

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

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The meeting of Bury Parish Council was held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7.30pm by video link.

The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel Meetings Regulations 2020 came into force on 5th April 2020 enabling local councils to hold remote meetings until May 2021. This meeting took place via “Zoom”.

Minutes

0321-226 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present; M Tew (Chairman), J Prestage (Vice Chairman), D Wakefield, R Scantlebury, A Barber, A Johnstone, K Prestage and J Hayes.

County Councillor Costello.

District Councillor J Clarke.

5 x Members of public.

C Copley (Clerk).

Also present: Mr. B Knight and Bo Nam of NFC Homes.

Apologies for absence

Cllr P Hazell.

0321-227 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

0321-228 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of public requested an update on the siting of the pumping station within the NFC Homes development off Buryfields and wished to draw attention to the large construction lorries turning in the corner of Buryfields as they are unable to drive directly in to the site entrance due to their size and at times as early as 06.50. This issue was also flagged by the Parish Council to NFC Homes and the County Council, see minute reference 0121.187 (January meeting).

Cllr Tew will forward the contact details for the Planning Enforcement Officer for residents to report planning breaches, along with the site foreman details (Mr. Bailey and Sandy Sutherland of NFC Homes), which should have been provided to all neighbouring households prior to commencement of works.

A resident sought clarification around the placement of the village data logger on Owls End.

0321-229 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL

Minutes for approval of Parish Council Meeting of 3rd February 2021.

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

0321-230 MR BENJAMIN KNIGHT

Mr. Knight presented ideas for rewilding within the village and asked for support from the Parish Council in highlighting possible open space for a rewilding project. As the Parish Council is only responsible for a small area of open space in the village, which it is required to keep tidy to allow for public recreation, the Chairman offered contact details of possible organisations within the village that would be better placed to help. Cllr Prestage suggested Mr. Knight contact the Village Hall as they may have some areas that could be utilized for this purpose.

Resolved The Clerk will forward Mr. Knight contact details for the Village Hall, the District and County Council with a view to further discussions around rewilding within the village.

0321-231 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 continues to report the many potholes in the village to the County Council for repair.
Footpaths/Trees	Cllr R Scantlebury - report received and noted.
Garden Show	Cllr P Hazell - not present.
Cemetery	Cllr J Hayes – nothing to report.
CAPALC	Cllr M Tew – nothing to report.
Playing Fields	Cllr A Johnston – nothing to report.
Neighbourhood Plan	Cllr J Prestage – referendum is expected, all being well, on the 6 th May.
Finance Committee	Cllr Tew/Wakefield/Hayes – nothing to report.

Public Engagement Cllr A Barber – the Clerk has forwarded contact details for the RAF
Upwood welcome packs for new residents.
RAF Upwood development Clerk – nothing to report.

Resolved The above reports be received and noted.
The Clerk will prepare the updated referendum flyer in readiness for the 6th May referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr J Prestage confirmed the date should be set after Easter, this will allow enough time for reprinting and distribution of the flyer through residents doors.

0321-232 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

District Council reports: The HDC Steering Group has met and interviewed the County Council regarding the flooding experienced in December 2020. Investigations continue.

Huntingdonshire are currently finalising a Community Transition Strategy which will seek to embed their closer working with the community into core business and will shortly commence a major engagement on all issues within Huntingdonshire as part of the development of their 2050 Huntingdonshire Place strategy, whilst also consulting on plans to better link with their localities.

County Council reports: Cllr Costello informed members of the intended refurbishment and painting works to the roundabout adjacent to Tescos in Ramsey.

The County Council are hosting a series of events that they are planning for the next month which seek to provide Councils with an opportunity to frankly feedback on the achievements and areas for improvement of the ongoing response to the impacts of COVID-19. All statutory partners are committed to doing all they can to support this work listening to communities and learning how they can deliver core services in complimentary ways. Cambridgeshire County Council are embarking on their new Cambridge Local way of working, A local project called Winter Warmers proved to be a success with the local WI donating knitted items to be distributed to families and the homeless. A total of 639 items such as scarfs and gloves etc have been distributed.

0321-233 CRIME REPORTS

Three reports of crime in the village during the month of February 2021

0321-234 PLAY AREAS

The safety inspection for February was completed by Cllr Scantlebury with no actions required. The reports are retained within the Councils files for 21 years.

The Council received Caloo's quotation for a suggested surface to the gym area shelter floor and replacement panel, along with new signage for the adult gym equipment area, at a cost of £4,720.80.

Resolved That the quotation for the replacement shelter base be accepted but for the Clerk to source additional quotations for appropriate signage. The final decision will be made to either instruct Caloo to complete all the works or partial works once alternative signage quotations are received. The item will be revisited.
The Clerk to also look in to the maintenance contract with Caloo with regards to the replacement panel and whether it should be replaced under the terms of the maintenance agreement.

0321-234.1 After receiving complaints from members of the public and concerns raised from Councillors regarding the quantity of grass cuts carried out last year, and hedge trimming works not yet completed, it was noted Garden Reclaim had not performed as per the contract. . Following this concern the Council resolved to consider quotations received for the grass cutting contract 2021-2022.

Resolved The Council unanimously agreed that the Clerk be requested to write to Garden Reclaim terminating the contract.
After consideration of the quotations and Clerks report, Mr. M Badcock received the majority vote by 2 more votes in favour, and will therefore be awarded the contract. The Clerk will issue the contract paperwork accordingly.
Mr. Badcock's quotation does not include the hedge cutting works to the sports field hedge and therefore, the Council are to seek further quotations for this work. The works cannot be carried out until September 2021 due to the bird nesting season.

0321-235 CEMETERY

The Cemetery Working Group will meet before next full Council meeting to finalize the location of the benches. The sundial will be ordered by the Clerk this week.

Resolved The working group will meet on Wednesday the 10th March and finalize the bench locations and confirm details with the Clerk who will then commence the purchase and installation of the benches.
The Clerk to go ahead and instruct the memorial company to manufacture and install the sundial.

0321-236 PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

No further updates. The Road Safety Audit by Cambs County Council is awaited along with County Council proposals for a crossing further down Upwood Road.

0321-237 FLOODING UPDATES

Cllr Wakefield provided an update following discussions with the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA). The LLFA confirmed Hunts District Council have been served to put a stop on developments in the village until agreement to adopt the suggested flood prevention measures has been met.

The completed Dehavilland Gardens (RAF Upwood) plans show a drainage pond to manage excessive rain run off, it transpired, following a site meeting between Parish councillors and Evera Homes drainage expert, that this has since been reduced to a tank under the road, which then was further reduced down to a pipe. The same has been found with the Upwood Road site (Larkfleet Homes) with the removal of one attenuation pond at the entrance to the site in favour of an additional property. Cllr Wakefield proposed the Council look to employ a planning expert to take evidence from planning applications to hold the District Council to account.

Resolved Cllrs Wakefield, Scantlebury, J Prestage, Tew and Johnston form a working group on planning and local infrastructure to explore was of putting pressure on the statutory bodies to ensure developers are adhering to planning conditions.
County Councillor Costello to assist the group on County Council matters in this respect.

0321-238 TRAFFIC DATA

Cllr Prestage presented the latest figures in relation to the traffic data logger. The logger was placed on Owls End from the 20th February 2021 to 3rd March 2021 and monitors traffic from both directions. The speed limit on Owls End is 30mph although opinion is as the school is on this road the speed limit should lowered. Over 700 movements the average speed was between 25-27mph with the highest speed recorded as 37mph. Two violations recorded from a van and a car travelling between 35-40mph and a further 99 violations of vehicles travelling between 31-35mph.

0321-239 INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

The interim audit report was forwarded to Councillors on the 2nd February 2021.

Resolved To receive and note the contents of the audit report to be placed in the relevant section of the Councils website.

0321-240 COVID -19 LOCKDOWN LIFTING ROADMAP

The Clerk provided the latest Government update with regards to Covid-19 in relation to the possibility of resuming face to face meetings from 7th May 2021.

Resolved To note the contents of the update and await further instructions as it is felt the 7th May 2021 is too soon. Under current general guidelines village halls are not permitted to open until the 17th May 2021.

0321-241 PLANNING – To receive recent planning applications.

21/00270/TREE – 37 Upwood Road, Bury.

Proposal: Oak 1 - laterally reduce by approx. 3m, removing limbs overhanging house roofs and garage roof. Thin crown by 10%.

Oak 2 - laterally reduce by approx. 3m, removing limbs overhanging house roofs. Thin crown by 10%.

Oak 3 - pollard to 10m in height due to severe subsidence at neighbouring property at rear (4 Barn Close, Bury) See engineers report.

Resolved As the works are necessary to prevent further damage to neighbouring properties.

20/01603/HHFUL – 3 Old Stable Walk, Bury. Proposed two storey rear extension.

Resolved Concern voiced regarding overshadowing or possible loss of light to the neighbouring properties, overall the Council voted in favour to support the application.

0321-241.1 **20/02495/REM** LLFA Consultation Response to application regarding 54 dwellings Land South of Buryfield.

20/01864/FUL – Buryfield, revised drawing for the surface water for the site.

The Chairman invited Mr. Nam of NFC Homes to speak with regards to the LLFAs consultation response to this application and the recommendation of installation of an open ditch to the northern boundary of the site, to prevent possible future flooding to Buryfield residents and beyond. Mr. Nam reassured members it is something that is going to happen, the condition placed on the development states occupation cannot go ahead without this. Although, a member asked therefore, if this is the case, then why has the piping for the ditch not been installed in to the new road on the site already, Mr. Nam confirmed this was due to the speed of

the planning application (reserved matters) going to the Development Management Committee meeting (Hunts District Council), Mr. Nam gave reassurance that the ditch will be reinstated. The submission drawings and falls for the ditch are not required until consent is given.

Resolved The Parish Council will not remove their objection to the site until the Reserved Matters application detailing the plans for the open ditch have been submitted to the planning authority and passed to the Parish Council for consultation.

0321-241.2 To receive an update from the Clerk on previous applications.

Resolved To receive the report and note its contents.

0321-242 FINANCE – To confirm agreement of payment of outstanding debts.

February 2021 payments:

1. S/O C Copley	Clerk wages for January	£ 779.64
2. C. Copley	Expenses for January	£ 46.75
3. HMRC	PAYE	£ 56.72
4. Parrot Print	Anglian Water drainage maps	£ 96.00
5. Russell Play	Replacement parts for multiplayer	£ 94.73
6. SERV Cambs	S137. Donation	£ 100.00
7. Parish Online	Subscription renewal	£ 120.00
8. Glasdon UK	2 x replacement waste bins	£ 570.70
9. NALC	Building Back Resilient Communities (M Tew)	£ 38.93
10. Canalbs	Internal audit, interim report	£ 136.50
11. M Badcock	Cemetery Maintenance	£ 450.00
12. M Badcock	Waste bin installation x 2	£ 200.00

Resolved To approve the above invoices numbered 1 to 12 for payment, and the online payment be facilitated by Cllrs Hayes and K Prestage.

0321-242.1 Monies received – none received.

0321-242.2 Bank reconciliation for February 2021.

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

0321-242.3 To receive and note CAPALC Affiliation Pack and consider the renewal options.

Resolved To accept the membership renewal figure along with data protection cover at a cost of £555.26.

0321-243 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1). Email from John Neish, Hunts DC, sharing the work that the Development Management Team at HDC are focusing on to improve service to customers.

0321-244 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION (decisions cannot be made under this item)

End of year finance report.

Quality Council.

CIL working group.

Accessibility options for website.

0321-245 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 7th April 2021, 7.30pm via video link.

With no further business to conduct the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.29.