

Minutes of the Burford Town Council meeting held in the Council Chamber on 6 July 2011 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr J White. Mayor. Cllr J Tunnell-Westmacott. Deputy Mayor Cllr S Lofthouse. Cllr A Walker. Cllr D Cohen. Cllr I Brown. Cllr P Bush. Cllr D Cotterill. Maggie Andrews Town Clerk.

1. MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 June be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING

Skip Licenses. After much debate and research it was noted that OCC set their own time limits on skips therefore no further action will be taken on the matter.

3. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Falkland Hall Trust. Cllr Cohen reported that at a recent meeting of the Falkland Hall Trust, there was an overwhelming agreement on the decision to support the Parish Church's design to build a community building for Burford.

Website. It was proposed and agreed that Allan Read submit a presentation regarding the updating of burfordtown.com website. Councillors were requested to log any matters that needed to be included in the website. Allan will attend the August Council meeting at 6.45pm. It was also suggested that the office computer is updated. Allan Read to advise.

Library. Posters are being circulated regarding the meeting in the Parish Church on 19 July at 7.00pm chaired by Cllr John White.

Jubilee 2012. Cllr White will action a committee once volunteers come forward from the request in the Bridge Magazine.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Mills, Temple-Bruce & Couchman.

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared a personal interest because they represent the Council as a Chairman of the following committees:-

Cllr Walker – Planning

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott – Environmental & Cemetery

Cllr Brown – Recreation Ground

Cllrs Tunnell-Westmacott and White are to receive payments of £400 and £60 respectively, being payment for supplying canapés at the Mayor's Festival reception and a Burford print as a gift to Potenza Picena when Cllr White recently visited our twin town.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer circulated the first quarter spend. The only question arising was that our budget noted £850 for sundries but we had already spent £1288.72. John Yeatman to action.

Invoices for payment:

Mrs M Andrews reimbursement party food for Children's Festival tea party

Ecclesiastical Insurance	1177.55
Petty Cash	60.00
Goodwood Tree care (removal or diseased tree on Rec)	1224.00
Mrs M Andrews salary	860. 20
Inland Revenue	351. 63
John Yeatman salary	772. 50
Viking Direct	54. 30
A K Timms	16. 81
Jane Tunnell-Westmacott – reimbursement of cost of canapés supplied for Mayor’s reception (Festival)	400. 00
John White – reimbursement of cost of picture presented To Council of Potenza Picena	60. 00
Thames Water	10. 84
RICOH photocopier	35. 59
McCracken & Son 3 rd and 4 th grass cuts to town	1737.60
David Buckland car allowance attending 3 day chain saw course	123.83
Sutcliffe Play – new rope ladder	1300. 20
Mr & Mrs K Dadge	91. 00
Talkingoutloud	50. 00

The above were passed for payment

7. MAYOR’S REPORT The Mayor reported a busy month, attending a Burford Festival reception with Mayor’s & Chairmen from the area organised by Cllr Cotterill & WODC, hosting the Mayor’s reception during the Festival week, the children’s tea party which was a great success and a visit to Potenza Picena, who are very keen to continue their relationship with Burford and in particular Burford School.

8. W.O.D.C. REPORT

Cllr Cotterill reported that after lively debate Cottsway were granted planning permission to build 15 affordable houses in Burford to the east of Frethern Close. Further permissions were granted for the demolition of garages and outline for 5 further houses, if required. These will be Rural Exception Site houses for Burford people.

9. O.C.C. REPORT

The County Council has been awarded £5million from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. This will be used principally to fund a major extension to Thornhill Park & Ride to provide an additional 500 spaces, providing a new outward bound bus lane on London Road Headington and establishing two low-carbon bus services between Thornhill Park and Ride and the John Radcliffe Hospital. This latter scheme should ease the very difficult parking at the JR.

The County has signed an Armed Forces County Covenant. This recognizes the important part that the forces play in the life of the County at RAF Brize Norton, RAF Benson and the Army bases at Didcot, Abingdon and Bicester.

This will help servicemen and women in matters of housing, schooling and assisting men and women coming to the end of their service.

The memorial Garden for the Repatriation Corteges which will start at RAF Brize Norton in September, will start construction within the next week.

10. CORRESPONDECE

1. Pauline McCabe sent an email attaching various items which she wanted to sell under the Tolsey. After discussion Council decided the type of merchandise would conflict with other traders and businesses in Burford.

11. OXBOX COMMUNITY TV CHANNEL

Oxbox produce public information and press release films hosted on the Oxbox website free of charge, for up to 12 films per year for Town councils. Councillors agreed to set up a sub-committee to discuss the matter and to arrange a meeting with Oxbox TV.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning.

The following plan was discussed:-

W11/0817. 11 Tanners Lane. Erection of two storey rear extension, conversion of garage to living accommodation and erection of detached garage and hobbies room over.

No objection.

Recreation Ground

A large diseased tree has been removed from the Rec, major pruning has been carried out in the play area. Three BBQ's will be placed on the Rec, one by the youth shelter, one by the picnic table and one near the Pavilion. A new climbing net in the children's play area will be fitted to the climbing frame.

A walnut tree in memory of Ken Bedford will be planted in the autumn.

Treloars, the company rebuilding the wall between the Rec and Hunts Close will be asked to carry out the work as soon as possible.

Cllr Brown will look at the play area with a view to possibly updating/improving some of the equipment.

Dog fouling is still a huge problem. A notice will be put in The Bridge reminding owners to 'pick – up' after their dogs. The Primary school has produced some posters on this matter, one of which will be in the Bridge along with the article; the others will be displayed around the Recreation Ground.

It was noted that Burford FC are practicing on the Rec pitch, they will be encouraged to use the pitch nearest the A40.

A Green gym was held on 15 June, more are scheduled for 13 and 18 July.

Environment & Cemetery

The footpath from the Burford House Hotel toward the new VIC is rutted and very uneven. The Clerk to report to OCC.

The epicormic growth from the trees on The Hill has been removed. Witney Street and Sheep Street trees are included in this trimming programme.

It was noted that Bob Lightfoot at WODC has arranged for an extra 'plastics' recycling bin to be placed in the car park and 'to also tidy' the whole area.

Cllr Cotterill is looking into the matter of pavement stencils regarding dog fouling.

Barns Lane BT phone box. This has been vandalized. It was questioned whether the phone box is required at all.

Maison Blanc's rubbish bin in Sheep Street is attracting vermin. It was noted that their drains are sometimes blocked, possibly with fat from food.

The Clerk will alert Jon Dowell at WODC for action and to request an increase in the frequency of their waste collection.

The Cotswold Gateway Hotel will be asked to trim back overhanging trees which are impeding the public footpath. Clerk to action.

BEAP. Nothing to report

Rural Housing Exception Scheme.

The planning permission granted for the Frethern Close development may be the subject of judicial review.

Traffic.

Cllr Bush agreed to look into the matter of weight limits on certain roads so that we can send our comments to O.C.C.

The new coach park sign has been ordered.

The damaged cycle sign at the Guildenford/Witney Street junction has been reported.

It was suggested that the main parking sign in the Town should read how many spaces are available. This will be added to the Traffic Advisory meeting agenda for the 14 September meeting.

The meeting was reminded that there had been suggestions for an overflow car park in Cllr Mill's field adjacent to the main car park.

Mike Horton's report is still awaited regarding the proposals for Priory Lane and the coach park re-lining.

Warwick Hall.

Nothing to report.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The damaged metal post Lower High Street has been reported to OCC who will repair or replace.

It was noted that the hard standing areas have been completed at the bus stops on The Hill.

The white gates, alerting motorists to the 30mph speed limit in Witney Street will be installed week commencing 11 July.

A request was noted for WODC to supply a copy of the accounts regarding the £200,000 spend for the new VIC centre and toilet. Cllr Cotterill said there was no breakdown of costs as yet. He added that the cost of the toilet block in the Guildenford car park was £90,000 for three units.

New sand bags are being ordered. A tarpaulin will be placed over the sand bag store at the recreation ground.

Congratulations were noted to our Lengthman David Buckland for passing the City & Guilds NPTC chain saw course, obtaining the highest mark of the group.

15. CHARITY MATTERS

None.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.