

Burnham Overy Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held virtually via Zoom on Monday 11th January 2021 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Katherine William-Powlett (Chair), Avril Edwards, Sarah Stevens, Pam Thompson, Jenny Gurney, Neil McCallum-Deighton, Cllr A Jamieson (County Councillor), Clerk Sarah Raven, - Members of the Public 6

Welcome by Chair.

1. Apologies for absence:
Cllr Sam Sandell (Borough Councillor)
2. Minutes of the last council meeting:
Minutes on the meeting for 14th December 2020 were circulated. Approved without amendment and will be signed by the Chair, Cllr K William-Powlett as a true copy. Proposed Cllr K William-Powlett, seconded Cllr S Stevens.
3. Declarations of interests: -
None
4. Borough and County Councillors Reports:
Cllr S Sandell sent in a report from Borough Council. Cllr A Jamieson explained that he was involved in preparing the budget at the County Council. He expressed concern to develop footpaths around the County and that funds should be made available to get them in a reasonable condition. Cllr Jamieson thanked the Parish Council for obtaining information and that it was the “Rolls Royce” survey on parking and speeding.
5. Public participation: (Members of Public Views Only)
 - Comments on planning application for Glebe Wood are all negative comments. There are a lot of larger houses at Glebe and Gong Lane that have been passed. CIL money would be useful to the Parish Council if two houses were to be built. It would not impact on traffic or the local area.
 - Memorial Bench request for Dr and Mrs Russell. This would be dealt with under Item 16 of the agenda.
6. Planning
 - a) Erection of ancillary buildings incidental to main dwelling house, Gun Hill Farm Wells Road Burnham Overy Staithe King's Lynn Norfolk Ref: 20/01839/LB – No observations either for or against. Cllr N McCallum-Deighton raised concerns regarding the fence and gates.
 - b) Outline application for construction of two dwellings at Glebe Wood Gong Lane Burnham Overy Staithe Norfolk Ref: 20/00994/O – A holding objection was placed but the consultation was extended until 27th January. A new planning application for 2 houses at Glebe Wood had been submitted to the Borough Council now instead of 5 houses. Cllr N McCallum-Deighton concerned why people are objecting. The main concern is highways issues at the junction of Glebe Lane onto the A149 but having 2 more houses would not help this junction. It was raised that if the visibility is that dangerous from Glebe Lane to the A149 this is a separate issue and should be raised separately. Concerned that there are larger houses already built and not in keeping with the character already on Glebe and Gong Lane. A discussion regarding the state of the unadopted road for Glebe Lane and Paradise Lane. Transport Statement had

been placed on the Borough Council website. Resolution - The objection already sent in was sufficient. Proposed by Cllr A Edwards seconded by Cllr P Thompson. 5 in favour 1 Abstain.

7. To approve payments

All payments approved. Agreed Proposed Cllr K William-Powlett, Seconded Cllr A Edwards. One payment for the Boat Park still to be received.

Payments	Amount £	Receipts	Amount £
NGL Play Limited (000388)	455.98	Plot 1 Boat Park	200.00
S Raven – Stamps (000389)	3.90	Plot 4 Boat Park	200.00
Currys Lap top Insurance (DD)	5.50	Plot 3 Boat Park	200.00
		Burnham Norton Hire	50.92

8. Casual Vacancy Notice

Borough Council confirmed that the Parish Council are free to co-op for this vacancy as soon as possible.

9. Traffic Regulation Order, 20mph speed limits on the A149, 30mph B1155:

Strong support via the survey on both reducing the speed limits on the A149 to 20mph and B1155 to 30 mph. There are two options:

To apply now and pay for this at the high cost of between £6,000 and £10,000. Cllr A Jamieson would contribute towards the fee. He would confirm how much in writing. This would still cause the problems of risk of losing the money if objections were raised and completing the TRO without support of other parish councils.

The other option was to wait for Cllr A Jamieson to prepare a larger group and have a reduction in the cost of approximately £3,000.

Clerk advised that clarification by NP Law regarding the issues of paying for the TRO was needed as there was no General Power of Competence.

Cllr N McCallum-Deighton asked for more cost's estimates and time scales would be needed. Timeframes were discussed. Resolution – wait for Cllr A Jamieson and go with all the other parish councils in a larger group. Proposed Cllr K William-Powlett seconded Cllr P Thompson. Agreed

10. Track next to Edgefield, Gong Lane:

A parishioner has asked the Council to investigate this. It is not a public right of way. It is impassable now and more an access track to the farmland. Clerk to write to parishioner and direct to the Ramblers Association for saving lost paths.

11. Wheelie bins of properties being left out over the weekends:

Cllr A Edwards explained that bins were being left out for a whole week or left on pavements/trod. Need to encourage parishioners to find someone to take in the bins or place out on the day of collection. Cllr K William-Powlett would place an article in the Burnham Overy Bulletin/WhatsApp to highlight the rules on rubbish bins.

12. Supporting local councils in their efforts to ensure fairness relating to business rates and holiday lets.

Cllr Jamieson explained that the billing is down to the Borough Council, but the County Council receives the payment. He was working with the Borough Councillors on this matter. Cllr Jamieson explained that primary legislation was needed at Commons level and to be rewritten. Cllr A Edwards explained that 38 properties fall into business rates and therefore pay no council tax. 28 properties fall under the rateable figure and not paying business rates or council tax. Cllr N D McCallum-Deighton expressed that the Clerk write to Borough Council regarding not collecting the rubbish if not paying business rates. Cllr A Edwards asked if the people not paying

business rates or council tax should be asked to pay a contribution towards the upkeep of the parish. Clerk concerned with proposal regarding asking for a contribution for the upkeep. Clerk to take advice on this point. Clerk to write to the Borough Council regarding bin collection. Clerk to write to MP highlighting a change in legislation. Cllr N McCallum-Deighton asked if Clerk could write to the letting agents. This was not agreed to do at this stage.

13. Village Sign at Burnham Overy Town

A grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund had been turned down in February 2020. A Parishioner has asked if another grant can be found to have the village sign in Burnham Overy Town which would be situated next to the Brothecross. Resolution that the Parish Council does not continue with the Village Sign, - proposed Cllr K William-Powlett seconded by Cllr P Thompson. Agreed

14. Policies to be approved:

- a) Training Policy
- b) Complaints
- c) Play Area
- d) Freedom of Information
- e) Record Management

Resolution –proposed to agree all policies Cllr K William-Powlett, seconded by Cllr N McCallum-Deighton Agreed.

15. Finances:

Resolution – approved Proposed Cllr K William Powlett seconded Cllr P Thompson

16. Memorial Bench:

Enquiry from parishioner asking for permission for a memorial bench for the late Dr and Mrs Russell to be placed with the other benches off East Harbour Way. Memorial Bench policy up for review. Parish Council do not own the land and would need to ask permission from Holkham and Scolt Head and District Common Right Holders Association. A lot of disturbances at times for people living near the Memorial Benches due to people gathering there and can become very noisy. Agreed by Councillors that no more benches should be placed on this section of grass as full to capacity. Discussed if another appropriate site could be found. Clerk to write to family of Dr Russell to consider a bench on the playing field. Cllr J Gurney asked if benches could be placed along the Bank. Clerk explained this permission should be given by the Environment Agency and Holkham. It had been their policy to have benches with no backs on.

Cllr A Edwards stated that the Parish Council are paying to maintain this grass area. Place on Agenda for next meeting to discuss if bench owners could contribute or Holkham.

17. Gigabit Broadband

Cllr A Edwards discussed the voucher scheme issued by the Government. She had asked for a quote from Openreach and for 83 premises would be £39,339. Some of the village were offered superfast broadband along the Wells Road and Glebe Lane. Need to see how many people were interested in this scheme and someone to organise this. Agreed to see how much interest in the scheme via WhatasApp and Burnham Bulletin.

18. Playing Field:

- a) Inspections –. Trim Trail and bridge had been fixed. Swings have been completed. Signs have been completed. Annual Play Inspection due in February and Clerk will arrange for this to be undertaken.

19. Allotments:
 - a) Inspections: Nothing to report
20. Planting new Trees/Hedges
No communication from Holkham. Clerk to chase.
21. Reports from Councillors:
Cllr K William-Powlett had attended the “cut a tonne in 2021” webinar.
22. Correspondence:
List attached no new correspondence.
23. Items for next Agenda –
Grass cutting where Memorial Benches are
Memorial bench policy
Trees
24. Public Participation – *Members of the Public Views Only*
 - Regarding benches, people should be encouraged to provide plaques or trees in memory of a deceased person.
 - Land where the benches are is not parish council land and belong to Holkham. Benches could be asked to be removed. Parish Council had looked into owning land.
 - Gigabit scheme should not be completed by the parish council and parishioners would be given vouchers.
 - Holkham now completing carbonisation. Will be helping communities in the future to help with carbonisation.
 - Discussed regarding the memorial bench location on playing field.
 - Comments on the number of cars for each new build at Glebe Lane.

Meeting Closed: 8.05 pm

Date and times of next meetings, Monday 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 13th December at **6.30pm** (please note new time) either by Zoom or in the Village Hall.

.....Chairman Dated:

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AND SIGNED ABOVE BY CHAIRMAN.