**BURLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of**

**October Meeting**

**Held in the URC Hall, Westleigh on Monday 7th October 2019 at 7pm**

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| **10.1** | **Present:**  Parish Councillors: Lewis Worrow (Chair), Luke Trevelyan, Robin Dodwell, Shelley Scribbins  District Councillor Jo Norton  County Councillor Ray Radford  Sue Jarvis – Parish Clerk/RFO/Proper Officer | **ACTION** |
|  | **Apologies:**  Matt Salter, Chris Salter |  |
| **10.2** | **Councillor Appointments**  Both elected councillors were unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. The Clerk will check where we stand with MDDC. | **SJ** |
| **10.3** | **Election of appointments and committees**  No changes. Committee details and how to apply will be added to the Parish website. | **SJ** |
| **10.4**  **10.4.1**  **10.4.2**  **10.4.3**  **10.4.4**  **10.4.5** | **Declaration of interests**  None declared.  **OPEN FORUM**  A resident asked for reassurance that the recent quarry liaison meeting, and specifically the Longwood Lane report would be discussed by BPC. The Chairman directed the resident to agenda item 10.10 which would be covering this.  A resident queried progress on the Oak Ridge planting issue. The Chairman directed the resident to item 10.5.6 where this item would be discussed.  It was suggested that BPC also required a representative for Broadpath and Hillhead quarries. Cllr Trevelyan put himself forward and was duly elected.  It was queried by a resident as to why one of the new Councillors did not live in the parish but in Taunton – the resident who raised this being unhappy with the situation. The Chairman responded that prospective councillors have to meet stringent requirements to allow them to stand for election and that the councillor in question has run a business in the parish for the last twenty years. All sitting councillors have met the strict criteria stipulated by law. The Chairman suggested that more residents of the parish should put themselves forward as councillors if they felt they were under represented.  A resident asked if the council was going to do anything regarding a recent tree planting initiative encouraged by DCC. The clerk would forward the email to councillors for consideration. |  |
| **10.5**  **10.5.1**  **10.5.2**  **10.5.3**  **10.5.4**  **10.5.5**  **10.5.6**  **10.5.7**  **10.5.8** | **Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising:**  The Minutes were signed as a true and correct record and unanimously approved by the Councillors.  Matters arising:  Boundary Reviews. This was discussed by councillors. Cllr Radford said that, potentially, the district boundaries would have to change to enable each District Councillor to represent, on average, the same number of people. The BPC would like to be kept up to date with any such proposals.  Network Rail Signs. These should have been replaced by now. Clerk will check with Network Rail as to progress.  Beer Lane. *Clerk has been in touch with MDDC and has been advised that individual* *potholes need to be reported using the online reporting system. It is highly unlikely that the road itself will be resurfaced when there are other more major routes in need of repair.*  Bray Close Quotes. A quote was accepted by the council. Clerk to inform company to carry out works.  Westleigh noticeboard. Not all quotes have been received. Clerk to chase.  Oak Ridge access and planting. CC has been in touch with MDDC. Clerk to follow up.  A38 Junction. Some confusion arose as Cllr Radford said he had been led to believe that the white lines could not be painted until repairs to the junction had been carried out. However, it was not clear as to whether AI should pay for this or Highways. RR to clarify with Phil Morgan.  Bank signatories. All new councillors to be added as bank signatories. | **SJ**  **SJ**  **SJ**  **SJ**  **SJ**  **RR**  **SJ** |
| **10.6**  **10.7**  **10.7.1**  **10.7.2**  **10.7.3**  **10.7.4** | **Chairman’s Report**  On September 13th, 2019 I met with Deborah Eveleigh, the Executive Head Teacher of Burlescombe Church of England Primary School, wherein I received a tour of the school and met with several students and staff. It was made clear to me the good work the school has achieved and what obstacles they face both now and in the future.  With a view of how Burlescombe Parish Council and Burlescombe Church of England Primary School can work together in their newfound partnership, we discussed both how the school and the wider community can benefit from the newly formed community grant.  I am unreserved in my feeling of hope when I say that the new partnership should prove of great benefit to everyone, but most importantly the children of Burlescombe.  **Highways**  To report on repairs completed. NTR  To receive reports of repairs. NTR  **Community Hall –** NTR  **St Mary’s Church –** NTR | **LW** |
| **10.8**  **10.8.1**  **10.8.2**  **10.8.2.1**  **10.8.2.2**  **10.8.2.3**  **10.8.2.4**  **10.8.2.5**  **10.8.2.6** | **Planning**  **New Applications**:  **19/01557/FULL** Erection of lean-to extension to existing agricultural livestock building Location: Ebear Farm Westleigh Tiverton. *Council had no objections.*  **MDDC Decisions:**  **19/01001/PNAG** Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building Location: Land at NGR 306840 116738 (Moor Farm) Burlescombe Devon. Granted.  **19/01258/PNAG** Prior Notification for an agricultural storage building Location: Land and Buildings at NGR 305367 114323 Uffculme Devon. Granted.  **19/00764/CLP** CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE FOR A PROPOSEDUSE OR DEVELOPMENT. 3 Old Station Mews, Station Road, Burlescombe. Granted.  **19/00946/FULL** Conversion of existing barn to dwelling Location: Land and Building at NGR 305991 117141 (Antioch) Westleigh Devon. Granted.  **19/00545/FULL** Conversion, extension and rebuilding of stable and tack room to provide pilates studio and holiday let and regularisation of swimming pool. Granted.  **19/01343/FULL** Erection of extension, XYZ Machine Tools. Granted.  25-2019 | **LW** |
| **10.9**  **10.10**    **10.11**  **10.12**  **10.12.1**  **10.12.2**  **10.12.3**  **10.12.2**  **10.12.3**  **10.12.4**  **10.12.5** | **Cllr Worrow Report**  PROW  There is a broken style on one of the footpaths in Canonsleigh. LW to inform PROW contractor.  **Quarry Liaison Report**  Quarry liaison meeting was held on Friday the 6th of September 2019 at Westleigh URC.   ​  Westleigh quarry movements  ​  January - June 2019  ​  Asphalt 97,528 Tonnes ​  Dry 416,227 Tonnes  ​  Recycled loads in to the quarry12,417 Tonnes of road plaining  ​  Non-back Hauled loads  ​  88 loads  ​   ​  Total lorry/traffic movement  ​  25,687 Lorries  ​   ​  60 out of 160 nights have already been worked up to the end of June. ​   ​  Night time and Sunday  ​  19,308 tonnes of Asphalt side which equates to 1004 lorry movements of which 8 loads were on a Sunday. ​   ​  Mike Jones also advised the asphalt will be busy during September and October, mostly on motorway and various accident blackspots in Devon.  ​   ​  The proposed highway improvement scheme on Longwood Lane was the main focal point of the meeting, at which Neil Parish attended and got involved at length.  ​  Aggregate industries provided a very detailed 3D model and raised their concerns of the geological impact and affect it would have on the area and surrounding areas.  ​   ​  In short, for the quarry to be able to form an alternative route for the lorries out of the quarry, it would mean removal of the large bank of trees that surrounds Fenacre Quarry which would open up the village and surrounding areas to dust, noise and form an eyesore. It was said to be far too costly and completely impractical.  ​   ​  Members of Devon County Council said this would not be accepted by planning and the costing alone to get across the canal and up through Longwood Lane would be in excess of £7 million plus the costing to the Quarry.  ​   ​  Neil Parish said, and members of the meeting unanimously agreed, that an alternative route was not in any way feasible, or practical and was not the way forward, but said maybe there were other ways the quarry could find to minimise their impact on the surrounding areas.  ​   ​  26-2019  To this the Quarry responded with plans to move the Asphalt plant to Hill Head Quarry (not before 2022) which would equate to 4000/4500 less lorry movements a year out of the quarry. It would mean:  ​  No night time and Sunday movement  ​  No back load trucks  ​  No Haulage of imported materials (50% of tarmac material is imported) ​   ​  This fully satisfies the number one issue raised by the Lemon Gazelle report, the number two issue, speed limits has already been satisfied. ​  Neil Parish agreed that this would be a massive improvement and also suggested the Quarry could possibly contribute to Burlescombe and the school to carry any improvements in the areas they are concerned with involving excessive dust, noise and traffic.  ​  They agreed that this is something they would look into.  ​   ​  It was mentioned in the meeting about the condition of the roads from the Quarry to the A38. A substantial amount was allocated from Aggregate Industries, this has been spent and a further sum will be issued in January 2020 for the next road improvements. This was issued by the quarry for improvements through the village and felt that any further than that was the responsibility of Devon County Council.  ​   ​  Environmental matters were discussed all readings were deemed safe and although there were various spikes due to harvesting season this was no cause for concern and not connected with the quarry.  ​  Westleigh Quarry and their geological team have offered to come to a meeting in November and bring their 3D model and give clear descriptions on how their part of Longwood Lane would have impacted the area, its impracticality and excessive cost.    Our next meeting is in December so please contact me with any concerns to discuss then.  ​  It was stated that Neil Parish, Devon county council, Mid Devon district council and Aggregate Industries all agreed that the Longwood Lane proposed scheme is to have a line drawn under it, as it is not feasible logistically and environmentally impractical. ​  But it was said that they are all open and happy to look in to other suggestions on other possible routes.    Following this report BPC acknowledged that it would be unfeasible and impractical to pursue the Longwood Lane proposal and formally ceased its involvement in the proposal. The Council agreed to consider any viable proposals in the future.  BPC also supports Aggregate Industry’s intention to move the asphalt plant to Hill Head Quarry.  **Canal Report**  LW had been unable to attend then JAC meeting at short notice. When the minutes are published they will be put on the noticeboards.  27-2019  **Clerk’s Report**  **Finance -Expenditure**:  Clerk pay £245  Clerk expenses £164.48  **Confirmation of expenditure previously approved**  Burlescombe Hall £24  Nicholas Page £484  Leslie Findlay £110  URC Defibrillator insurance £29.93  URC Cemetery Grant £300  **Summary of Accounts**. The RFO had circulated to the Councillors the October Statement of Accounts. Cllrs had no comments to make and approved the statements. The Chairman signed the bank statements and accounting statement.  VAT refund £906.75  Clerk pay review  This was discussed and the Council unanimously decided to increase the Clerk’s pay to £330 a month with immediate effect. | **LW**  **LT**  **LW**  **SJ** |
| **10.12.6**  **10.12.7**  **10.12.7.1**  **10.12.7.2** | **Training**  Cllrs Dodwell and Trevelyan have attended a New Councillors’ Course.  Cllr Scribbins will be attending on the 11th November.  **Correspondence**  Letter from URC thanking BPC for cemetery grant.  Letter from CAB asking for a donation to be used locally. £50 awarded. |  |
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| **10.13** | **Matters brought forward for information or future agenda:**  The next Full Council meeting will be on **Monday 2nd December** in the URC, Westleigh at 7pm. There will be no full council meeting in November.  The meeting closed at 8.08pm. |  |

Lewis Worrow

Chairman

Burlescombe Parish Council

28-2019