MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
MONDAY 19th October 2015
7.30PM
BURBAGE MILLENNIUM HALL

Present: Cllr Mr J Moore (in the chair)
Cllrs Mrs A Hall, Mrs L Rooney, Mr P Wallace, Mr D Coulson, Mr M Hall,
Mr N Robinson (substituting), Mr A Clayton (substituting) and Mr S Rooney
Hazel Thomasson (Acting Principal Officer)
P Armstrong (Project Officer)
1 Member of the public

36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mr R Flemming (Cllr Mr Robinson
substituting) and Cllr Mr M Nickerson (Cllr Mr Clayton substituting)
Proposed by Cllr Mrs Hall, seconded by Cllr Mr Clayton, it was
RESOLVED – all apologies be accepted

It was noted that each political party was still to advise the Principal Officer of the nominated
Member who will act on the instructions of an apologising Member, with regard to notification
and substitution.

37 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no declarations of interest received from Members at this time.

38 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2015

Minutes of the meeting, circulated to all Members, were considered. Proposed by Cllr Mrs
Hall, seconded by Cllr Mr Clayton, it was
RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held Monday 21st September 2015 be approved and
signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman then moved the resolution to vary the order of business to allow
the item relating an appeal against a final warning issued with regard to football pitch use as
the next item.

39 MATTERS ARISING

39.1 APPEAL AGAINST FINAL WARNING ISSUED – FOOTBALL PITCH USE
Cllr Mrs Hall declared a personal non pecuniary interest in this item.
The Chairman asked this item to be moved up in agenda order to allow Mr Jason Lee, a
representative of FC Burbage Juniors, to present grounds for an appeal against a final
warning on the use of marked pitches for training purposes.

Following a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded by Cllr Mr Rooney and
RESOLVED – that the final warning should stand, with an acceptance that an undertaking
by FC Burbage Juniors that hire agreement rules would not be broken in
future should alleviate the situation; and that FC Burbage Juniors should make
application for the use of a pitch for training, to be considered by the Council
39.2 Office Security Improvements
The viability of a CCTV system had already been discussed and an allowance set aside in the 2014-15 Budget Provision. Members accepted this project should be included as part of revised draft plans for alterations to the entrance lobby
Proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded by Cllr Mr Rooney, it was
RESOLVED – to approve plans to improve the layout and security of the foyer area at the Millennium Hall, with Cllrs Mr Moore and Mr Rooney and Acting Principal Officer having delegated powers to select a contractor and arrange work

39.3 Revised Burbage Cemetery Regulations and Management Rules
Points of the revision, circulated to Members, were explained by Acting Principal Officer
Proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded by Cllr Mr Rooney, it was
RECOMMENDED – Revision of Burbage Cemetery Regulations and Management Rules be approved and adopted and that future pre-notification of grave allocations be considered, this to be made an item on the agenda of the next full council meeting

39.4 War Memorial Garden Improvements
Further information on the consequences of reducing the height of the holly hedge had been provided by Mr Graham Cook.
Proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded by Cllr Mr Rooney, it was
RESOLVED – to take no further action at the moment on extending railings surrounding the War Memorial Garden or reducing the holly hedging

40 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

40.1 Allotments
There had not been a meeting of this working party since the last meeting of the F & GP committee

40.2 Cemetery
Minutes of the previous Cemetery working party meeting had been circulated. Proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded by Cllr Mr Rooney it was
RESOLVED – the minutes of the cemetery working party meeting held 23rd September 2015 be approved.

40.3 Land Acquisition
This working party had now been dissolved

40.4 Millennium Hall Development
Minutes of the previous meeting of the Millennium Hall Development working party had been circulated. Proposed by Cllr Mr Coulson, seconded by Cllr Mr Moore, it was
RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the working party meeting held 24th September 2015

40.5 Open Spaces Development
Minutes of the previous meeting of the Open Spaces Development working party had been circulated. Proposed by Cllr Mr Clayton, seconded by Cllr Mr Poulson, it was
RESOLVED – to approve minutes of the working party meeting 21st September 2015
No date had yet been agreed for the next meeting. The Burgess Bowls Club thanked the council for its support over the past year and invited members to attend its next meeting at 10am on Wednesday 28th October 2015 at the Community Centre on Herford Way.
40.6 Queen’s Birthday Street Party
There had not been a meeting of this working party since the last meeting of the committee.

40.7 Heritage Road Nameplates
There had not been a meeting of this working party since the last meeting of the committee.

41 WATER SERVICES SITE REPORT
A report on water services to the Millennium Hall complex and the pavilion at Hinckley Road recreation ground had been circulated.
Proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded by Cllr Mr Clayton it was
   RESOLVED – that the report and estimated costs of remedial work at both sites be referred to the next meeting of the Millennium Hall working party to make a recommendation to the Budget Working Party

42 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT FUNDING
The potential withdrawal of local council tax support funding 2016-17, details of which had been circulated, were noted.

43 MEMBERS PROJECT SUGGESTIONS
There were no suggestions for future projects put forward by members at this time.

44 FINANCIAL REPORTS
A list of accounts paid since the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th October 2015 had been circulated to all Members along with a receipts and payments to date report.
It was proposed by Cllr Mr Rooney, seconded by Cllr Mr Wallace, and
   RESOLVED – to accept the summary of receipts and payments and the list of accounts paid totalling £31,394.66

The chairman then moved a resolution to take the meeting into private session as the next item relates to the early stages of financial/contractual negotiations.

45 PRIVATE SESSION
ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE
Cllr Mr Robinson declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest.
A private homeowner had expressed an interest in a small parcel of grassed land adjoining his property, with a view to purchasing it to extend his garden. In a discussion, the difficulty and cost of removing a prohibitive covenant was raised. Proposed by Cllr Mr Moore, seconded Cllr Mrs Hall, it was
   RESOLVED – to tell the enquirer it would not be possible to sell the land; and to ask the Open Spaces working party to consider the future of all similar small land areas in the parish

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.14pm.