

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Bury Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.30pm at Bury Village Hall

All members of the council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

Public Open Forum – Members of the public and press are invited to address the Council regarding items that are on the agenda. If you wish to discuss any other matter, please contact the Clerk outside of this meeting.

Charlotte Copley -Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Bury Parish Council



Minutes

- 0910.01 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES
Present; Councillors M. Tew, A. Barber, A. Johnston, D. Wakefield, J. Prestage, K. Prestage.
County Councillor A. Costello
District Councillor S. Corney
Also, present; Mr. N Cooper and Mr. B Brading of NFC Homes and N Hillier of Stonewater Housing
Clerk – C Copley and 7 members of public
Apologies; Cllrs. J Hayes, P. Hazel and R. Scantlebury due to other engagements
- 0910.02 COUNCILLORS INTERESTS
Cllr Tew declared a pecuniary interest and Cllr Wakefield declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item number 0910.07 planning application 19/01881/OUT.
- 0910.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The Chairman asked members of the public for any questions arising relating to items relating to the agenda. Members of the public voiced concern over the application 19/01881/OUT for up to 54 homes at land South of Buryfield, Bury. The Chairman proposed the agenda item 0910.04 be brought forward and for members of the public to be permitted to ask questions, via the Chairman, during the presentation from NFC Homes. The proposal was unanimously agreed.
- 0910.04 NFC HOMES – Presented the site plan and computer generated images of the style of houses proposed for development on Land South of Buryfields, 19/01881/OUT for up to 54 homes to include 44 affordable homes, landscaping, open space, creation of new access following the demolition of Nos 20 and 22 Buryfield and associated ancillary works. All matters are reserved except access. Land South of Buryfield, Bury. The developers have taken in to consideration the decision to refuse the previous application as follows; Increase size of entrance, 2 houses on Buryfield for demolition, increased commercial space, increased affordable housing. NFC Homes stated that Hunts DC positively support affordable schemes. The proposal is for 10 market housing and 44 affordable housing (rented and shared ownership). Nicola Hillier of Stonewater Housing gave a breakdown of what constitutes affordable housing and will provide the Clerk with the actual figures. Councillors raised the issue of a recent letter that has been sent to households adjacent to the site from Hunts DC. The letter, dated 19th September, states that Parish and Town Councils have been consulted on the application which, in the Parish Councils opinion, implies the Parish Council have endorsed the application. The Parish Council considered this to be untrue as the Parish Council have not been consulted on this application until receipt of the application proposal from Hunts DC dated 20th September, the letter allows up to the 11th October for Parish Council comments. The 86 residents who commented on the previous application from NFC Homes have also been consulted on this new application. District Cllr Corney agreed to speak to the Case Officer at Hunts DC for an explanation. **Resolved** District Cllr Corney will address the confusion caused over the Hunts DC letter and the Clerk to liaise with Nicola Hillier to obtain the rental figures from Stonewater Housing.
- 0910.05 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL - Cllr Tew proposed the minutes of meeting 4th September 2019 be approved for signature as an accurate record, seconded by Cllr. K Prestage, with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so.
- 0910.06 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – District Cllr Corney informed the Council that following a meeting with Ryan Fuller, Executive Councillor for Housing, Planning and Economic Development at Hunts DC, an offer was made to provide funding support for the Parish Council to install a pedestrian crossing for the village. The Parish Council will need to lead on the project and Hunts DC will contribute towards costs.

Cllr. Tew thanked Cllr Corney for his efforts and proposed the item be put on the November meeting agenda for discussion.

The transport consultation was well attended on the 12th September, it was made very clear during the event that there is a need for public bus routes in the area. The final report will be submitted to the Combined Authority in November.

County Cllr Costello recently attended the Childrens and Young Persons Committee meeting to support the Abbey College in their application for funding to refurbish the Academy. Whilst the County Council will not be financially supporting the Academy it is prepares to provide officer support to help the Academy apply for the Government funding.

The next Local Parishes meeting is scheduled to go ahead on the 16th October 2019, from 7.30pm at Warboys Parish Centre. The topics for discussion will be Highways, Public Transport and Development without Infrastructure.

- 0910.07 PLANNING – To discuss recent planning applications
19/01744/TREE T1 Oak – 2m lateral overall reduction, T2 Oak – 2m lateral reduction, T3 Oak 8-10m reduction at address 37 Upwood Road Bury. Cllr Tew proposed the Council vote to support the application for approval, seconded by Cllr J Prestage with all in favour therefore, **resolved** to do so.
19/01684/CLED Use of Land as residential (C3) for 15 years, The Flat, 12 Hill Estate, Bury. Cllr J Prestage proposed as the Council hold no further knowledge of the site, and that it has been unable to view any of the copies of covering letters attached to the application 90/01503/FUL, therefore unable to make an informed decision as to whether to support the issue of a Certificate of Lawfulness on this property. Cllr. Tew seconded the proposal for the Parish Clerk to contact the Case Officer to request this information if possible and report back to the Council for decision, with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.
Due to Cllr Tew declaring an interest in the following planning application he left the meeting at 8.35pm
19/01881/OUT Outline application for development of up to 54 homes to include 44 affordable homes, landscaping, open space, creation of new access following the demolition of Nos 20 and 22 Buryfield and associated ancillary works. All matters are reserved except access. Land South of Buryfield, Bury. Cllr J Prestage proposed the Parish Council look further in to the details around Rural Exception Sites and the Parish Council refuse to support the application on the grounds of the application being on a greenfield site outside of the Neighbourhood Plan, outside the walking limits, transport structure, links, schools at capacity. Exacerbates current issues with regards to increased traffic and not economically sustainable. The proposal was seconded by Cllr K Prestage, with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so. As of 8th October 2019 Bury has submitted an objection to this application which can be viewed online on Hunts District Council website planning portal.
Updates on previous applications;
18/02420/FUL – 38 dwellings, Land North East of 15 Meadow Lane – IN PROGRESS
19/00271/OUT - Detached dwelling land North East of The Highlands, Warboys Rd, Bury- In progress
- 0910.08 COUNCILLORS UPDATES –
Bury Village Fete, Cllr Barber and Cllr K Prestage- is progressing well with 19 stalls booked, TAG Wrestling Team confirmed and a dog show. Cllr Barber recently attended the Play and Open Spaces Strategy meeting and has recommended the Parish Council instruct the Strategy team to undertake a community consultation with local groups.
Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Prestage confirmed the Plan consultation will run from the 19th September – 31st October.
Grantscape – Cllr K Prestage recently attended the consultation of allocation of funds and confirmed just 2 applications have been made from Bury. Grantscape urge people to apply for funding as it is there for local groups to apply for grants upwards of £250.
Christmas Lights – The lights are being installed on the 22nd November with switch on planned for the 29th November. Bury School have confirmed the children will sing from 5.30-6pm with official switch on at 6pm. A request to purchase a gazebo for the amplifying equipment was made.
- 0910.09 POLICE REPORTS– The Clerk reported 7 cases of crime reports within the month of September, 5 of the 7 being youths trespassing on the RAF and Clinic site at RAF Upwood. Children on bikes being a nuisance in the Valiant Square area and reports of a miniature tractor being driven in a dangerous fashion apparently by teenagers along the B1040 between Bury and Warboys.
- 0910.10 CEMETERY – Due to time delays with commencement of the works to the cemetery Cllr Wakefield proposed an alternative quotation be taken up from a specialist path laying company to lay the new pathways to the cemetery along with the garden of rest cross design, the proposal was discussed thoroughly, Cllr. J Prestage seconded the proposal for the works to be taken up as soon as possible to prevent any further delays and allow planting etc. to progress the cemetery completion, with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.
- 0910.11 PLAY AREAS - Cllr Johnston proposed the Clerk look at costs relating to the replacement of the baby swing seats in the play park, seconded by Cllr Wakefield with all in favour and **resolved** to do so.
- 0910.11.1 The Clerk informed the Council that despite numerous attempts to make contact with the play inspection company they have failed to provide the necessary safety inspection reports due. In light of this the Clerk has

researched other providers and recommended Playforce UK be instructed to carry out an annual ROSPA inspection carried out by RPII certified inspector along with 3 quarterly operational inspections at a cost of £376.50. These operational inspections can also include one to one training for a member of the Parish Council to allow them to undertake the weekly routine inspections. Cllr J Prestage seconded the proposal with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so.

0910.11.2 The grass cutting contractor has had to remove the goal post again from the ground due to vandalism to prevent any injury to the public the posts have been laid down. Cllr Barber proposed she contact Play and Open Spaces to discuss options for goal posts, seconded by Cllr. Johnston and therefore **resolved** to do so.

0910.12 FINANCE – Cllr. Tew proposed the retrospective approval of payment 1 – 6 for signature, seconded by Cllr. J Prestage with all in favour and therefore resolved to do so. The cheques were then signed by 2 signatories who in turn initialed the corresponding invoice.

1. C Copley	Clerk Wages and expenses	£ 578.70
2. M.Badcock	Cemetery maintenance	£ 450.00
3. Garden Reclaim	Village grass cutting	£ 508.00
4. Underwoods the Jewellers	Engraving to 2 x trophies	£ 20.00
5. Hunts D C	2 x sports sessions, 9 th /16 th August 2019	£ 310.18
6. Office World	Clerk ink cartridges	£ 64.13

0910.12.1 Monies received;

1. HMRC VAT	VAT Reclaim	£3346.16
2. Dignity Funerals Ltd	Purchase of 2 x plots and 1 internment	£1035.00

0910.12.2 Cllr. Tew checked the bank reconciliation against the bank statements and confirmed them as correct.

0910.12.3 Cllr Tew proposed the Parish Council agree the 50% sharing costs relating to the traffic calming installation on Bury Road/Upwood Road, with the total cost payable by the Parish Council of £2521.16. The proposal was welcomed and seconded by Cllr J Prestage with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so.

0910.12.4 Cllr Tew proposed to agree to the payroll provider to undertake the workplace pensions re-enrolment for the Clerk at a cost to the Council of £50 plus VAT, seconded by Cllr Barber with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so.

0910.13 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1. Email received requesting the Parish Council consider holding another Public Open Forum to inform villagers who are not on social media of the recent planning applications being submitted. Cllr J. Prestage proposed the Parish Council consider the request not necessary as no further development sites in the village have been identified, the previous public forum meeting held in November 2017 already served its purpose and parishioners can be kept up to date with developments by attending the public monthly Parish Council meetings held in the Village Hall, village noticeboards, website for downloading the minutes or requesting copies of the minutes from the Clerk, seconded by Cllr Tew with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so.

2. Email request from concerned resident regarding excessive speeding along the 30mph section of Upwood Road and Valiant Square. The Clerk has requested from the Police a speed monitoring unit presence in the village.

3. Invitation from Hunts DC Town to attend the Planning Forum March 2020. Cllr J Prestage will attend to represent the Parish Council.

4. Email received from a resident complaining of the length of the grass on the play areas.

5. Provisional request from Curtin and Co to attend the November meeting to present proposals on behalf of Abbey Group regarding land off Tunkers Lane. The Clerk will invite Curtin and Co representatives along to present at the November Parish Council meeting.

0910.14 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Tree survey report and subsequent actions.

To agree budget and sign off precept request form for 2020-21

0910.15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be held Wednesday 6th November 2019 from 7.30pm in the Bury Village Hall, meeting room.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm