

BURY PARISH COUNCIL

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The meeting of Bury Parish Council was held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 from 7.30pm at Bury Village Hall

Minutes

0322-447 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Councillors J. Prestage (Chair) D. Wakefield (Vice Chair), K Prestage, M. Tew, D. Masterson, P. Hazell and R. Scantlebury
District Councillor – J Clarke
County Councillor – A Costello
Clerk – C Copley and 1 member of public
Members 9, quorum 3

Apologies received from Cllr Johnston due to work commitments and Cllr Hayes due to attending a meeting elsewhere.

0322-448 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

0322-449 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of public present did not wish to speak.

0322-450 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL

Resolved The minutes of meeting of 2nd February 2022 be agreed as an accurate record of proceedings and therefore duly signed by the Chairman.

0322-451 COMMUNITY AWARDS – ROTARY CLUB

The presentation from Mr. Hallissey of the Rotary Club regarding the Community Awards Scheme was received.

Resolved That further consideration be given to the advertisement of the scheme and nominations.

0322-452 CLERKS UPDATE

The hedge cutting works to the footpath from Owls End to the play park have been completed and is now looking much neater and tidier. The LHO of Cambridgeshire County Council confirmed they did not carry out flailing or hedge cutting works in Bury lately and the Clerk continues to look in to the matter.

Resolved To receive and note the contents of the Clerks update.

0322-453 COUNCILLOR REPORTS- To receive verbal reports from the Parish Councillors on their portfolio of responsibilities and matters arising from previous minutes:

Road Safety

Cllr M Tew reported that he continues to report highways issues to the County Council. An area of the High Street, opposite Bury Stores has been patched.

Footpaths/Trees

Cllr Scantlebury presented his bi-monthly footpaths and trees report. The recent storms brought 2 trees down on Tunkers Lane which were swiftly removed by the County Council.

Garden Show

Cllr P Hazell confirmed this year's garden show will be held on Saturday 10th September.

Cemetery

The Clerk confirmed the cemetery is looking tidy and the hedges have had a cut before the start of the bird nesting season.

CAPALC

CAPALC will be hosting 2 prospective councillor sessions via zoom this month in support of the local elections, May 2022

All prospective councillors from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are welcome to attend.

Saturday 5th March 2022 - 0930 to 1200

Wednesday 16th March 2022 - 1830 to 2100

Both sessions are bookable via their online booking system - [CAPALC Booking Page](#)

Playing Fields

The Clerk reported a fallen tree limb had been swiftly removed by the caretaker, who continues to keep the area clean and tidy.

Cllr Scantlebury forwarded the play equipment risk assessment to the Clerk, who confirms no actions to be taken. The assessments will be retained in the Council's records.

Public Engagement

Cllr Tew reported he has kept social media and the council website up to date with latest articles.

Flood Working Group

Cllr Wakefield reported he has been in contact with Anglian Water as he believes the village sewerage system is unable to cope with capacity pending the scale of development in the village.

Finance Working Group

The Working Group will meet in April following the completion of the financial year end 31st March 2022.

To receive further reports from councillors other than those above.

Cllr Hazel reported in Cllr Johnstons absence that repairs had been carried out to the telephone box, replacing the light, broken glass and giving the base a coat of black paint.

Resolved To receive and acknowledge Councillor reports.

0322-454 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Costello reported the recent "Farmgate" investigation report has been completed. The report highlights senior members of the County Council did not look after their staff.

A new CEO of the County Council will be starting this week.

The Tour of Cambridge bike race will be held a week later this year, to avoid the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Concern is raised with regards to the impact the race will now have on the scheduled road closures in the area, the County Council advised closure of roads for cycle routes on diversion routes is not acceptable, and they are working on re-routing the race.

Road closures to Uggmere Court Road Ramsey Heights for 17 weeks as of Monday 7th March.

Road closure of Oilmills Road, Ramsey Mereside from the 21st February to 31st March.

Stocking Fen Road, Ramsey is currently closed due to broken sewer pipe and road damage.

A map of road closures and their details can be found here <http://streetworks.org.uk/live-traffic-works-map/>

District Councillor Clarke reported the District Council part of the Council Tax for 2022/23 will increase by 3.43%. The Government maximum is 5%. This will enable the District Council to set another neutral budget without cutting any of its services.

This past year the Council has fulfilled all its obligations including 100% bin collections together with Covid hand outs over and above government funding. It was pointed out at the last Full Council Meeting that the District Council have been prudent with finance and investments over the recent years and can benefit from reserves. They have a £94 million investment portfolio in, mostly warehousing. It is the eighteenth lowest District Council tax in the Country.

Also coming from the meeting is the Government reducing the percentage of social housing within new development and increasing new homes for first time buyers. It is recognized that there are many families within social housing that just fall short of minimum deposits.

Climate Change – whilst the District Council will always be considerate to the claim of climate change it is felt it should remain expenditure neutral at present in promoting change and wait for better cheaper technology further down the line. For example, a new electric bin lorry costs in excess of £250,000 and in a largely rural district it may prove unrealistic, unlike city collections.

Local business Le Mark is supporting a collection appeal for Ukrainian refugees by the Polish Saturday School in Huntingdon. Details of the collection point/date/time can be found appended to these minutes.

Resolved That the Clerk re-send the education report relating to the RAF Upwood development to Cllr Costello, following the Councils request to establish how the education provision from the development is to be utilised.

Action

Clerk and County Councillor Costello.

20:28 *District Councillor Clarke left the meeting.*

0322-455 CRIME REPORTS

The Clerk reported receiving 2 reports of crime within the village during the month of January 2022. The local crime map can be viewed on www.police.uk

0322-456 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Resolved To receive and note the contents of the Project Facilitator report for February 2022.

0322-457 TRAFFIC DATA

No data received this month.

0322-458 FLOODING/EMERGENCY PLANNING

Resolved With the leaflets received and distribution list finalised the Clerk will now prepare the leaflets for dissemination.

Action

Clerk

0322-459 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk continues to look at location sign options.

0322-460 REFURBISHMENT OF THE VILLAGE SIGN

The Clerk is awaiting receipt of quotations.

0322-461 PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Following discussion members agreed to the need to keep the sports field and play park areas neat and tidy which will hopefully encourage people to come out and hold their own picnic celebrations. Cllr Wakefield suggested the possibility of installing a new piece of play equipment, like the one installed for the Queens Silver Jubilee.

Resolved That the Clerk inform the grass cutting contractor and caretaker of the decision to keep the open space neat and tidy.
The Clerk to seek out companies providing suitable play equipment.
That County Councillor Costello to look in to a bulk bunting order for the surrounding town and villages.
Cllr Tew will advertise on social media to the village the use of the sports field and Jubilee field.

Action

Clerk
County Councillor Costello
Cllr Tew

0322-462 GIGACLEAR BOXES

Resolved To seek to establish if the proposed box is in addition to, or replacement of, the two boxes already located in the same area.

Action

Clerk

20:54 *County Councillor Costello left the meeting.*

0322-463 ELECTIONS 2022

Resolved To receive and note the contents of the CAPALC and NALC Elections Support for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
That following the guidance received from the Elections Department that Cllr J Prestage will hand deliver nominations forms to the District Council on time.

Action

Cllr J Prestage

0322-464 JUBILEE PLAY PARK

To further item 0122-420 and receive the cost of purchasing paint to refresh the Jubilee Playground equipment is £24.20 per pot (1L), with 4 pots required (primer, red, white and blue) coming to £96.80 plus VAT, with the addition of £11.50 for carriage brings the total spend to £129.96.

Resolved That Cllr Masterson seek a further quotation from a trade contact of his.

Action

Cllr Masterson

0322-465 CYBER PACKAGE INSURANCE

This item is in abeyance.

0322.466 CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved That all members present confirmed agreement to adopt and abide by the Local Government Associations Model Code of Conduct, and therefore duly signed the acceptance slip to be retained in the Councils records.

0322-467 CEMETERY MEMORIAL SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The Clerk provided details of memorial safety inspections and answered members questions.

Resolved That the Clerk continue to establish the necessity of such inspections.

Action

Clerk

0322.468 PLANNING – To receive planning applications.

22/00345/HHFUL - Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - 2 Pound Road Bury Huntingdon PE26 2LB.

Resolved That following discussion members voted unanimously to support the application. The Clerk to respond to the Planning authority accordingly.

Action

Clerk

0322.468.1 To receive an update from the Clerk on previous applications.
No further planning updates received since December 2021.

0322-469 FINANCE – To confirm agreement to the orders for February 2022.

1. Parish Online	Membership	£ 120.00
2. Staff costs	Staffing	£2,647.59
3. Serjeant and Son	Legal fees on account relating to BMX Track	£5,650.00
4. Officeworld	Stationery	£ 76.84
5. Civic London Architects	Guardroom project	£3,052.32
6. M Badcock	Hedge cutting/tree removal storm damage	£1,100.00
7. M Badcock	Play areas – Caretaking	£ 375.00
8. Parrot Print	Emergency Planning Booklet	£ 690.00

Resolved That payment of items 1 – 8 listed above will be facilitated by Cllrs K Prestage and Wakefield.

Action

Cllrs K Prestage and Wakefield.

0322-469.1 Monies received.

None received.

0322-469.2 Bank reconciliation.

Resolved That the reconciliation be noted as correct and duly signed by the Chairman.

0322-469.3 To receive and consider the CAPALC affiliation fee for 2022-23 at £578.22 (including Data Protection Officer membership) or £528.22 (excluding DPO membership).

Resolved To agree the affiliation fee for the next term and take up the Data Protection Officer support at a cost of £578.22.

Action

Clerk

0322-470 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1). Introduction to HDC Community Protection and Enforcement Officer.

2). Request from resident to have boundary water course cleared. Response provided by the Clerk.

3). Introduction from the Anne Robson Trust providing support to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about.

4). 3C Shared Services – free courses on offer to Council members (C Shared Services is a strategic partnership between Cambridge City Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council).

Resolved 1).To invite the HDC Community Protection and Enforcement Officer along to a future meeting.

4). Cllr Prestage will attend the Fire Safety course as advertised.

Action

Clerk

Cllr J Prestage

0322-471 MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION (decisions cannot be made under this item)

Review of Cemetery Regulations

0322-472 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th April 2022.

Agenda items to be received by the Clerk by 30th March 2022.

Zbiórka dla Ukrainy Help for Ukraine

The Polish Saturday School
St Johns Primary School, Sallowbush Rd,
Huntingdon, PE29 7LA



05-03-2022



08.00 - 12.00

Dear Sirs,

The Polish Saturday School in Huntingdon decided to help organise collection for Ukraine. Collection will take place on **5th March 2022** between **8.00 and 12.00** in **St Johns Primary School, Sallowbush Rd, Huntingdon, PE29 7LA**

The most needed right now will be:

- batteries / flashlights / candles
- diapers / pads / wet wipes
- dry sanitary products: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc
- painkillers
- blankets / sleeping bags
- powerbanks

** Please DO NOT BRING any food as it might expire by the time it reaches the borders.

You can also send donations via websites such as the British Red Cross [Ukraine Crisis Appeal | British Red Cross](#), Unicef [Ukraine crisis: donate now to protect children - Unicef UK](#)