

**Minutes of the Burford Town Council meeting held in the Council
Chamber Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 7.00 p m**

Present: Cllr J White – Mayor, Cllr J Tunnell-Westmacott – Deputy Mayor.
Cllr P Higgs, Cllr S Palmer, Cllr F Trigg, Cllr P Bush, Cllr M Taubenheim,
Cllr D Cotterill, Cllr N Field-Johnson, Maggie Andrews Town Clerk.
John Yeatman – RFO.

1. MINUTES. Resolved: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

2. MATTERS ARISING. None.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. None.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott – Cemetery & Environment.

Cllr F Triggs – Recreation Ground

Cllr J White – Traffic.

Cllr M Taubenheim – Pavilion.

5. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

Co-option. The appropriate notice of vacancy will be posted on the Council notice board and on the website.

Italian book launch. This will be held in the Warwick Hall on April 25th. Invitations will be sent out and advertisements will be posted – everyone is welcome to attend.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT

The HGV fund donations are £156100.84, pledges £68000.00 – the total to date is £224100.84.

Payments as listed for approval :-

Council account.

Mrs M Andrews	845.30
J Yeatman	244.80
Nest Pension	66.08
David Buckland	1247.20
Petty Cash	50.00
HMRC	439.43
McLaughlin Electrical	462.00
OALC annual subs	277.93
Southern Electric Rec	102.50
Southern Electric Office/Museum/store	766.23
British Telecom business	36.00
Anna Grotex cleaning services	100.00
Burford PCC Warwick hall hire	143.00
Systems Solutions PC	958.00
Executive Fire Protection	39.83

Castle Water office	6.94
Castle Water Rec up to 2021	227.00
Castle Water Cemetery	28.47
Margaret Johnson office supplies	97.94
The above were passed for payment.	

7. MAYOR'S REPORT.

Discussion took place with Westwell residents concerning funds for the Burford Archive project, HGVs, Car park, and the river Windrush.

He attended a luncheon at Burford Nursing Home together with John Yeatman and the Town Clerk. Several representatives from local committees also attended.

He also had a meeting with Barrington Parish Council regarding HGVs resulting in their need to enforce the 7.5 tonne limit in their area.

The Mayor reported that all paperwork is almost finalised, the permit scheme will go into the TRO and an APNR camera will be placed outside Walkers on the High Street.

The Mayor received a courtesy visit from Darryn Moulding our PCSO officer and a student whom he is mentoring.

8. WODC REPORT . CLLR COTTERILL

WODC has agreed its budget with Band D tax rising by £5.00. Burford will receive a precept of £75,54. By comparison, Woodstock receives £98,84 and Bampton £134.34.

British tax per capita in Burford is £101.67, Woodstock £63,36 & Bampton £111.53.

The planning application for the car park has now been registered and the application number is 20/00307/FUL. All letters of support, commencement and objection can be viewed on the WODC Planning Applications website.

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

OCC new investment on social services, schools and roads.

Proposals include community support for vulnerable people, funding for children and social services, infrastructure investment, repairs to roads, bridges, drainage, footways, the improvement on road safety & support for sustainable travel.

Congestion in and around Oxford. To improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions the number of cars travelling into and around the city will be reduced by encouraging travel by walking & cycling. Plans will be open to further input by the public, businesses, employers and other city organisations.

NHS. Efforts have been made to promote a range of alternative options for non-emergency situations including self-care, calling NHS 111, using local pharmacies etc.

Age UK have joined forces with local partners to provide information on creating a personal winter plan. www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire or 01235 849434.

Cllr Field Johnson reported that he had an approach from Fulbrook Parish regarding a pedestrian bridge alongside the existing. More information required.

A copy of Councillors Field-Johnson's full report is available on request and was circulated to Councillors.

10. CORRESPONDENCE. None

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning.

20/00545/S73. 29 Lower High Street. Variation of condition 2 plans 19/02816/FUL to allow installation of WC and basin.

19/02816/FUL Conversion of 1st floor and 2nd floors to living accommodation.

20/00545/S73. Variation of condition 2 plans 19/02817/LBC. All no objection

20/00496/HHD. The Chestnuts. 2 Shilton Road. Alterations & erection of 2 storey rear extension and single storey front extensions. Addition of new roof lights. No objection.

20/00307/FUL. Guildenford car park. Expansion northwards to accommodate approx. 150 vehicles, into include a new footbridge alongside the existing bridge and a second into the churchyard across the millstream. Strongly support.

Recreation Ground. The rutted area into Westfield has been treated.

Debris at the Sweeps Lane and Rec perimeter will be cleared once a vehicle can gain access; the ground is too wet at present.

It was noted the Rec car park is breaking up near the entrance – an inspection will be carried out.

McCrackens quotation to reduce the height of the juniper trees at the Pre School/Rec area so that children can use the playground, was accepted.

Enquiries will be made for a weekly collection for the Scouts residual bin since it is often too full. This will involve extra costs - the Clerk will investigate.

Pavilion. The football club is looking into funding to upgrade the Pavilion with a 10-15 year Tenure. A proposal is required for the Council to consider. The Clerk will chase McClaughlins for further news.

The football clubs' lawnmower needs rehousing since it is taking up too much space in the metal container. Cllr Taubenheim to liaise with football clubs to source a suitable robust container in which to store the mower.

Environment. Apart from verges being churned up and the muddy conditions the Town

is generally in good order.

The road surface in Priory Lane is still in a bad condition mainly with potholes.

This will

again, be reported on Fix my Street.

It was noted that the Bay Tree are still leaving at least 11 bins in Priory Lane which

causes obstruction from time to time because they do not remove them from the highway after they have been emptied. The Clerk will report this to Ubico.

Cemetery. A committee meeting will be convened in April to look at reclaiming further

land for future use since the current area is almost full. However, several ashes plots are

still available.

Traffic. The bridge over the A40 at the top school is still a cause for concern since being damaged. The Council strongly feel that if it cannot be repaired a new bridge should be installed. Consultations have been deferred. Cllr Field-Johnson to check dates of further meetings and advise.

It was noted that vehicles are parking at the bottom of Guildenford by the entrance to the car park often causing an obstruction. OCC will be asked to extend the double yellow lines.

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12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

It was noted that the RPiB website has not been updated and sadly, there has been no mention of Burford Council's involvement and success in various projects.

The coach park sign Lower High Street has one side missing. The Clerk will report to

Highways.

13. CHARITY MATTERS.

None.

