

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017  
7.30PM  
BURBAGE MILLENNIUM HALL**

Present: Cllr Mr S Rooney (in the chair)  
Cllrs Mr C Ashton, Mr A Clayton, Mr R Flemming, Mr M Hall, Mrs L Hoelmer, Mr D Inman, Mr K Lynch, Mr P Morris, Mr M Nickerson, Mr N Robinson, Mrs L Rooney, Mrs M Sherwin, Mr P Wallace, Mr H Wilkins & Mrs A Wright

In attendance: J Perrin (Principal Officer)  
PCSO Andy Harrison  
3 Members of the public

140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Mr S Bray & Mrs A Hall, Cllr Mrs Wright was to arrive late. Proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sherwin it was

RESOLVED – all apologies be accepted.

141. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Mr Ashton & Mr Wilkins declared a non-prejudicial interest in the item relating to Burbage Library as members of the Burbage Community Library Management Committee.

142. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017

Minutes of the meeting having been circulated to all Members were considered. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Mr Morris it was

RESOLVED – minutes of the meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be approved.

143. RESIGNATIONS

All Members were aware of the recent resignations of Mr J Moore (Tilton Ward) & Ms A Stevens (Lash Hill Ward). In order to enable the elections (if called) to be held on the same day as the LCC elections the casual vacancies had been advertised that day.

The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Mr Moore who had worked tirelessly for the community over many years and been a long serving Member of the Parish Council. Gratitude was also extended to Ms Stevens for her work as a Member of the Parish Council.

144. LOCAL POLICING TEAM UPDATE

PCSO A Harrison provided an update report on crime and Police activity in Burbage.

Cllr Mr M Hall apologised for arriving late and joined the meeting.

145. CORRESPONDENCE

145.1 Request from travelling circus

A request had been received from a circus who wished to use land in Burbage to stage a circus. Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sherwin and

RESOLVED – not to permit the use of any Council owned or managed land for this purpose.

145.2 Request from Scout group for use of land

A request had been received from 2<sup>nd</sup> Hinckley Scouts who were seeking the use of a small piece of land to plant wild flowers and place bee houses. Proposed by Cllr Mr Ashton, seconded by Cllr Mr Morris it was

RESOLVED – to suggest the use of the small area of land to the rear of properties in West Close. Permission from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council would be necessary as the area was in their ownership.

145.3 Request for support from Burbage Carnival Committee

Burbage Carnival had written requesting the use of Britannia Road recreation ground for Burbage Carnival on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and Burbage Fireworks on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Mr Lynch, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rooney it was

RESOLVED – to allow the use of the grounds without charge for the two events and to make a donation of £500 towards the cost of staging the events. Use of the signage and line marking equipment was also approved along with use of the Millennium Hall for the Prince/Princess competition.

Cllr Mrs Wright apologised for arriving late and joined the meeting.

145.4 Request for the use of Hinckley Road facilities for a Charity event

A request to use the ground and facilities at Hinckley Road recreation ground for a Charity event had been received. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rooney it was

RESOLVED – to permit the use of the ground and facilities as requested free of charge.

146. PARISHIONERS QUESTION TIME

QUESTION: The ball court at Woodland Avenue recreation ground is a great facility but would the Council consider installing lighting.

RESONSE: Thank you for attending the meeting and for your suggestion. We will look into this matter through our open spaces working party and if you provide contact details we will keep you informed.

147. BURBAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Minutes of the initial working party meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 had been circulated to all Members and were considered. At this meeting a process was agreed to enable the 83 points raised by the professional planning consultant to be addressed and the document revised accordingly. Proposed by Cllr Mr Flemming, seconded by Cllr Mr Lynch it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the working party meeting be approved.

Unfortunately the protocol agreed by the working party and clearly recorded in the minutes had not been followed by some volunteer members of the group. This had significantly undermined the work of the newly created working party. Members of the Council had been committed to working with existing community volunteers to produce a professional Neighbourhood Plan document, reflecting the views of the wider community. Several Members expressed dismay at the actions of volunteers who had acted inappropriately, been disrespectful to the appointed planning consultant, damaged the cohesion of the working party and created an untenable situation for the Parish Council. Following some discussion to find a way to move forward positively it was proposed by Cllr Mr Rooney, seconded by Cllr Mr Wallace and

RESOLVED – to dissolve the working party and hand over the task of completing the Neighbourhood Plan to those volunteers who were still involved. The decision was taken with regret as a significant amount of time and hard work had been spent redrafting the document, formulating a new working party and beginning what Members had hoped would be a good working relationship with the volunteers.

It was noted that some Members of the Parish Council still wished to give their time and would continue as community volunteers and not as representatives of the Parish Council. There was still a significant amount of work to be completed including a much greater emphasis on communicating and consulting the wider community.

Once the document had been revised it would be necessary for the Parish Council to review and approve the final draft as the Parish Council would remain the authority having responsibility for Neighbourhood Planning and holding the area designation approval. Members hoped that the meeting previously arranged for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February would provide an opportunity for all volunteers to discuss a positive way forward.

148. BURBAGE LIBRARY APPLICATION TO THE PARISH & COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND

Burbage Library had submitted an application to the Parish & Community Initiative Fund and were seeking the support of the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Mr Flemming it was

RESOLVED – to support the grant application for a new suspended ceiling and lighting to the Library building.

149. ADOPTION OF OPEN SPACE LAND

149.1 Bellway Homes, Workhouse Lane

Correspondence had been received from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and circulated to all Members. Details of the land and a request for the Parish Council to consider adoption were provided. Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mr Nickerson, seconded by Cllr Mrs Sherwin and

RESOLVED – to reject the invitation to adopt the land at Bellway Homes development, Workhouse Lane (13/00147/FUL).

149.2 Miller Homes, Canberra Way

Correspondence had been received from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council regarding the adoption of land off Canberra Way. This matter had been raised several times previously and further information had now been provided by the Borough Council. Following some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Hoelmer, seconded by Cllr Mr Nickerson and

RESOLVED – to reject the invitation to adopt the land at Miller Homes Development, Canberra Way (01/00126/FUL).

150. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS OF OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllrs Mr Ashton & Mr Wilkins reported that they had attended a meeting of the Burbage Community Library Management Committee and were pleased to report that good progress was being made to improve the facility.

151. PRINCIPAL OFFICERS REPORT

The Principal Officer provided an update report covering details of the progress in recruitment for the positions of Principal Officer and Responsible Financial Officer. A number of steps were being taken to ensure a smooth hand over.

152. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

152.1 Planning Committee

Cllr Mrs Sherwin presented the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Sherwin, seconded by Cllr Mr Morris it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings be confirmed.

152.2 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Cllr Mr Clayton presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017. Proposed by Cllr Mr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mr Ashton it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting be confirmed.

152.3 Staffing Committee

Cllr Mrs Rooney presented the minutes of the Staffing Committee meetings held 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Rooney, seconded by Cllr Mr Morris it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meetings be confirmed.

153. REPORTS AFFECTING BURBAGE

153.1 County Council

Cty Cllr Mr Lynch provided a County Council report.

153.2 Borough Council

Cllr Mr Hall provided a Borough Council report.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.