

Burgh Castle Parish Council

Chairman: Trevor Greenacre Vice Chairman: Bob Grimmer

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 at Burgh Castle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs T. Greenacre (Chair), B. Grimmer, W. Griffiths, J. Hogg, P. Nichols, B. Swan, K. Palmer (Clerk), and 11 members of the public including County Cllr Smith.

The public section commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

-It was reported the Stepshort Road through the the New Road mini roundabout is in a terrible condition. However it was updated that the stretch of road is not due to be resurfaced until 2019

-County Cllr Smith reported the Mill Lane trees will be cut back at the same time the Water company are closing Mill Road in early spring, this is to avoid having to disrupt the road on two separate occasions.

-If there is any money left from the Highways budget County Cllr Smith confirmed he will fund some of the Parish element of the Parish Partnership Scheme, Church Triangle project.

-Cllr Swan reported after inspecting the Cherry Tree Corner more work is needed by Highways to cut back the area. A longer length of the path still needs clearing and some of the lower tree branches need clipping back. County Cllr Smith to report this to Highways Dept.

-The following road closures were reported: Stepshort for 5 days from 12th Feb for a Gas connection. High Road at the end of March, (date TBC) for connections to new properties at the Queens Head. For Butt Lane it is thought the road will be closed from 2nd April for four weeks for Essex and Suffolk Water, however this date is yet to be confirmed.

It was agreed when the road is closed arrangements must be in place to ensure the village is still serviced by the bus company. County Cllr Smith stated he will be looking into this.

-Lastly County Cllr Smith stated he has recinded, and therefore will not be accepting the 11% payrise which has been agreed by the majority of Norfolk County Cllrs.

-The issue of the A143 Fritton flooding was generally discussed. It was stated NCC highways are having all of the road gulleys pumped out and will then be inspected and checked for damage. The land owner is also building some dams and earth mounds to help alleviate the water flowing onto the road.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.50pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Austin and Borough Cllrs Myers and Lawn. To accept the apologies Proposed Cllr Grimmer, Seconded Cllr Nichols. All In Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meeting held on the 11/12/17 had been prior circulated by the Clerk to all members. To accept the minutes as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Grimmer, Seconded Cllr Swan. All In Favour Yes 5, Cllr Hogg Abstained as was not present at the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

-The next CLT meeting will be held on 24th January, 7.30pm at Burgh Castle Village Hall.

-It was agreed for the Clerk to try and arrange multi Council training on the new General Data Protection Regulations. The County Officer has stated he would run a training session for approx 20 delegates on a suitable evening for £200. It was agreed to proceed if three other Councils are prepared to share the cost.

5. PLANNING

06/17/0691/F 71 Butt Lane (plot 3) Retrospective app to vary cond 2 design changes
 This application was objected to because of the lack of adequate on site parking provided.
 06/17/0787/F Strawlands, Mill Road New extension to rear of bungalow
 No objections to the above application.
 Applications Granted:
 06/17/0725/F Burgh Hall Holiday Park Change of use from 20 pitches to 15 Statics
 06/17/0691/F 71 Butt Lane (plot 3) Retrospective app to vary condition 2

6. SPEED WATCH

There was no report this month.

7. CHERRY TREE CORNER

Please refer to the public section minute.

It was also reported haunching is needed on Mill Road outside the Burgh Castle Nursery fence. Also on Mill Road/Market Road on the left hand side near Crows Farm there are holes that need filling. Both matters the Clerk to report to NCC Highways.

8. VILLAGE SIGN/PLANTER

Cllr Grimmer reported the works will start in mid February so the spring planting can commence in March.

9. NCC PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

There was nothing to report for the Parish Partnership, however it was agreed to notify Caroline Davison that some of the pathways around the Fort are looking as though they are in a bad state of repair, it is thought this may be due to the tractor having to use them regularly.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cheque Number	Detail	Amount
101204	Kate Palmer salary 376.64 less tax £75.20	£301.44
101205	Nina Dockerty wage	£78.75
101206	Sage Gardening	£394.75
101207	HMRC Kate Palmer tax 75.20	£75.20
101208	K. Palmer telephone/broadband Dec, Jan, Feb, March 2018	£40.00
101209	Burgh Castle Village Hall donation towards maintenance (2017/18 budget)	£2,000.00
101210	Burgh Castle Village Hall – room hire April 2017-March 2018	£121.00
	Total	£3,011.14

To propose payment for the above sheet Cllr Swan, Seconded Cllr Nichols. All In Favour.

11. BUTT LANE & STEPSHORT WATER MAINS

Please refer to the public section minute.

12. BUTT LANE ROAD CLOSURE

Please refer to the public section minute.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA, PLUS TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

-Parish Partnership Scheme -Speed Watch -Cherry Tree Corner -Internal Auditor
 -Village Road Closures/Water Mains

The next meeting is Monday 12^h February 2018 at 7.30pm

With no further business the meeting finished at 8.07pm