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The Full Council Meeting of Bury Parish Council

Was held on Wednesday 5th October 2022 at Bury Village Hall Meeting Room, from 7.30pm

Minutes

1022-076 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Councillors J. Prestage (Chair), K. Prestage, D Masterson, and J Hayes.

Also present: County Councillor Costello and District Councillor Brereton, 3 members of public.

Apologies received from: C. Copley (due to illness) D. Wakefield (illness), R. Scantlebury (personal)
As the clerk was not present at the meeting notes were taken by Cllr D Masterson.

1022-077 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

1022-078 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To resolve to allow up to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person) for any members of the public and Councillors declaring the existence and nature of a prejudicial interest to address the meeting in relation to the business on this agenda

The members of public present raised their concerns for the planning application submitted off Tunkers Lane (see 1022-082 below). This covers the reserved matters from the original outline approval and significant differences were noted. Details of drainage schemes, both rainwater and foul sewerage, were missing.

1022-079 MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR APPROVAL

Resolved That the minutes of meeting 7th September 2022 be approved as a correct record of proceedings and duly signed by the Chair.

1022-080 CLERK'S REPORT

Report of matters arising from minutes of 7th September 2022, correspondence, communication and crime reports, along with a roundup of resolutions of the Planning Committee meeting 27th September 2022.

Resolved That the partial report received from the Clerk be received and noted. Due to the Clerks illness the report was not fully completed in time for the meeting, any remaining matters will be included in the next report.

Action Clerk

1022-081 REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To receive verbal reports from the County and District Councillors.

County Councillor Adela Costello reported As schools and settings return for the autumn term, we expect to see an increasing number of children and staff absences due to winter viruses including Covid-19. As a result, schools and settings are working hard to balance safety with the need to ensure that children receive the education and care they need. With high cases of children contracting the infection there is then the risk of passing it on to the older generation which could lead to pressure on the NHS and beds this winter. Incidents of covid went up by 30% since last week.

The situation with the busses will be resolved at the board meeting of the Combined Authority (CA) on Wednesday 19th October. The CA have £1.7M to subsidise public transport but this is insufficient as

Stagecoach indicate that they need £4.5M. A proposal for CCC to also provide funding for public transport was voted down by the present Administration. I have been in touch with the Director of Education regarding our young people who travel to Huntingdon and St.Ives for their courses and was told the School Transport Team were in discussions with the CA and that they would ensure that the students would get to school.

The Manor House Nursing Home is to close, it is owned by the group who also owned the home in Whittlesey that had to be closed as a result of the investigations of the Care Inspectors. The owners have cited the difficulty in the recruitment and retention of staff and increased costs as the reason for closure.

The LHI application process is changing, there will now be a soft and hard section, soft being signage, lining etc with a maximum of £10,000 grant. The hard will be for everything else such as traffic calming, footpaths, etc and the grant has been increased to £25K. There is still a requirement for 10% match funding by the applicant.

District Councillor Roger Brereton passed several road traffic orders for works due to start in the Ramsey town area. He also spoke of the opinions received around the District Councils Master Plan, Ramsey looks set to lose what little parking it has to move over for more housing and development, the feeling is this will have a negative impact on the town.

1022-082 PLANNING MATTERS AND PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a. New applications.

22/01946/REM All Reserved matters for the erection of 87 dwellings along with landscape, scale, layout and appearance and all ancillary works pursuant to Outline permission 20/00863/OUT, Tunkers Lane, Bury. Stonewater, a social housing group responsible for the Buryfield site have bought this site off Tunkers Lane from Abbey group. Whilst there has obviously been significant discussions with the planners at HDC there has been none with the parish council or community. Policy G3 in our Neighbourhood Plan – requires developers considering making proposals for major development within Bury to contact Bury Parish Council at the earliest opportunity to discuss how pre-application community engagement can be undertaken.

The policy also looks for developers to undertake pre-application community engagement. This has not happened and therefore we agreed to refuse permission.

The parish council are consulted on all planning applications in the parish and whilst we hope to influence the planners at HDC they do not always follow our recommendations. You can help by making a response on any planning application, particularly those on which you are consulted. If you do make a representation to HDC, please send a copy to our parish clerk. All planning applications can be accessed at

<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/planning/view-existing-planning-applications/>

Resolved To **OPPOSE** the application, a detailed response will be forwarded.

Action **Cllr J Prestage**

The Councils response has been forwarded ahead of the deadline, 20th October and is now appended to these minutes.

b. Applications determined.

c. Planning correspondence.

<https://publicaccess.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Between Tuesday 4th October and Friday 14 October 2022 inclusive Huntingdonshire District Council Planning Department are putting in place temporary measures on how they respond to enquiries from customers. They are calling this a 'Planning Blitz'. They will continue to respond to urgent and essential matters. However, general contact with planning officers in the Development Management Area Teams will be prioritised to enable the team to focus on processing and determining applications, and this may mean there will be a delay in responding, or that a response will not be provided until after the close of this period.

1022-083 ACTIVE LIVES SUMMER SPORTS PROGRAMME 2022

Cllr Prestage reported another successful summer sports programme had been held. The summer was a great success and we have received some excellent feedback and achieved some really good numbers, over 260 children across Huntingdonshire took the opportunity to get active this summer. Cllr J Prestage proposed running more parish sessions during the upcoming half terms in 2022/23, with the next one starting on 24th October.

Resolved That Cllr J Prestage take up conversation with the Active Lives team with a view to provide further sessions at Bury.

Action **Cllr J Prestage**

1022-084 CEMETERY

a. Consider the results of the memorial safety inspection, August 2022 and subsequent Memorial Safety Testing information sheet. Any memorial which is deemed unsafe will, temporarily, be made secure if required or laid down if necessary (as per Local Authorities Cemetery order 1977). A notice stating that the memorial is unsafe has been attached to the memorials. The reasons given will be completed and forwarded to the deed-holder of the grave at the last known address held on Parish Council record. The deed-holder of the grave will be advised that the memorial requires making safe in accordance with NAMM guidelines.

b. Consider the request for a memorial.

- Resolved** a. To receive and note the content of the safety inspection report and adopt the Memorial Safety Testing information sheet. So far, the Clerk has provided the relevant information to 2 memorial owners with a repair booked in for 21st October. The Memorial Safety Testing information sheet will be available from the Councils website or provided by request.
- b. To accept the request to install a memorial in the Garden of Rest, the style to be in keeping with others in the area.

Action Clerk

1022-085 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

To resolve to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

This item was deferred until the November meeting, when the Dignity at Work policy referred to in the Pledge is presented for adoption by the Parish Council.

1022-086 PARISH GRASS CUTTING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

As detailed within the Parish Councils Financial Regulations contracts shall comply with these financial regulations, and no exceptions shall be made otherwise than in an emergency, provided that this regulation need not apply to contracts for work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which constitute an extension of an existing contract by the council. Cllr J Prestage proposed that the current contract be extended as historically the Council struggled to obtain a contractor who carried out his duties as required within the schedules for maintenance of the public areas and cemetery. In the past the Council received multiple complaints for residents that the areas had become untidy and overgrown, general unreliability resulted in many hours of the Clerks time used in chasing up, attending the sites to check on contractors, and sourcing new contractors when others failed to attend. On occasions despite time spent liaising with contractors and site visits etc quotations would not always be forthcoming.

The current maintenance contractor not only carries out his duties as required in the schedule but is also forward thinking and proactive in taking care of the areas, storm damaged trees have been removed promptly, broken glass cleared within a short time of being reported, fence and ground repairs. I was also noted not one complaint of unkept areas have been received in the time Mr Badcock has been maintaining the Councils public areas and cemetery.

Resolved That with all members in favour sufficient evidence was provided to support rolling the contract over and that the contract be awarded with a 12 monthly review would ensure best value for the Council.

Action Clerk

1022-087 REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2022

Resolved That Cllr J Prestage attend the Bury Remembrance Day service and wreath laying at the Church of the Holy Cross, along with a donation of £40 to the Royal British Legion for a poppy wreath.

Action Clerk

1022-088 FINANCE

- a. To confirm agreement of payment of outstanding debts.

1). Administration	Salaries, HMRC and superannuation	£3158.08
2). Unity Bank	Bank charges	£22.80
3). Wicksteed	Play areas safety inspection	£288.00
4). CAPALC	CAPALC Annual Conference (2 x attendees)	£150.00
5). Hedley and Ellis	Electrical supplies – Christmas lights	£229.66
6). Hedley and Ellis	Electrical supplies – Christmas lights	£198.13
7). Hedley and Ellis	Electrical supplies – Christmas lights	£197.83
8). M Badcock	Cemetery grounds maintenance	£450.00
9). M Badcock	Village grass cutting	£580.65
10). Councillor expense	K Prestage – Garden show shield engraving	£25.00

- b. Monies received.

1). HMRC	Precept	£30,600.00
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- b. Bank reconciliation for July and September 2022.

- c. To note the current donation total held for the defibrillator at Bury Stores stands at £487.10.

Resolved That the October payments be recommended for approval and therefore the online payments will be authorized by Cllrs Hayes and D Masterson at the earliest opportunity. The invoices will be signed at the next meeting.

- b. The bank reconciliation was confirmed as correct and duly signed by the Chair

- c. That the £487.10 donation balance for the defibrillator be received and noted.

Action Cllrs Masterson and Hayes, Clerk.

- 1022-089 WARM HUBS IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE
Resolved That any charity organisations seeking assistance towards the scheme can do so by application to the Parish Council.
- 1022-090 TRAFFIC MONITORING
The monitor is currently located on Owls End and will then be placed on the High Street close to the Old School House/public footpath. Cllr J Prestage reported Cllr Howe of Upwood and the Raveleys Parish Council is due to meet with MP Shailesh Vara shortly representing the RUB Alliance.
- 1022-091 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP
The switch on of the Christmas lights in the trees opposite Bury store will take place on Friday 2nd December at 6pm. We are looking for extra help to make this a triumph once again. Volunteers of help are still needed to assist with the installation or taking down of the lights themselves or to act as a steward on the evening of the switch on, please contact Cllr. Karen Prestage on 01487 813848.
Working on obtaining barriers.
- 1022-092 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM MEMBERS RELATING TO ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THEIR PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES
Cllr K Prestage confirmed a Grantscape meeting had taken place and grants have been awarded to local organisations.
Cllr J Prestage recently attended the CAPALC AGM.
Cllr Hayes reported the Church has recently lost some masonry, possibly caused by slip from the heatwave, the area has been fenced off to protect the public.
- 1022-093 HR COMMITTEE
Implementation of a HR Committee and its membership. Heads of Terms have been circulated to members ahead of this meeting.
Resolved That the HR Committee Terms of Reference be agreed along with its membership.
- 1022-094 MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA (decisions cannot be made under this item)
Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 s12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for discussion.
- 1022-095 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING
Wednesday 2nd November 2022, Bury Village Hall, from 7.30pm.
Agenda items to the Clerk, in writing, no later than Wednesday 19th October.

** The agenda for 2nd November meeting will be issued early due to the Clerks annual leave**

PARISH SPORTS PROGRAMME BURY SUMMER REPORT 2022

MORE PEOPLE, MORE ACTIVE, MORE OFTEN

3 multi sport sessions delivered
6 hours of physical activity provided



One session provided 28% of a child's recommended weekly physical activity

32 children were signed up to at least one session
28 children aged 5-11 attended at least one session
43 attendances across the 3 sessions

65% boys



35% girls



94% of children rated the activity as 'Brilliant' or 'Good'
100% of children rated the activity leaders as 'Brilliant' or 'Good'
100% of children said they would attend the activity again



90% of parents were 'very satisfied' with the activity'
100% of the parents rated the activity leaders as 'Brilliant' or 'Good'
100% of the parents would bring their child to the activity again

Feedback

"The activity leaders were really friendly and helpful. It was fun mixing up the sports."

"Excellent opportunity for the kids to take part in sports sessions that were close to home."

"My children have difficulty mixing with peers, the leaders pitched it just right and let them join when ready"

"My son enjoyed all the sessions he attended and was always looking forward to the next."

"My daughter had a great time and was excited to tell us all about the session."

"It was refreshing that my son could join in and try something new without any cost. I truly appreciate it."

"Gave children a chance to see each other outside school. They had tons of fun and got good exercise"

"My 2 children really enjoyed it. And we are incredibly lucky to have this for free over the summer holidays."

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Planning Permission Consultation 22/01946/REM

All Reserved matters for the erection of 87 dwellings along with landscape, scale, layout and appearance and all ancillary works pursuant to Outline permission 20/00863/OUT.

Land Off Tunkers Lane Bury

At full Council meeting on Wednesday 5th October 2022, Bury Parish Council voted unanimously to oppose this reserve matters application. Members of public also present attended with the purpose to voice their opposition to this development.

The Council's reasons for refusal are:

Bury Neighbourhood Plan Policy G3 states:

"Developers considering making proposals for major development within Bury are encouraged to contact Bury Parish Council at the earliest opportunity to discuss how pre-application community engagement can be undertaken. Bury Parish Council will work with developers to facilitate effective and proactive community engagement and to ensure that the requirements of this Neighbourhood Plan are taken into consideration. Proposals for development which are accompanied by a community engagement report that details how the outcome of the pre-application community engagement has been taken into account in the scheme submitted will be particularly supported."

Stonewater since acquiring the site have not engaged at all with either the council or local community. The housing mix has been changed considerably from the outline permission, which was discussed at length with the original developers, Abbey Group. Whilst we understand that it was purely illustrative it would be reasonable to expect such a major deviation to be discussed with the council and community.

Policy LP25 Housing Mix of the Local Plan states:

"A proposal for major scale development that includes housing will be supported where it provides a mix of sizes, types and tenures which help achieve sustainable, inclusive and mixed communities."

The tenure of purely affordable housing is unacceptable as it is not developing a sustainable, inclusive, and mixed community as part of the overall housing in Bury. One of the visual identifiers for affordable housing is that they never have garages, whereas market housing does have garages. In our opinion it is misguided

to design this site to conform with the rural exception site adjacent. The predominance of this type of home in concentrated developments will have an inordinate effect on the local community and is disproportionate to the existing built environment. It would be far better to conform to existing planning ratios and have mixed

developments to facilitate better integration and thus give the building of the new community a better chance of success.

We do not believe that drainage issues have been sufficiently discussed or publicly notified within submitted papers with regard to overflow of excess surface water

These are all points that we would hope to have been able to discuss with the developer so that they understood our concerns and those of our community as laid out in our neighbourhood plan:

- Provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.
- Provide new housing including affordable housing and housing required to meet the local needs of Bury residents; including smaller homes for elderly villagers wishing to downsize and for young singles, couples or families needing their first home, and those working locally in businesses including agriculture.
- Ensure that new development is of high-quality design, is built to a high sustainability standard and reinforces local distinctiveness.
- Ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of climate change and flooding.

We await your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Copley', written in a cursive style.

Charlotte Copley
Clerk
Bury Parish Council