

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

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The meeting of Bury Parish Council was held on Wednesday 6th January 2021 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

0121-184 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, A Johnston
County Councillor Costello
District Councillor J Clarke
3 x Members of public
C Copley (Clerk)
Also present: Mr. Ben Brading and Mr. Chris Tapp of NFC Homes

0121-185 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

0121-186 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public raised their concerns regarding the recent flooding experienced on the 23rd December, and prior to that along Upwood Road whenever it rains water can be seen flowing from Dehavilland Gardens site and the Larkfleet site (Land West Of Garden Court And 1 To 16 Upwood Road Bury).

Concerns raised regarding rainwater runoff from the Buryfield development site land and the adjacent houses who again experienced flooding to their gardens on the 23rd December and raised water levels, gurgling of toilets and drains inside their home. Anglian Water and the EA attended the area on 1st January 2021. Their full reports are yet to be received. The engineer who attended confirmed to a resident the storm drains should be cleared by the County Council to prevent silt build up. It was their belief the adjacent building sites are contributing to this. The storm drain at the rear of one property was incredibly raised, toilets could not be used. The water was reported to be running like a river across the development site land adjacent to Buryfields and the next day the entire site was seen to be under water from the brook up.

A second member of public voiced their opinion of the flooding situation in the village.

County Councillor Costello confirmed the County and District Councils are working with local councils to investigate the flooding incident of the 23rd December. Cambridgeshire County Council are the lead flood authority, and are duty bound to investigate flooding. Cllr Costello confirmed meetings have been held and investigations are ongoing regarding the incident of the 23rd December which saw many residents being evacuated from their flooding homes. Cllr Costello urged residents to report any flooding experienced on the 23rd December, and in the future as and when it occurs, whether it be in their properties, gardens or infrastructure so the higher authorities who are investigating the flooding have the full picture and are kept informed of new incidents.

The Chair asked for members who experienced flooding to forward details to the Clerk who will forward to the County Councillor.

Cllr J Prestage drew members attention to a Hunts Post report regarding flooding attributed to blocked drains not cleaned in St Neots. A recent Freedom of Information Act request to the County Council confirmed within the last 5 years 150 reports of blocked drains in St Neots and surrounding villages had been reported but the reported the works had not been carried out.

0121-187 PRESENTATION BY NFC HOMES

Mr. Brading and Mr. Tapp of NFC Homes presented the latest plans, reserved matters, for the development site, land off Buryfield 19/01881/OUT.

Mr. Brading was asked to address the residents concerns regarding the flooding to this site and run off to neighbouring properties.

Mr. Brading confirmed the drainage strategy for the site has been approved by Cambs County Council in accordance with one in a hundred year flood with 30% allowance for climate change. It is their belief the

attenuation tank/pond has been designed as such to meet these requirements. The attenuation tank/pond will fill up and slowly dissipate in to the ditch at the top of the field and run down in to the neighbouring brook (Bury Brook). It was Mr. Brading's belief the attenuation pond will help with the flooding as it will hold a vast amount of water that will slowly dissipate in to the brook.

A resident who lives adjacent to the Buryfield site took up the offer of a site meeting with NFC Homes, and one Parish Councillor (under current Covid-19 regulations) to address their concerns regarding the tree planting and water pumping station that appears to be very close to their property.

The roads and street lighting will be adopted by the council, drains by Anglian Water and green areas by either Hunts District Council or possibly Stonewater (housing association buying the vast majority of the site).

NFC Homes confirmed they would be willing to allow a major new drain through the site should it be required, to alleviate the flooding issues for the village, should Anglian Water and the Environment Agency deem it necessary. Concern was raised with regards to the road width at Buryfield allowing for 20 tonne HGV access the site for demolition.

NFC Homes have not consulted with the school regarding access times.

There is not the requirement for an environment impact assessment as the unit size is below the required threshold.

NFC Homes intend to hold some form of meetings with local residents before starting on site, letters will be sent out to residents beforehand.

Resolved The Clerk will arrange the site meeting between Ben Brading and resident, a Parish Councillor to be present also.

0121-188 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL

Minutes for approval of Parish Council Meeting of 2nd December 2020

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

0121-189 COUNCILLORS UPDATES - To receive verbal reports from the Parish Councillors on their portfolio of responsibilities and actions carried out since previous meeting:

Road Safety Cllr M Tew reported the traffic logger is currently located on the High Street.

Footpaths/Trees Cllr R Scantlebury submitted a footpaths report circulated to councillors.

Garden Show Cllr P Hazell – nothing to report.

Cemetery Cllr J Hayes – nothing to report.

CAPALC Cllr M Tew – The Local Government Award Scheme criteria is being looked at. GDPR has been renamed due to the EU changes, the legislation is near enough the same. Online courses are available and details will be circulated as and when.

Playing Fields Cllr A Johnston – the right of way path along the sports field is muddy and unpassable. Cllr Johnston is still emptying the litter bins and carrying out litter picks. The shelter flooring has now been completely removed.

Neighbourhood Plan Cllr J Prestage confirmed conversations have been had with Hunts DC regarding increasing the Parish Councils CIL payment percentage. The CIL payment percentage is taken when the payment is made. The village will see the next wave of CIL payments when the first houses come forward (phase 1 RAF Upwood) in June 2021.

Finance Committee Cllr Tew/Wakefield/Hayes – The third quarter spend for the financial year is due at the end of January 2021.

Public Engagement Cllr A Barber – nothing to report but consideration is being given to a further lockdown project.

Resolved To receive and note councillors reports.
The Clerk continues to chase the manufacture of the replacement kissing gates.
The Clerk will report the condition of the public footpath at the sports field to the County Council.
The Clerk will contact the safety inspection company for suggestions of suitable replacements for the floor covering below the sports field shelter.
The Clerk will prepare and present the third quarter finance spend at next meeting.

0121-190 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

No further reports received apart from the ones provided during public participation, see 0121-186 above.

0121-191 CRIME REPORTS

7 reports of crime in the village during the month of December 2020.

0121-192 PLAY AREAS

The play inspection was carried out in October 2020 and received by the Council in December. Cllr Wakefield reported the lock from the twin gates to the play area has been removed, locking the gate shut removes the issue of the ground getting worn.

Resolved The Clerk to look at appropriate signage to the adult gym equipment area and shelter.
The Clerk to look at replacing the fence plugs.
The Clerk will purchase a replacement padlock for the twin gates.
The Clerk will put a proposal together of what the caretaking requirements for the play areas are, and approach the cemetery maintenance contractor who has a waste removal and carrying license.
The Clerk will forward more inspection report forms.

0121-193 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Cllr Prestage confirmed the results of the road safety report are awaited. A 40% response of the surveys sent out has been received and all in favour of the installation. Cllr Prestage has submitted an application for a contribution from the Hunts District Council CIL fund. The bids will be considered in February 2021.

0121-194 CEMETERY

The Clerk has forwarded details of sundials and benches to the working group.

Resolved The Clerk will attend the cemetery with the installer to discuss and measure for the installation of the benches.

0121-195 EMERGENCY FLOOD PLANNING

Cllr Tew has compiled a draft emergency plan which has been circulated to councillors. More information will be available for local councils and their responsibilities around flooding once the County and District Councils have completed their investigations. A new style "sand bag" is being looked in to by the County and District Council and its roll out to communities. Cllr Prestage asked County Councillor Costello with regards to wider conversations around flooding and drainage in relation to the new development sites and include local councils. Ramsey, Bury and Upwood drainage systems need to be addressed as they are clearly unable to cope with the increase in developments.

Resolved Cllr Costello confirmed Cambs County Council will be arranging multi agency meetings with regards to the flooding. A progress meeting is arranged for week commencing 11th January 21. The Clerk will seek contact details of multi agencies in an attempt to establish if joint agency meetings will go ahead involving Bury Parish. Councillors voted in favour for the representative for Bury at joint agency meetings to be Cllr Wakefield.

County Councillor Costello left the meeting.

0121-196 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE RECENT MEETING WITH CARTER JONAS AND LARKFLEET DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING GREEN SPACE PROVISION IN THE VILLAGE

The Parish Council have sought to obtain the BMX track area of the sports field to utilize it for improved provision of green space for the village and school. This could enable the school to consider whether that formal area will form part of their playground and therefore allow them to expand more on the areas around the school buildings. Larkfleet have the benefit option over Caton Trust land.

Resolved Cllr J Prestage approached the school to seek their support in the Parish Council obtaining the BMX track land and is awaiting a response from the head teacher.

0121-197 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED SUNNICA ENERGY FARM

Resolved The Parish Council to record a vote of no observations.

0121-198 PLANNING – To receive recent planning applications;

20/00863/OUT to confirm receipt of revised site plans relating to revised layout of Tunkers Lane road, land off Tunkers Lane, proposed development of up to 87 dwellings. (forwarded to Councillors 8.12.20)

Resolved The Parish Council confirmed receipt of revised site plans

0121-198.1 To receive an update from the Clerk on previous applications.

Resolved To receive the report and note its contents. The update will be appended to these minutes.

0121-199 FINANCE – To confirm agreement of payment of outstanding debts.

December payments:

1. S/O C Copley	Clerk wages for December 2020	£ 635.30
2. C. Copley	Expenses for December 2020	£ 24.39
3. HMRC	PAYE	£ 13.60
4. M Badcock	Cemetery grass cutting	£ 225.00
5. Warren Access	Hight for hire/IPAF training T Robbins	£ 90.00
6. Garden Reclaim	Village grass cutting	£ 260.00
7. ICO	Data Protection fee renewal	£ 40.00

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

0121-199.1 Monies received - £40 payment for installation of a memorial block to plot GoR39

0121-199.2 Bank reconciliation for December 2020

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

0121-200 TO AGREE 2021 MEETING DATES – 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May (**Annual Meetings from 7pm**), 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November, 1st December.

Resolved To agree the dates as stated

0121-201 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Resolved To receive and note correspondence received

0121-202 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION (decisions cannot be made under this item)
Footpath modification order (further information forwarded to councillors 14.12.20)
Christmas lights

0121-203 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3rd February 2021, 7.30pm via video link if required.

With no further business to be conducted the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:43