

BURTON-IN-KENDAL PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 18th March 2021

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Wren, G Isherwood, M Taylor, F. Mason-Hornby, L. Bailey, P Rogers, C Nolan, J. Hopwood

Also present: Parish Clerk C Davidson

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

County Cllr Bingham

2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:

None

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD

The previous minutes were approved and will be signed by the Chairman.

4) RECEIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM CHAIRMAN

The Chairman informed the Parish Council that PCSO Martin Boak is retiring at the end of March and sends best wishes on behalf of the Parish Council.

5) OPEN FORUM

One resident from The Square was in attendance to observe and for updates on works in the Square.

6) RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Report from County & District Councillor Bingham was received and circulated to Councillors and Press prior to the meeting.

*This is a long report and is attached separately to the minutes.

7) PARISH ELECTIONS

The Parish Council elections are taking place on 6th May 2021. These are elections that had been postponed from 2020. There is currently one vacancy for a Parish Councillor and members of the public are encouraged to stand for election. The Clerk will advertise local elections and the vacancy on the Parish website, social media and Burton News to invite nominations. The Clerk will delivery nomination packs to current Councillors before the 24th and the deadline for completed forms to be submitted to the Returning Officer is 8th April 2021.

8) TO CONSIDER HOLDING A MARKET IN THE SQUARE.

Councillor Nolan has suggested the possibility of holding a market in The Square. Historically the Market Charter was for a market to be held on Tuesdays – this will be checked. Councillors agreed to include this on April's agenda and in the meantime Councillor Nolan and The Clerk will obtain information regarding licences and other rules and regulations.

9) STREET LIGHTING OWNED BY PARISH COUNCIL

Discussion took place regarding light pollution and possibility of changing the Parish owned lighting to LED. It was agreed that Councillors Rogers and Wren would check how many lights the Parish Council owned and report back at the next meeting. Councillor Hopwood would look into costs to have replacement lights and The Clerk would look into possible grant funding. This item will go on April Agenda for further discussion.

10) FINANCE

Consider the bank balances and the Income and Expenditure Account and agree that Councillors Rogers and Wren authorise the payments

Authorise payment of the following accounts:

a) Lengthsman Hours and Expenses	£ 16.00
b) Clerk's Salary	£307.80
c) Zoom subscription (paid by Clerk)	£14.39

13) OUTSTANDING ITEMS

No	Item	Reported by	Action	Status
1	B4RN	FMH		Progressing slowly
2	PSiCA	JH/CN		Ongoing drain issues currently being worked on with possible road closures. Grants only available until 30.4.21. Cllr Nolan to get update and publish in Burton News
3	Slape Lane			Cllr Mason-Hornby to get contractor to visit site and report back to see what can be done for the £1000 ringfenced money.
4	Church Bank Gardens Issues	JH		Ongoing – Tom Harvey dealing
5	Community Group Update	LB/CD		Calls have increased slightly, mainly prescriptions.
7	Rubbish Bin – Square	Clerk		Will be replaced when scaffold has gone.
8	Boon Town Playground/South Lakes Housing	AW/JH		Plans and extra play equipment agreed. Part lease surrender to be signed.
9	Barrier, Plain Quarry	FMH	CD	Forestry Commission to supply. CD to contact again.

14) LENGTHSMAN'S LOG, REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERK.

- a) Cllr Isherwood reminded Councillors they still had time to respond to the Local Government Reorganisation Consultation.
- b) Cllr Bailey is attending Carbon Foot printing workshops
- c) Cllr Mason-Hornby reported that Dalton Lane had some closures planned to complete the road works.
- d) Cllr Rogers requested Holly Green be contacted to ask them to keep their large bins off the driveway/pavements.
- e) Cllr Hopwood asked that the Clerk contact Cumbria CC regarding the trees at 19 Trees junction as they need checking for Die Back and safety.
Cllr Hopwood also asked if the Parish Council would re consider setting up a Facebook page to enable official responses to residents issues and to stop speculation.
This will be added to April Agenda.

14) TO RECEIVE AND ACTION COMMUNICATION RECEIVED.

15) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 15th April 2021 at 7.30pm**
Venue to be confirmed.