#### **BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL**

Chairman: Cllr Dr G Moody Clerk: Mrs M Harding



# Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2014

#### Present:

Cllr D Dixon Cllr A Ross
Cllr D Venn, Cllr K Delves
Cllr G Moody Cllr I Troup

Cllr G Mayo Clerk- Mrs M Harding - 8 members of Public

**2014/10-1 To receive apologies for absence-** Cllr D Batten, Cllr E Crooke.

2014/10-2 To receive declarations of interest and grants of dispensation:

Cllr G Mayo declared a pecuniary interest in items 7d-Corncrake SFP and Item 11 Post Office

#### 2014/10-3 Parishioners comments- (15 mins on agenda items for decision only)-

*B James*- reported her concerns regarding the Post Office and suggested the Council look at an affordable rent. B James also raised her concerns about the practicality of a cycle path as suggested in the Parish Plan.

J Lewis- reported on the playing field repairs specifically the playground surface; the volunteers have been working on clearing the overgrown grass from the surface as this had failed on the annual inspections. The Volunteers and J Lewis were thanked for all their work. J Lewis also spoke about the Hags play equipment as it is rusting and not fit for purpose as he was not at the last meeting. The guarantees have not been located for the equipment members of the original committee will be contacted and then Hags play will be approached to consider the faults with the equipment.

Clerk/JL-Actior

*R Jones*- Commented on the good work to the path by the toilet and asked if the advisory signs were going to be put up to guide people to the safer route. Cllr Moody replied and explained that any new signage will be dependent upon the location of the Post Office. A cheap sign could be put in place to state "Safer way to Beach and Spa Shop"

*J Grantham*- Explained that when Debbie Ward came to speak to the village she explained that legislation was changing to aid the reduction of 20mph speed limits. It was explained that this will be dealt with by the "Public Safety Group" but the issue with Beach Road is that there is an anomaly and the Council have been asked to discuss the issue and look at the way forward but 20mph is advisory and is not enforceable.

*J Lewis*- asked about the mirror on the telegraph pole to aid pedestrians and has it been dropped from the "to do" list- it was explained that there had been a lack of permission from BT and possible issues over the size of the mirror requested.

P Tomkins suggested that a mirror is put up and see what happens.

The Council commented that it was the policy of the Council to remove street clutter and Highways were not in favour of any mirrors for H & S reasons.

J Grantham asked how to have an item put on the agenda- Cllr Moody asked for this item to be discussed in item 14 under parishioner's comments

# 2014/10-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 and sign the same-

Proposed Cllr D Venn

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon** 

Resolved

# 2014/10-5 Matters arising from above minutes for information only-

- i. The letter to AONB regarding the finger posts has been sent but as yet no response.
- ii. A meeting has been offered with Oliver Letwin to discuss the s106 and housing issues raised by the Parish Council.

- iii. The planning application for the vents in the Reading room will be determined on 10<sup>th</sup> October.
- iv. Item 09-07d GM had looked at the title deeds and when the playing field was gifted the ditch was included, the Council need to clarify the ownership of the ditch adjacent to the house on the corner and the ditch adjacent to Corncrake. DD reported that at the meeting on Monday with the EA it was confirmed that the ditch takes water from the road which is DCC responsibility also a member of the Corncrake working group works with Gary Clever so it is hoped that the Corncrake group will be able to take this forward.
- v. Item 09-07f the previous valuation had been found from 2007 of the Reading Room, Post Office and Library Cllr Troup to look into current valuations.
- vi. Finger posts- The Council only followed this project up because there was a grant of up to £400 per finger post so this will be considered at the November meeting when an updated quote is available.
- vii. Item 09-10 The Parish Council and volunteers were not successful in the Best Village competition, John Lewis and the volunteers were thanked for all their work.

# 2014/10-6 To consider the following planning applications and any other applications received by the Council prior to the meeting.

i. WD/D/14/001920- 1919- 18 Shadrach- Proposed single storey side extension Full and listed building- the Council objected to the application due to the effects on the Street scene, scale, mass and fenestration 6 Votes For - 1 abstention

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon** 

Cllr G Moody

Resolved

ii. WD/D/14/002413-2414- 69 High Street, Replacement near window/door with single window.
 Replace East first floor window with French door serving balcony and external spiral stair.
 The council raised no objections to this application but raised concerns on scale and if it is appropriate on a listed building.
 4 votes For- 2 Votes Against - 1 Abstention

**Proposed Cllr K Delves** 

**Seconded Cllr G Moody** 

Resolved

iii. WD/D/14/002013- Land north of 3 and 4 Beachcombers- Change of use of land to garden curtilage of 3 and 4 Beachcombers and retention of an existing access track (retrospective)-No objections raised

**Proposed Cllr G moody** 

**Seconded Clir A Ross** 

Resolved

#### 2014/10-7 Finance & General Purposes-

- i. To consider the Finance Report, F & G P recommendations
- ii. The periodic communications with the County library to confirm any changes in legislation is ongoing
  - a. An increase in rent to the reading room office from £120 to £125 as from April 2015
  - b. Asset register is being updated
  - c. Irene Troup is overseeing the financial monthly checks in line with the fidelity guarantee.
  - d. The high street Bond has been looked into and GM recommended Santander at a rate of 1.1% for a year and then converted to and instant access account. **Action GM/Clerk**

#### Proposed Cllr G Moody

**Cllr A Ross** 

Resolved

- e. The PWL loan has been extended for another year for corncrake and community facilities.
- f. The Council have asked JL to provide a quote for tools for the volunteers from the divisional fund from DCC Cllr Ron Coatsworth of up to £648.00 Action JL/Clerk

Proposal to accept the items in (ii)

**Proposed Cllr I Troup** 

**Seconded Cllr D Venn** 

Resolved

iii. To approve payments in line with internal controls and checks

Proposed Clir I Troup Seconded Clir D Venn Resolved

iv. To consider the Annual Insurance premium

The Council are in the final year of a Long term agreement with Came and Co Parish Council insurers and have been offered a premium to sign up for further 3 years, research with other PC insurance companies suggests that the new premium is considerably higher.

The proposal is to pay for the final year and re tender for the insurance next September.

**Proposed Clir G Moody** 

Seconded Cllr I Troup

Resolved

v. To consider the Single Farm Payments (SFP) entitlements-

The Council have 2.82 entitlements attached to corncrake, The SFP from the RPA is about to stop and become BPS which means that anyone with less than 5ha will lose them if they are not transferred by 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014. The entitlements could go to auction on the Ian Potter website at a price of around £120 - £140 each minus costs, the Council would like to find a local solution and have spoken to local landowners. GM has spoken to Maydown farm (Gill and Pete Mayo) who could be interested but this will dependant on the future use of corncrake to comply with the BPS scheme for next year.

Proposal that Cllrs Moody, Dixon and the next Chairman in conjunction with the Clerk are delegated to proceed with this in order to complete the transfer in time if possible. Cllr Venn asked that all interested parties are approached.

Action Clerk/GM/DD/DV

**Proposed Cllr G Moody** 

Seconded Cllr D Dixon

Resolved

vi. To consider internet banking arrangements-

At the F & GP meeting is was agreed in order to have a 2 party process for making payments online similar to that of the current cheque system the Council would need to move to Lloyds bank who offer this facility.

The Clerk had attended a seminar where several Clerks spoke about their Councils procedures. It was explained to the meeting that a 2 party process is not statute but up to each Council. The Council explained that with no disrespect to the clerk the 2 party process was the preferred option. The Clerk was asked to make arrangements to move the bank from HSBC to Lloyds.

**Proposed Clir G Moody**Seconded Clir I Troup

The F & GP members will be authorised for internet banking payments

Resolved

Action Clerk

vii. To consider the form and process of the clerk's annual appraisal-GM explained that the Clerks appraisal is due, the Clerk had provided a template used by other Parish Councils for the F & GP to consider. GM and a second Council member will carry out the appraisal to discuss and formal actions which will be circulated to the Council but the appraisal document will remain confidential. This will be carried out in future years by the Chairman at the September meeting.

**Proposed Clir G Moody** 

**Seconded Cllr I Troup** 

Resolved

Action Clerk/GM/DD

# 2014/10-8 Parish plan 2014-2019- Launch event and lead councillors-

Cllr Moody had previously circulated the list of activities for the Councillors to consider being a lead. Volunteers came forward and the list will be updated and circulated.

Cllr Dixon explained that the Corncrake group are already meeting and are considering a consultation of their work so far but this would need approval by full Council if it has a financial impact. This and the PP launch will be discussed at the November meeting

# 2014/10-9 To Consider a speed limit for Beach Road

A site meeting with 2 members of DCC Highways and the Clerk had been held to explain the anomaly with Beach Road as it currently does not have a speed limit so the national speed limit applies and speeding is a concern for the residents, the council has received concerns from residents. The road has been monitored by DCC but showed that there were not excesses of speed. The options are that the Council can ask for a 20mph speed limit and roundels would be painted on the road but this is not enforceable only advisory. If a 30mph speed limit were put in place it would then give drivers the impression that they could drive at this speed. Members of the Council felt that the pinch points were self-enforcing and that it was more important to have the speed reduced in the village from 40mph to 30mph. It was suggested that the residents and NT are consulted. Cllr K Delves proposed that the Council do nothing at this stage and aim to implement a 30 mph speed limit throughout the village.

**Proposed Cllr K Delves** 

**Seconded Clir D Venn** 

Resolved

6 votes for 1 vote against

The Council will write to the residents of Beach Road to explain the decision point out the statistics and pursue a 30mph for the whole village.

Action Clerk/All

# 2014/10-10 To consider the Parish Clerk's report of Correspondence-

Biggest ever tidy up- The council agreed to sign up for the free litter picking equipment and chose a date in the Spring to carry out the spring clean.

Action IT/Clerk

**Proposed Clir I Troup** 

**Seconded A Ross** 

Resolved

Relocating of Notice Board-JL asked the Council if the Notice board opposite Mill Lane can be relocated in the bus Shelter as notices are being put on the newly painted walls.

Action JL

**Proposed Cllr I Troup** 

**Seconded Cllr D Dixon** 

Resolved

The cost of the materials was agreed at up to £50

Proposed Cllr G Moody

**Seconded Cllr D venn** 

Resolved

DAPTC AGM motions- GM commented on this item, this will be further discussed at the November meeting for the DAPTC AGM on  $8^{th}$  November.

Consultation on DWP street cleaning- Cllr G Moody asked Councillors to comment on his suggestions for the consultation for GM to complete and submit.

Action GM

Gypsy Traveller Consultation- The Council agreed not to comment and leave to those that were directly affected by the proposals.

Action Clerk

EA meeting- Cllr Dixon reported on the recent meeting with the EA and looking at the fencing adjacent to the Play area- the proposal would be to move the fencing further into the play area to make a walk way and provide a gate to enable machinery on the river bank- this is hoped to be part of a funding proposal from EA. DD asked that this is moved forward quickly.

Action

DD/Clerk

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon** 

**Seconded Cllr G Moody** 

Resolved

# 2014/10-11 Update on progress securing on-going Post Office Services

The PC are aware of 2 registers of interest one of which is in the current location of the Post Office but no further info is available at this time.

2014/10-12 To consider the Chairman for the next Parish Council meeting- 5<sup>th</sup> November 2014 – Cllr D Venn was nominated.

**Proposed Cllr D Dixon** 

Seconded Cllr G Moody

Resolved

**2014/10-13 AOB for information only**- Cllr Devles reported on the distribution of sandbags in the village to vulnerable residents assuming they can be kept dry.

## **Proposed Cllr K Delves**

#### **Seconded Clir G Moody**

Resolved

Cllr Dixon had circulated the Riperian ownership booklet from EA to all members of the Council

D Venn reported that at the bottom of Gauges lane there is a telegraph/power pole that could be broken which is covered in Ivy JL to take a look and report to Western Power.

Action JL

A Ross reported that the scoping done on the relining of the pipes looks to be successful.

# 2014/10-14 Parishioner's open comments (15 minutes maximum allowed)

*D Edwards*- spoke about the Post Office service and that it could be a third party as in the Portesham outreach service. This service will provide a cash point service. The facility will need a telephone line and broadband service.

J Lewis-asked if the SFP will affect the management of Corncrake-this will be investigated by the Cllrs and Clerk dealing with the transfer also can the PP topic groups be advertised for the November meeting- It was suggested that this could all be done at the same time.

J Lewis- reported on the following items:

Rocking Rockette seat is damaged a new one has been ordered. A copy of the Cllrs duties/and lead topics list will be sent to JL. Would DB be looking at the cycle route under his topic? JL had advertised in the BVN for volunteers but no one came forward. A ditching survey has been carried out under the Cott and after discussions with Gary Cleaver the permitted culvert will be looked into and could be increased. Could the Flooding issue be an agenda item for November as WDDC are not moving forward with the Shipton Lane grids? JL was asked to liaise with A Ross as the Flooding rep who would bring to the Council if a decision is required.

*P Tompkins* commented that he had been sent the consultation on Community grants as the Volunteers with Fel Moore had applied for a grant but were not successful.

J Grantham-raised his concerns about the issue of Flooding in the village and when it should be on the agenda for discussion. JG would like a quarterly report on the agenda. It was explained that A Ross is the lead Councillor for flooding and he represents the Council on the Flood group and will put items on the agenda if a decision is required by the Council or report back to the council at each meeting if required.

R Coatsworth- commented on the Electoral Boundary review of DCC to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December. He explained that he was going to a meeting at DCC the next day to sort out the proposed electoral areas and asked the Council which their preferred option would be to be towards Bridport or Chickerell. Cllr Moody said he would like to see any maps before the Council could comment. This will be further discussed at the November meeting.

Meeting Closed at 10.15pm	
Chairman Cllr D Venn	
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	