

BURTON BRADSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Cllr M Evans

Clerk: Mrs M Harding



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2019

At 7.30pm at The Reading Room

Present:

M Evans (ME) (Chairman)

E Rees (ER)

G Moody (GRM)

G Mulry (GM)

R Bryan (RB)

S Meek (SM)

M Harding (Clerk/RFO)

M Roberts (MR)(DC) 7 member of Public

2019/11-1 To receive apologies for absence - A Bailey (AB), D Venn (DV), D Batten (DB) D Dixon (DD)

2019/11-2 To receive declarations of Interest and grants of dispensation – none

2019/11-3 Parishioners' Comments - (15 minutes on agenda items only)

Residents spoke on the new fence installed on Corncrake; who are unhappy with the recent fencing with no consultation. Many walk the route on a twice daily basis and were under the impression that the field when purchased would be kept open for the use of the community. Concerns were also raised about cattle grazing and dog walkers. The gateways installed are now boggy, also asked what measures will be put in place to stop the gates being left open. The residents felt the idea was badly thought out and were not consulted.

Applicants of the Bredy farm appeal spoke on the item, it was explained that the refusal on their application was on visual impact. An assessment has been carried out, they have increased the livestock on the farm and introduced a suckler herd. The applicant asked that the appeal is reconsidered.

Items for Decision:

2019/11-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd October 2019 and sign the same. Proposed SM Seconded GM

2019/11-5 Matters arising from the above minutes for information only and ongoing actions

a. Tree survey- the tree survey has been carried out:

The area of overgrown vegetation along the ditch have been lopped, the contractor to be thanked.

The Lyme tree needs to be inspected again in to consider to raise the crown

The sycamore on the village green requires another inspection a tree survey to be considered following the one carried out in Nov 2015.

Low branches on the playing field had been identified by the contractor as low and requires cutting back. It was suggested that the areas were left and not cut and develop into a wild flower area, this would need to be discussed by the play area group. ER asked if the trees in the play area had also been inspected. The branches leaning over the substation need cutting back. The tree adjacent to the fence by the river is deemed a danger and the branches over the slide need cutting back as per the H & S issues in the quarterly inspection. The play area group will consider the works and check if any planning permission is required.

b. Drain works have still not yet been completed, Clerk to follow up again.

c. Allotment water- SM reported that the costs of installation of water, tanks and fittings at the Allotments were not a favourable option especially if this cost is to be shared between all the allotment holders. There are still concerns about the safety of getting water out of the river. One

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allotment holder is looking into repairing one of the pumps and it is hoped to also gather costs for solar pumps.

2019/11-6 To consider any planning applications received by the Council

- a. WD/D/19/002197- LAND EAST OF FAIRWAYS, EAST CLIFF, WEST BAY- Erection of 5.no dwellings including new access and landscaping. Burton Bradstock Parish Council objected to the erection of 5 dwellings including new access and landscaping on the following grounds:

The proposed development lies outside the Defined Development Boundary, and meets none of the criteria set out in Local Plan policy SUS2(iii). The proposed dwellings have an unacceptable adverse impact on the AONB and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage site, this affects the policies ENV1 and ENV10. The proposed development will be clearly visible from footpaths and would have a detrimental impact on those views. The increased heights, density and number of dwellings is deemed to be over development of the site. The properties in this area should be single storey, this site would be better suited to a rural exception site.

Proposed GRM Seconded ME 5 votes FOR the proposal 1 abstention

- b. WD/D/17/001698- Land at Bredy Farm Appeal – Change of use of field from agricultural to mixed use of agricultural/festival for occasional 3-day long festival events (3 times a year) between May to early September. Remove original agricultural building and erect new mixed-use building. Cllrs noted that they are not aware of any new evidence, also there are only 3 documents on the planning portal. The applicant was asked to provide a copy of the additional reports and assessments. The PC agreed to hold a separate planning meeting the following week in order to read the additional reports and carry out a site visit if required.

2019/11-7 Correspondence- items for decision

- a. Item 4- a request for responses from the PC regarding Climate Change- the PC are not yet in a position to comment until further information is available from DC but will aim to cover this as part of the Parish Plan.
- b. Item 6- The PC agreed to take on the RBL notice board attached to the reading room, the hinges need to be repaired, Clerk to action.
- c. Item 7- There has been a request for a bench in memory of a local mum to be placed on the playing field. The PC are looking to update their bench policy and consider the location at the play area meeting.
- d. Item 11- September play inspection report has been circulated some issues raised and to be considered at the Play area meeting.
- e. Item 12- Invitation to the Planning Peer review has been postponed until January
- f. Item 13- Complaints about the Corncrake fencing- DD had sent a report for the meeting but was unable to attend the meeting-
The PC had been proactive and purchased the riverside meadow, if not it is highly likely that the area would not be open to free access and secured for public enjoyment.
The PC consulted widely in developing the Corncrake Management Plan 2015-2020 and responded to the calls in the Parish Plan for it to be managed as a 'wildlife area'. Volunteers have contributed hours, planting fruit trees, laying hedges, scything grassland and trying to diversify the wildflowers. To be more successful with creating a wildflower meadow we need to remove the competing grass growth so that the flowering plants have a chance to grow in the spring. We take a hay cut in July but getting machinery onto the site in wetter times (sept/March) is not practical and grazing is the best method for reducing the grass and creating openings in the sward

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for flower seeds. No arrangements have been made for grazing as yet. As and when a grazing license is considered it hope to be with a local farmer, for a small number of stock, for a short period of time, to graze off the grass growth in Sept/Oct and again, if necessary in early March. It is important to stress there will be no grazing animals between mid-March and mid-September. The fence means that the footpath through the fruit trees will not have grazing animals at any time, allowing dog walking to be unimpeded at all times. The corncrake management Plan is due for review in Summer/ autumn 2020. Any alternative proposals for management of Corncrake can be considered as part of this review.

- g. Item 14- Resilience Training Day for Flood wardens- 14th January 2020, Cllr Venn is the Flood warden but if he cannot attend, it will be offered to another flood group member.
- h. Item 15- Request from the Friends of BB Library to repaint the inside of the building, permission to be gained from Dorset Council as per the lease that is yet to be completed by DC.
- i. Item 16- Apple pressing report- SM had circulated a report, the weather was very good, loads of apples and no problems with the equipment. There were adequate numbers of volunteers overall, but this was heavily reliant upon Cllrs and their families. It was noted there was a large amount of work in the preparation collecting the apples and clearing up afterwards. £79.99 raised in donations after costs. The new playground fence makes the site less suitable for the pressing. Despite 'Apple Pressing' being in the Parish Plan, there seems little interest locally beyond those involved in running it this year or last. If this is to continue there would need to be more commitment ahead of the event, possibly consider an earlier date, or collect fewer apples and make it more of a workshop or demonstration, also possibly encourage people to hire the equipment for their own use. It could be combined with other events, such as the harvest festival, or a new yearly early autumn 'party in the park'. This will be discussed further in the new year.

2019/11-8 To consider the draft Emergency Plan- Following the delay in the preparation of a plan the Clerk had produced 2 plans, one adapted from another Parish Council plan and another from a template on the EA website, the second one being an updated version but would need input from the Parish Council or a working group, the PC were happy to develop the second one.

2019/11-9 Finance & General Purposes

a. To consider any village repairs or maintenance issues-

The notice board on the Reading room requires repair, The Parish Map is still to be updated. The fence along the play adjacent to the river near the Zip wire is in need of repair, contractor to be asked to look at this. GRM reported that following the run held in late September, had left the gate off the hinges, the organisers to be contacted. There is a loose slab on the steps into the Allotments, to be looked at by a contractor. The gate through the allotments to the NT section is on 1 hinge the gate will be removed as it is not required.

b. To consider the policy for memorial benches in the parish-

Following requests for memorial benches in the parish the PC will update their policy to include recycled benches.

c. To receive and approve the budget and precept recommendations from the F & GP

- i. The PC approves the grants and donations for the coming year, Reading room charges, PO rents, PWLB loan and Financial regulations
- ii. The PC approves the budget and precept with the 3% increase on the precept to £24875.53 per annum paid in April and October each year.

Proposed ME

Seconded GRM

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d. To consider the Finance report of receipts and payments.

All payments were approved in line with internal controls; all reports circulated prior to the meeting ME carried out the monthly check. Bank Accounts total £95420.40 as at 31st October 2019

Proposed ME

Seconded GRM

2019/11-10 Items for report in the BVN/website/Facebook/Twitter

Thank you to all for donations and grants for the play area, Christmas and New Year wishes

Items for information:

2019/11-11 Correspondence items received for information- report circulated, it was noted that some comments on PC issues is being asked via Facebook, some Cllrs are not on Facebook so all comments will be circulated to Cllrs.

2019/11-12 Parish Plan Update report full report on review day at Dec meeting-

2019/11-13 CLT Update- none

2019/11-14 Play area report-GRM reported on the progress with the Shelter, the PC will purchase the shelter and associated materials, the three Horseshoes have agreed to fund the shelter, the contractor has been agreed in line with the approved budget. He will commence work in the next week on the base. The turf from the area will be laid on the play area where the turf failed. The volunteers would be asked to assist with the taking up of the failed turf. GRM and ME will inspect the works during installation.

2019/11-15 Corncrake report- none.

2019/11-16 To consider items for the PC meeting on 4th December 2019

The PC decided to move the date of the December meeting to 11th Dec due to the "Bridport Cheer" evening on the 4th Dec. Refreshments to be served after the meeting.

2019/11-17 Parishioners' open comments (15 minutes maximum allowed)

Cllr Mark Roberts reported on recent meeting with the harbours committee who are considering a harbour master for both West Bay and Lyme as there is currently only one.

A resident had suggested that the PO should have 1 months rent free for December, currently it was noted that the rent is very reasonable for the PO, it was also explained that and in order that the PO and village shop survives it needs villagers to use it on a regular basis.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

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