

Burgh Castle Parish Council

Chairman: Brian Swan Vice Chairman: Bob Grimmer

Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 at Burgh Castle Village Hall

Present: Cllrs B Swan (Chair), B. Grimmer, J. Hogg, M Greenacre, P. Carter, W. Griffiths, K. Palmer (Clerk), and 35 members of the public including Borough Cllr Myers and County Cllr Smith.

The public section commenced at 7.30pm

PUBLIC SECTION

-The Chairman reported the sad news that former Parish Council Vice Chairman Eric Foster has passed away. Mr Foster served on the Parish Council for approximately 17 years and will be greatly missed. A minutes silence followed.

-Following the recent heavy rainfall the previous weekend it has reported there had been significant flooding effecting some properties in Hilldrop Cottages. A recording of the flooding to the rear of the properties has been provided which will be passed onto the Clerk and County Cllr Smith who will report to NCC Highways that all the drains from Folkes Pit down to Hill Drop Cottages, and also Mill Road, need cleaning / pumping.

-It was reported there is a great amount of silt the length Lords Lane which needs clearing.

-County Cllr Smith confirmed he will be report all drain issues to Paul Sellick, Highways Engineer.

-Cllr Myers reported the GYBC Plan 2020-2025 is being developed with a great amount of detail, he will report relevant issues from it as it develops.

With no further business the main meeting commenced at 7.39

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Nichols. To accept the apology Cllr Swan, Seconded Cllr Grimmer. All In Favour.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Greenacre and Nichols – Belton with Browston Parish Council.

Cllr Greenacre – Parochial Church Council, Burgh Castle Village Hall Committee & Burgh Castle Playing Field Committee. Cllr Swan – Burgh Castle Playing field Committee

Cllr Griffiths – Planning application 06/19/0503/F Threeways, Mill Rd

Cllr Carter – Planning application FUL/2019/0040 & FUL/2019/0039 Welcome Pit and agenda item

7- Butt Lane double yellow lines consultation.

The meeting was reopened at 7.41pm for members of public to voice comments in connection relating to the follow planning applications:

3. WELCOME PIT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

-FUL/2019/0040 Welcome Pit- Variation of Conditions to allow operational area to serve northern extension

-FUL/2019/0039 Welcome Pit – Northern extension to pit. with extraction of gravel and sand.

Agent Mr Stephen Dawe addressed the meeting to outline both planning applications.

Mr Dawe reported the current permission is due to end in 2025 however building sand which is extracted from the site has already run out which is why the application is being applied for.

As a condition of the application if granted would include improvements to the sites access such as new road markings and a vehicle activated speed warning sign. Also all heavy goods activity (hiring of equipment) would be suspended from the site if the application is granted.

The restoration scheme (nature conservation area) includes landscape planting, reed beds open water. The application would supply aggregate to the local area and secure the jobs of 13 members of staff.

At 7.50pm the meeting was again closed

Members voiced concern that it was thought road improvements had previously been agreed with a previous application but had not been implemented such as a wheel cleaning grid at the entrance to the site and a wheel wash. It was reported from a previous application NCC Highways had stated the site was not adequate.

Therefore the vote was taken to object to both planning applications Yes: 5, Abstain:1. Carried.

It was agreed to add a note with the objection that should the applications be approved, it would be expected that the heavy plant vehicle activity is suspended and that site access improvements were made with in 6 months as stated within the meeting.

06/19/0369/F Welcome Farm, Butt Lane Touring glamping site including 12 shepherd huts

It was agreed not to submit any comment for the above application.

4. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Minutes from the meetings held on 09-09-19 had been prior circulated to all members by the Clerk. With no amendments made, to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record Proposed Cllr Greenacre, Seconded Cllr Grimmer. All In Favour

5. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

6. INTERNAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

The Chairman reported he had undertaken a check of the Parish Council bank statements, invoices, payment sheet and cheques. All was found to be in good order with no concerns raised.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Cherry Tree Corner – No update to report.

Stepshort – No update to report

Parking Restrictions Consultation -Following the consultation with neighbouring properties at Butt lane opposite to Yare Valley Holiday Park a objection had been received from three property owners stating they did not want double yellow lines added to the area in question. It was confirmed as the objections had been received the work will not be undertaken.

-County Cllr Smith confirmed he will again speak to the Manager of the Holiday park asking for the hedge to be cut back further.

--County Cllr Smith stated he will speak to Highways about installing double yellow lines along the High Rd/Butt Lane 'T' junction.

8. VILLAGE SIGN – BENCH & PLANTING OF TREES & FLOWER BEDS

The Chairman reported after placing an advert in the Village Voice no volunteers have come forward to undertake the planting. To cover the immediate time Mrs Swan has agreed to plant some winter bedding plants. It was agreed a maximum spend of up to £35 can be made on the plants.

-Cllr Grimmer gave thanks to Borough Cllr Myers for managing to get the bench put in place.

More help is needed to look after the flowerbeds in the future.

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The meeting was opened at 8.15pm for comments from the public in relation to the planning applications below.

10. PLANNING

06/19/053/F Three Ways, Mill Rd (land adj) Self build 5 bed detached house
No comments from members of the public.

06/19/0557/F Treetops, High Rd Rear extension for Orangery and detached garage
No comments from members of the public.

06/19/0552/F The Gannel, High Rd Extension to respite centre
No comments no comments from members of the public.

06/18/0545/O Butt Lane, Dovedale (land rear of) 30 dwellings with garages and access road
The following concerns were voiced.

Drains already not coping, will be made worse by a large development. Development is outside of development plan. Natural England and NCC Highways have already objected to a smaller development so why would they support a larger one. The area should remain as natural, agricultural land.

The main meeting again resumed at 8.25pm

06/19/053/F Three Ways, Mill Rd (land adj) Self build 5 bed detached house
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the above application. Yes:5, Abstain:1. Carried. It was agreed to add the comment that councillors would like to see a section of footpath along Mill Rd frontage the property.

06/19/0557/F Treetops, High Rd Rear extension and detached garage
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the application above.

06/19/0552/F The Gannel, High Rd Extension to respite centre
It was agreed to submit no objections subject to neighbours comments for the application above. It was agreed to note the following concern that the plans do not show the 6 agreed new properties to the rear of the site and therefore not a true representation of probable outcome.

06/18/0545/O Butt Lane, Dovedale (land rear of) 30 dwellings with garages and access road
It was agreed by all members to object to the application above. The proposed development is outside the Borough Development Plan. Highways concerns including dangerous access to the site, inadequate splay, width of road, it is not wide enough there is a bus stop and residents parking in the area. Water and sewer services would not be able to cope with a large development. Natural England have already objected on the previous smaller development application.

The following applications have been granted:

06/19/0267/F Burgh Castle Nursery, Mill Rd Demolition of building & erection of new dwelling
06/19/0486/F Holly Lodge, High Rd Rear extension and front porch
06/19/0478/F Threeways, Butt Lane Rear extension and new garage
06/19/0485/F Threeways, Butt Lane Detached bungalow

The chairman commented that this was against the views of the Parish Council and Councillor

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Myers will enquire why this was treated as a 'delegated matter' rather than being taken to committee at the Borough Council in the light of the parish objections.

11. ADMINISTRATION & FINANCIAL MATTERS

-The Chairman reported a quote had been received to remove the spoil heap in the burial ground, although not discussed he stated that it appears this will be a very expensive operation. Two other quotes are to be obtained and it was mentioned that material could be offered to Norfolk Archaeological Trust to see if they would like any for bank infilling.

-To Propose the payment sheet below Cllr Greenacre, seconded Cllr Carter. All In Favour.

Cheque Number	Detail	VAT	Amount
101324	Kate Palmer salary 396.48 less tax 79.40		£317.08
101325	Nina Dockerty wage		£86.21
101326	HMRC Kate Palmer tax		£79.40
101327	Garden Guardian – grounds maintenance	£113.00	£678.00
101328	K. Palmer refund for stamps 21.96 and tele/broadband Oct, Nov, December 2019 30.00		£51.96
		Total	£1212.65

-It was reported the dog bin at the bottom of the Hanger footpath has been emptied, and the Fort name signs have been replaced by the Trust.

-It was agreed to write to the property owner of Holden House, Church Rd to request the debris is cleared from the road following the hedges being cut back.

- Need to chase up the Porters Loke road sign repair with GYB Services.

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

Next meeting Monday 11th November 2019.

-Highway Matters

-Village Sign Bench and Planting of Trees and Flowerbed

-Speedwatch Report

With no further business the meeting finished at 8.40pm