

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

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The meeting of Bury Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 7.30pm by video link

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel Meetings Regulations 2020 came into force on 05 April enabling local councils to hold remote meetings until May 2021. This meeting took place via “Zoom”

Minutes

1220-165 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present; M Tew (Chairman), J Prestage (Vice Chairman), D Wakefield, R Scantlebury, P Hazell
K Prestage, J Hayes, Cllr A Barber
District Councillor J Clarke
3 x Members of public
C Copley (Clerk)
Apologies; A Johnston (personal) and County Councillor A Costello

1220-166 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wakefield declared an interest in item 1220.176.

1220-167 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brand of the the Abbey Group (Tunkers Lane development site) wanted to bring a short update to the Council regarding the highways boundary issue; as of earlier today the Abbey Group have received a boundary update from the County Council and will be making some amendments to the plan.

1220-168 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL

Minutes for approval of Parish Council Meeting of 4th November 2020

Resolved That the minutes be approved for signature by the Chairman with no amendments.

1220-169 COUNCILLORS UPDATES

Road Safety

Cllr M Tew reported the County Council have confirmed a Road Traffic Order had been submitted for investigation and repair works to underground pipes on High Street Bury in the highway adjacent to the Old School House. The works will require a diversion route and are expected to commence February 2021. Cllr Tew also reported the Buryfield development site Construction Management Plan shows construction vehicles as coming through Woodwalton and along Huntingdon Road, Upwood to access the village. These roads carry a 7.5 tonne weight limit and therefore is not suitable for this type of traffic.

Footpaths/Trees

Cllr R Scantlebury had no reports on footpaths and trees but sought clarification around the ownership status of the Pathfinder memorial located at the entrance to the development site at RAF Upwood. The War Graves Commission have confirmed the memorial is not registered with them. The War Memorials (Local Authorities) Act 1948 allows a Local Authority (Town or Parish Councils) to maintain those memorials that do not have an owner, but they are not required to. They may maintain, repair, and protect memorials and make corrections and additions, e.g., to commemorate subsequent conflicts on an existing memorial. The Clerk will seek clarification on the matter and return to the Council with the findings.

Garden Show Cllr P Hazell – nothing to report.

Cemetery Cllr J Hayes reported the churchyard is looking tidy from the recent hedge trimming works.

CAPALC Cllr M Tew – nothing to report

Playing Fields

Cllr Hazell reported the kissing gate located at the end of the sports field as you go out on to the High Street has the catch missing, without the catch the gate can be easily pushed open by a child.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr J Prestage reported that under the Plan the Council is committed to review the Plan regularly, with a minimum of 5 years. Therefore, considering the recent news regarding no new petrol or diesel cars to be manufactured from 2030 should the Council start to consider reviewing the Plan to reflect this. Cllr Prestage therefore suggested the Plan be amended to include electric vehicle charging points in all new build properties, and parking spaces for all new builds as standard to have 2 allocated spaces for a 3 bed roomed house, 3 parking spaces for a 4 bed roomed house and so forth, to remove the need to park on a public highway.

Finance Committee Cllr Tew/Wakefield/Hayes – nothing to report

Public Engagement Cllr A Barber – nothing to report

Resolved To receive Councillors reports.
The clerk to investigate further the insurance cover of the Pathfinder war memorial.
The Clerk to report the missing catch from the sports field kissing gate to Cambs County Council Rights of Way Officer for repair.
That consideration be given to the Neighbourhood Plan design guide and challenging the District Council on their design guides for new builds. It would be a joint approach with Hunts District Council.

1220-170 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Clarke reported both himself and the Mayor of Ramsey had responded to complaints regarding mud on the road in the town and surrounding villages from developments.

1220-171 CRIME REPORTS

3 Reports of crime in the village within the month of November 2020 along with the following notice from Cambs Police.

Covid-19 Update - Post-Lockdown Tier Announcement:

The Government has announced that the whole of Cambridgeshire will be in Tier-2 Restrictions, the 'High Alert' Level, following the ending of the second lockdown on Wednesday, 2nd December. This means that households cannot mix indoors and the 'Rule of Six' applies outdoors.

Full details are on the Government website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know#high-alert>

1220-172 CEMETERY

An application to install memorial on plot GoR39 (23rd December) has been received and approved by the Clerk

1220-173 PLAY AREAS

Cllr J Prestage confirmed the play areas are looking tidy for now. The Clerk confirmed the Council's caretaker has now completed their last day with the Council and therefore the parks will no longer be litter picked unless a replacement is sought.

Resolved The Councillors agreed to continue to monitor the situation regarding littering
The Clerk will contact the Operations Manager of Hunts District Council to establish if the 4 litter bins located in the play areas could be added to the Council's regular round for collections, and if so, the costs involved.

1220-174 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Cllr J Prestage reported the community engagement process is well underway and finishes on the 18th December. 24 households between Grenfell Road and Garden Court received the consultation letter, so far 8 replies have been received. The school, County Councillor and Playgroup have all responded positively with regards to where the crossing should be. The road safety audit is due to be completed next.

1220-175 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

The lights were successfully installed on the 20th November. Councillors expressed thanks to Cllrs K and J Prestage along with Terry the electrician and Warren Access. During the course of putting the lights up, Terry, the electrician's license is up for renewal and it was suggested when renewing the license that platform use is also covered. Therefore, Councillors were asked to consider covering the cost of this addition to his license

for a fee of £90. This will enable Terry to carry on installing the lights each year and operate the platform solely, which will bring a cost saving to the Parish Council who currently pay for the hire of the platform and an operator. Cllr J Prestage proposed in view of the work that Terry does for the Parish Council that the Council pay that additional part of his training which will then enable more flexibility in the future when installing the lights. Terry is committed to continue installing the lights for the Parish Council and has proposed the Council look in to extending the lighting to up the hill towards the Church. The Parish Council could look at Terry installing the light boxes in anticipation of next years Christmas lights, during the proposed February road closure. Cllr Prestage reported sinking of the grass area opposite Bury Stores where a trench was previously dug and more recently a vehicle appears to have parked on it causing further damage.

Resolved That payment of £90 to the electrician will be granted.
The Clerk to approach Balfour Beatty and the County Council (Highways Officer) to establish what is entailed with regards to obtaining the electrical supply from the lighting columns for the new installations going up the hill.
Cllr K Prestage will look at grant funding opportunities for the purchase of new lighting sets.
The Clerk will report the sinking of the ground in the area opposite Bury Stores to the County Council as the area comes under their remit.

1220-176 FOOTPATH MODIFICATION ORDER

The County Council has received an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to upgrade part of Public Footpath No. 5, Bury and the full extent of Public Footpath No. 6, Bury to a bridleway from Meadow Lane to Milestone Farm in Bury, Cambridgeshire.

Resolved Cllr Wakefield declared an interest in this item and therefore abstained from voting.
The Clerk seek more information on the matter, Councillors to read through the information received and defer the matter until February 2021 meeting.

1220-177 CIL FUNDING

The Council received the opportunity to seek funding from Huntingdonshire District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund. The deadline for applications is the 14th December 2020.

Resolved Cllr J Prestage will apply on behalf of the Council for support towards the pedestrian crossing.

1220-178 CONSULTATION OF LONDON LUTON AIRPORT FLIGHT PATHS

The National Air Traffic Service (NATS) have recently launched a consultation exercise on plans to make alterations to the flight paths and holding pattern arrangements for Luton airport. These changes are being made to provide clear separation of the air traffic for Luton and Stansted airports, which currently overlap. As the proposed flight paths are to the south of our district, there is likely to be little impact in Huntingdonshire. However, the plans also include a new holding pattern for the airport which is intended to be over the south-western corner of Huntingdonshire (broadly circling round the line of the A1 from St Neots to Alconbury). The intention is that aircraft in the holding zone will be flying at a height of over 8,000 feet and the consultation document sets out a position that this will not present a nuisance, either in terms of noise or pollution.

A web site, with "walk around" facility, video presentations and detailed information on the proposals has been set up by NATS and can be accessed here: https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/.

Resolved To object to the proposed holding pattern on the grounds of noise and possible air pollution.
The Clerk will forward the Councils response to the District Council by the deadline of 15th December.

1220-179 PLANNING – To receive recent planning applications;

20/01587/FUL Change of use of former squash court (now demolished) to residential garden land.
Land At The Clinic RAF Upwood, Upwood Road Bury

Resolved To support the application.

20/01864/FUL Creation of a new access and all ancillary works and the demolition of Nos. 20 and 22 Buryfield, Bury subsequent to the grant of outline planning permission ref: 19/01881/OUT dated 24 June 2020 for 54 homes, Land South Of Buryfield Bury

Resolved To refuse to support the application on the grounds the Construction Plan contains little specific detail on the most crucial part, i.e. the demolition of these two houses, it does not consider the local area and considers very little on the crucial part of the demolition of the two houses. This cannot be allowed to happen until the whole site is determined and NFC Homes must be required to maintain fully these two properties. The construction traffic travel route from the south is to come via Wistow, of which the roads carry a weight limit, the construction vehicles exceed this limit. The Plan states construction traffic is not to travel down Tunkers Lane/Owls End between the hours of 9am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4.30pm to avoid the school drop off and collection times. The Council felt the school had not been consulted on this decision, if at all, and that efforts should be made to liaise with the school with this regard. The Parish Council felt the travel and construction plan is flawed and inadequate as far as the demolition of the properties is concerned and takes in no consideration for the local area. Better provision for highway and wheel cleaning needs to be put in place, particularly in the initial demolition phase. Cllr Prestage pointed out several of the planning documents refer to the site as "land off Tunkers Lane", which may cause confusion due to the fact an unrelated development site comes under land off Tunkers Lane.

20/00863/OUT Proposed Residential Development (of up to 87 dwellings) involving the provision of public open space, landscaping, means of access (including widening Tunkers Lane) and associated works, land off Tunkers Lane Bury

Resolved To refuse the application on the grounds of the outstanding issues raised regarding the making up of the existing rough area of Tunkers Lane and the boundary issue regarding a nearby resident and land ownership of the area where the pinch point would sit. If the boundaries are not agreed to come under the ownership of the Abbey Group some of the land on the side of the site would be used resulting in a number of mature trees being removed to allow for this. The Council would prefer to see established trees put back in should this be the case. The Council asks The Abbey Group in conjunction with the Planning Authority to reconsider the density of the houses. The last 9 months has shown the importance of wellbeing is a garden of reasonable size, on this application some of the gardens are small. The Urban Design Officer raised the query with regards to the green open space, some of which included the pond, a pond cannot be considered to be green open space. It is the Councils belief that the requirement for offsite biodiversity highlights the fact this site does not meet biodiversity requirements. It is the Councils opinion the linkage road in the middle of the site that shows the site linking in to the Buryfield development is desirable, not essential, the Council would prefer to see a footpath in this location and not a roadway or at least an "emergency vehicles only" road.

1220-179.1 To receive an update from the Clerk on previous planning applications.

Resolved To receive and note the report and its contents.

1220-179.2 To receive a dispensation request from Cllrs Prestage in relation to a non-pecuniary interest in the Larkfleet development, west of Garden Court and rear of houses Upwood Road, Bury.

Resolved To receive confirmation of the dispensation being granted.

1220-179.3 To receive an update from Councillors who attended the virtual meeting with Evera Homes to discuss their phase 2, RAF Upwood, proposals in greater detail and answer any questions at this early stage. Cllr J Prestage updated the Council with regards to the discussions as follows. The grounds regarding the use of CIL monies being provided by Parish Councils was confirmed. Offsite sports provision such as MUGA can only be provided for Parish Council owned land. Discussion was had with regards to a potential second entrance to the site should the current single entrance become blocked. Road safety audits are being carried out with regards to Evera Homes funding the installation of further pedestrian crossings on the Upwood Road. A further planning application is pending with regards to the development of a care home along with a specialist care home.

Resolved To receive and note the update of discussions.

1220-180 FINANCE – To confirm agreement of payment of outstanding debts.

November payments:

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| 1. S/O C Copley | Clerk wages for October 2020 | £ 635.30 |
| 2. C. Copley | Expenses for October 2020 | £ 24.39 |
| 3. HMRC | PAYE | £ 13.60 |
| 4. M Badcock | Cemetery grass cutting, groundworks and hedges | £1300.00 |

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| 5. Warren Access | Hight for hire, Christmas lights | £ 330.00 |
| 6. S Bell | Caretaking duties | £ 250.00 |
| 7. Global Tree Solutions | Tree works to Christmas lights trees in village | £ 190.00 |
| 8. Office World | Printer ink | £ 85.38 |

Resolved To approve the invoices for payment and the online payment be facilitated by Cllrs Hayes and K Prestage.

1220-180.1 Monies received - none received

1220-180.2 Bank reconciliation for November 2020

Resolved The Chairman and Vice Chairman confirmed the bank reconciliation as received and correct.

1220-180.3 Request for grant funding received from Cambs Citizens Advice Bureau.

Resolved The Clerk to forward the Councils grant awarding policy and application form for completion.

1220-181 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Email from the Office of National Statistics regarding the 2021 Census and how Parish Councils can raise awareness.

Youth and Community Coordinator Newsletter from People and Communities, Cambridgeshire County Council

Email from a Tunkers Lane resident wishing to make the Parish Council aware of a report from Highways that indicates that the current Abbey Group development plans do cross the boundaries of 34 and 36 Tunkers Lane.

Email from Cambs County Council, Integrated Highways Management Centre, (IHMC) Incident report for October 2020.

Cambs County Council - Funding Opportunity - British Cycling (Places to Ride: Small Grants Programme)
Email from Warm Homes Energy Centre - Peterborough-based charity PECT would like to invite you to an energy awareness session on the 8th December.

Email from resident concerned the footway repairs on Owls End have not been completed yet (reported 12 months ago), the Clerk has forwarded the reply received from CCC confirming the Highways Authority (Cambs County Council) have allocated the works under the footpaths scheme, a date for when this will be carried out has not been confirmed.

Resolved To receive and note the above correspondence received
The Clerk will arrange for the Census 2021 details to be placed on the Councils website.

1220-182 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION (decisions cannot be made under this item)

Emergency Flood Plan

Traffic logger reports

Tree works to Christmas lights trees (February meeting)

DMMO investigations (February meeting)

1220-183 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 6th January 2021, 7.30pm via video link if required.

With no further matters to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:38