

Minutes of the Burford Town Council meeting held in the Council Chamber Wednesday 7 August 2019 at 7.00 p m

Present: Cllr J White – Mayor. Cllr J Tunnell-Westmacott – Deputy Mayor. Cllr P Bush, Cllr P Higgs, Cllr D Cotterill. Cllr S Lofthouse. Cllr M Taubenheim. Cllr I Brown, Cllr N Field-Johnson. Maggie Andrews Town Clerk. John Yeatman – RFO. Dr Ken Gray.

1. MINUTES. Resolved: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 July be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING. None

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Cllrs Cohen, Triggs & Palmer.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr White – Chairman of Traffic and receiving a cheque for £200 being taxi costs for County Hall meetings.

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott – Cemetery & Environment.

Cllr I Brown – Chairman BEAT

Cllr M Taubenheim - Chairman of Planning.

5. HGV FUNDING. An appeal will be launched at the end of the month. Details of the appeal will be in next month's edition of The Bridge. Businesses, owners of properties, & Charities will be approached for donations.

6. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

Orchard Rise posts & signs. Correspondence has been received from residents in Orchard Rise. After discussion Council felt that if Mr Yates had applied to OCC for permission before erecting the posts and had OCC consulted BTC in accordance with its standing protocol, BTC would have objected to the erection of the posts. Should Mr Yates apply for retrospective planning, BTC will object. The Mayor will submit our comments to OCC.

Shilton Road development, street names. After discussion it was agreed that some of the 'names of the fallen' which are listed on Burford's War Memorial will be used.

Stow on the Wold experimental Traffic Regulation Order. To introduce a 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the A436 Adlestrop railway bridge. Council resolved unanimously to support GCC's proposals for Adlestrop Bridge.

Drinking Fountain. A proposal has been made for a drinking fountain to be erected by the Visitor Information Centre. There is no cost implication to BTC. In principle, all were in favour. Further investigation and information required.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that a new contract has been drawn up with Southern Electric for a 36 month period, this will save us approximately £300 per annum.

OCC have advised that the priority fund must be spent by March 2020.

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Payments as listed:-

Council account.

Mrs Andrews	971. 20
HMRC	485. 57
J Yeatman	216. 00
Nest Pension	66. 08
Mr & Mrs Dadge	106. 73
David Buckland	1247. 20

McCracken & Son 7th & 8th cut £1550.

Churchyard tree £675 survey, Churchyard epicormic growth £565.

McCracken total	3348. 00
A K Timms	198. 42
Petty Cash	20. 00
N G Mills Bury Orchard parking fees 2018	250. 00
J White Taxi x 2 County Hall meetings	200. 00
Castle Water Tolsey	12. 53
Castle Water Cemetery	26. 50
Oscar Triggs (website)	540. 00
Vaughtons replacmenet medal	60. 10
Start Traffic – disabled sign	33. 54
Windrush Artgroup letterhead reprint	138. 00
British Telecom Business and all inclusive bill	405. 55

The above were passed for payment.

Council agreed to contribute £100 toward a defibrillator for the Bowls Club.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT. The Mayor reported that he had mainly attended meetings concerning HGVs; a draft report is imminent and hopefully in time for our next Council meeting. He also attended a Chamber of Trade reception at the Warwick Hall, meeting people from local businesses and a meeting with the Revd. Tom Putt regarding the Civic Carol Service & the Remembrance Service.

9. WODC REPORT . CLLR COTTERILL

Activity has been directed towards getting planning permission extended for temporary use of the Guildenford field and trying to make progress with a permission for a permanent solution.

OCC Highways have objected to both the temporary use and long term use and want traffic surveys on Guildenford, Church Lane and the bridge into the car park. No offer to fund such surveys.

Normally the highways objection would kill the application for temporary use but the WODC Planner is minded to overrule it and take the matter to the September Uplands Committee with a recommendation to approve. We have asked for three years use.

The work towards getting a permanent solution now involves a flood risk assessment and

topographical survey required by the Environment Agency.

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This will cover the work associated with a bridge into the churchyard and a second bridge alongside the existing road bridge. Cost of the surveys is approximately £10,000 but funding exists for them.

However, the flood water flow path is across the field from the millstream, through the current car park extension and out the gate across to the southern spillway. Historic England and WODC Conservation have both objected strongly to any cars being visible from the churchyard and have proposed two triangular extensions, one to the north side of the existing car park and one eastwards from the end of the existing one. These extensions mirror the flood water flow path!!! Their proposal is unworkable logistically. There is no alternative site in Burford until we get autonomous electric vehicles to ferry people from the A40, Westwell turn OCC owned field, into town and back.

A map (available upon request) from the WODC SHLAA is attached which shows site 160 - now built out, 161 is arable land on a hillside and very prominent in the wider landscape (AONB), 161A is recorded as suitable for housing and, therefore, not available. All those sites are in Nick Mill's ownership as is the Guildenford site we are currently pursuing. Sheep Street is also worse than Church Lane for accessing any of these sites by vehicles.

Site 145 is OCC ownership and on the A40 so convenient for access but a long way from town up/down a steep hill. Until we get autonomous electric vehicles for shuttle purposes this site is not suitable.

Site 144 has access problems and is prominent in the AONB landscape.

Site 143 is 1:4 gradient and riddled with springs. This site is in unknown ownership and not registered.

No sites are suitable on the Fulbrook side of the river as the bridge is too dangerous for pedestrians. The site selected must serve both the Warwick Hall and the town.

10. O.C.C. REPORT CLLR N FIELD JOHNSON.

HGV ban – approved. OCC have approved the 18 month HGV ban and trial for Burford. £150,000 needs to be raised for signage, surveys, legal fees etc. £40,000 has already been raised in pledges. Major fundraising will begin in August and September.

Electric vehicle charging points. OCC have successfully bid for a slice of a £37m government fund. Park and Charge will see up to 300 chargers installed in residential 'charging hubs' using car parks located in residential areas where properties don't have their own off-street parking.

Friends of Libraries groups. The County Council sees library friends as crucial to maintaining a library service to communities across Oxfordshire. More than 20 groups are active across Oxfordshire County Council's network of 43 libraries.

Campaign to recruit 'Shared Lives'. The County Council has launched a campaign to recruit more carers for its successful; Shared Lives service. There are currently 80 Shared Lives carers providing a home to about 120 adults in the county. The carers provide

anything from occasional short breaks or daytime support through to a longer-term, full-time arrangement. To find out more about joining the shared Oxfordshire Shared Lives scheme call 01865 897971. Karen Fuller Deputy Director.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

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12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning. 19/01714/HHD. Walnut Tree Cottage, Swan Lane. Council felt that three new windows and the enlarging of two windows to the north (Swan Lane) were too dominant and also overlooked the opposite neighbour. We would prefer the windows to be made of wood, not plastic since this building is in an ANOB/Conservation area.

Pavilion. A meeting will be convened between Cllrs Triggs, Taubenheim, the Mayor, the Town Clerk and the RFO to discuss and draw up a proper contract now that regular football matches and events are well established.

Recreation Ground. Further quotes are required for the car park repairs. Action Cllr Triggs.

Environment. Several repairs in the footpaths have been surfaced with tarmac instead of Goldmac. Further investigations required.

The Clerk will again chase OCC to cut back the epicormic growth from trees in Sheep Street, Witney Street and on The Hill. This work is well overdue.

Cemetery. A meeting will be convened to discuss Cemetery requirements.

Traffic. The 20mph limit on Burford's streets has been agreed, we await a quotation for signage costs.

Cllr Brown will investigate the inefficient passing bays in Tanners Lane.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

It was noted that the Chamber of Trade have identified a hand-operated street sweeping machine, however an operator is required. Further information required.

14. CHARITY MATTERS.

The Friday Tolsley trader has requested to trade on Saturdays. Councils' policy is to allow only Charities on a Saturday and so that policy decision is upheld.

