

Minutes of the Burford Town Council meeting held in the Council Chamber Wednesday 1 May 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 Palmer. Cllr F Triggs. Cllr D Cohen. Cllr I Brown. Cllr S Lofthouse. Maggie Andrews Town Clerk. John Yeatman – RFO.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING. None

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Cllr John White agreed to stand for a further year as Mayor. Therefore it was proposed and seconded that he should and Council agreed unanimously.

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott agreed to stand for another year as deputy Mayor. The appointment was proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed by Council.

Both Cllr White & Tunnell-Westmacott were thanked for their dedicated service during the past year.

5. 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.

Cllr I Brown – Chairman BEAT.

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott – Cemetery & Environment.

Cllr F Triggs – Recreation Ground

6. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

HGVs. Our response to OCC's papers on HGV weight limit and project costs has been submitted. We have had no formal response from OCC who could not commit at this stage regarding the financial situation. There is a full hearing on 23 May at which Cllr White will attend.

With regard to the 20 mph limit, this is in hand with James Wright at OCC and we await further news.

7. GULDENFORD CAR PARK EXTENSION.

As previously reported there have been several objections to the application which Cllr Cotterill is addressing. There will be a judicial review period.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported the following:-

The BACS payment for the 1st ½ 2019/20 Precept of £35345.00 and Parish Support Grant of £870 were received on 9 April 2019.

The BACS payment for the VAT reclaim for the 2nd ½ of £2240.42 was received on 23 April 2019.

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The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Internal Audit for 2018/19 was undertaken by Mr Don Griffin on 26 April 2019 – no problems were reported. AGAR Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 (Section 1) previously circulated and all points discussed. The statement was approved.

AGAR Accounting Statements 2018/19 (Section 2) previously circulated. After discussion the statements were approved.

The 2018/19 unaudited statements and the notice of Public Rights will be posted on the website.

The Pension Regulator re-declaration of Compliance was completed on 24 April 2019..

Payments as listed:-

Council account.

Mrs Andrews	899. 40
HMRC	512. 35
J Yeatman	461. 37
Nest Pension	66. 08
Mr & Mrs Dadge	106. 73
David Buckland	1247. 20
BT Business bill	141. 73
Margaret Johnson	119. 27
A.K. Timms	82. 62
Petty Cash	25. 00
The Bridge donation	10. 00
Chubb Fire final payment	33. 66
Stocksigns Ltd (speed signage)	2258. 40
BT broadband package	232. 78

The above were passed for payment.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT.None

10. WODC REPORT . CLLR COTTERILL. None

11. O.C.C. REPORT CLLR N FIELD JOHNSON. None

12. CORRESPONDENCE. None

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning. The following plans were discussed and our comments sent to WODC.

19/00835/LBC. 135 The Hill. Internal alterations to create new bedroom. No objection.

19/01084/LBC. Plum Tree Cottage, 18 Witney Street. Alterations to roof following enforcement notice as not built to plan. Council agree the enforcement decisions but would ask that the internal alterations are also inspected

19/00916/HHD. 2 Burford Hill Mews. Addition of entrance canopy and insertion of roof light to front elevation. No objection.

Enforcement notice. Alleged breach - unauthorised signs at 1 Orchard Rise.

Pavilion. None

Recreation Ground. Pittaway Fencing Ltd will be working on playground repairs and replacement of the A40 gate as soon as possible.

The football team has been given a 2 mtr mower for cutting the pitches. The mower will need to be housed. Further discussions required but Council agreed in principle to the housing of the mower. If there is adequate space, the steel container to be used.

Environment. Work at Church Green continues so as to deter motorists parking on and eroding the green.

A letter has been received from a resident regarding the erosions of verges generally. This will be addressed more fully at the AGM meeting on 2 May.

The Cemetery. More spring bulbs will be planted along the driveway.

The grave stones in the St John the Baptist churchyard for which we are responsible have been 'topple tested' and all necessary repairs carried out including straightening and securing several head stones

Traffic. The Shilton Road speed calming issues are under discussion with speed cushions being the most acceptable option.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Concerns were mooted over Air B & B lettings with properties often empty for many days a year. Cllr Cotterill said the properties did not need to be registered if they were used less than 180 days a year. It is difficult to identify the actual properties. There appears to be nothing in the Planning Policies to help us but the matter is under investigation generally. However there are compensating factors benefitting Burford.

Cllr P Bush was nominated for the position of Foundation Governor at Burford School as one of the two Council representative. The Mayor said it was an important job and will pass his details to the Foundation for ratification.

A resident has suggested various species of trees around the town. Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott to investigate.

15. CHARITY MATTERS.

None

