whereby the Parish Council submits their interest to protect that the King Alfred as Public House and not to be sold as a dwelling has been submitted and acknowledged by Somerset Council.

f. RSPB: The Community Engagement Officer – Greater Sedgemoor Landscape Recovery Project will be attending the monthly meeting to be held on 7th January 2025. The aim of the presentation is to explain the project in more detail. **Action: DH**

Matters to be reported:

Steve Kirk, Chairman:

Date: 3rs December 2024

Close of Meeting: 2050