

BUGBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Full Council held on
Monday 10th February 2014 at 7.30 p.m, at the Community Centre, Bugbrooke.

PRESENT:

Chairman – Mr John Curtis, BEM

Councillor John Bignell		Councillor Brian King
Councillor Brian Curtis		Councillor Mrs Kate Meech
Councillor Robb Collett		Councillor Paul Phillips
Councillor Ken Gardener		Councillor Mrs Linda Pope
Councillor David Harries		Councillor Terry Ward
Councillor Paul Henson		
	<u>IN ATTENDANCE</u>	
Mrs Sally Bramley-Brown - Clerk	5 parishioners	County Councillor Joan Kirkbride
<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>		<u>ABSENT:</u>
Apologies were accepted from:	<u>Reason:</u>	
Councillor Alan Kent	Personal	
Councillor Phil Bignell	“ “	
Councillor David Jeffrey	“ “	
PC14/2/236	<u>TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>	
	Apologies were received and accepted as above.	
PC/14/2/237	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>	
	There were no declarations of interest	
PC/14/2/238	<u>TO CONSIDER WHETHER REGISTER OF INTERESTS REQUIRES UPDATING</u> (e.g. owing to a member having been elected to any local committees etc.). Not required	
PC/14/2/239	<u>TO SIGN AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 13th January 2014</u>	
	The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th January were approved as a correct record of that meeting and were duly signed and initialled by the Chairman.	
PC/14/2/240	<u>REPORTS ON ISSUES PREVIOUSLY RAISED</u> Councillors Mrs Pope asked for an update on the changes to the control of dogs legislations. Councillor Harries advised that the new legislation – Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing bill 2014 was expected to receive royal assent very soon. It was agreed that for the time being the parish council was unable to take any action.	
PC/14/2/241	<u>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (7.35 p.m – 7.40 p.m)</u>	
	A member of the public raised the issue of the proposed double yellow lines round the Waggon and Horses green. She was of the view that perking permits should be given to those residents without off street parking facilities to enable them to park in the lay-by. County Councillor Kirkbride informed the Parish Council that the Flore by-pass was now top priority. Finance for the project was in place, 19 of the 20 land owners had agreed and it was anticipated that work would commence in 2015. The plans for the scheme included an additional spur off the roundabout at junction 16 which would allow Heygates direct access to the M1, but they would have to bear the cost of the road construction from the mill.	
PC/14/2/242	<u>DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND UPDATE</u>	
	Councillor Harries advised that the planning application relating to Sheepcot would be considered by the Development Control Committee in March. The new district council offices that are to be constructed on the Moat Lane site are to be called "The Forum".	
PC/14/2/243	<u>ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETANCE</u>	

	<p>Under the provisions of S1 – 6 of the Localism Act 2011 an eligible parish council may resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence enabling it “<i>to do anything that individuals generally may do</i>”. A parish council becomes eligible when it is able to fulfil two criteria:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. At least two-thirds of the number of Councillors have been declared to be elected (or deemed to be elected); and ii. The Clerk of the Council has completed the relevant training (CiLCA 2012 or equivalent) <p>Bugbrooke Parish Council can now fulfil both criteria.</p>		
	RESOLVED	It was resolved unanimously that Bugbrooke Parish Council adopts the General Power of Competence.	
PC/14/2/244	PLANNING		
A	<p>Library Facilities. A follow up meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 12th March at 4 p.m. at the Primary school. Councillors John Curtis, Alan Kent and David Harries to attend, together with the Head Teacher and the Clerk.</p>		
B	<p>Development at John’s Road/Pilgrim’s Lane. The development continued to cause numerous complaints. The Clerk reported that she had visited the site and spoken with the site foreman. She had also been in contact with SNC planning and enforcement and Persimmon Homes. Councillor Harries advised that the SNC enforcement officer had visited the site and been advised that the site foreman had been replaced but that it would take time to resolve the issues. It was acknowledged that weather conditions were exacerbating the situation but it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be requested to write to the Chief Executive of both SNC and Persimmon Homes to express the displeasure and concerns of the residents.</p>		
C	<p>Development at Peace Hill. The Clerk had received a request on behalf of the developer for the Parish Council to consent to the erection of appropriate signage on lamp columns in the village. The Clerk provided a copy of the plan showing the location of the proposed signs. It was agreed to consent to the erection of the signs, subject to the erection of an additional sign at the junction of Great Lane and High Street – No Access for Construction Traffic – due to the narrow width of the road. It was reported that there had been a number of issues that had arisen between residents of Peace Hill and the development but it was believed that these had been resolved.</p>		
D	Planning applications and decisions for report		
LOCATION	APP NO AND APPLICANT	PROPOSAL	PC COMMENTS OR SNC DECISION
11 Pilgrim’s Lane	S/2014/0026/FUL	Variation of conditions and extension of time application – to allow for the addition of roof lights to the SW and NW elevations and to enclose the approved car port to form habitable room and removal of chimney Part retrospective)	Object. Over development of site; over-bearing on neighbouring properties; inappropriate usage in residential area.
Land at corner of Ace Lane and High Street	S/2014/0066/FUL	Detached dwelling with a new vehicular access and detached double garage with workshop attached. (previously considered in August 2013)	Object. Turn building 180o so front elevation faces High Street and rear elevation faces village green. Retain current access from Ace Lane. Height level of footing not to be higher land High Street. Retaining wall to Baker’s Arms gardens. Turn garage entrance to Ace Lane.
Campion School	S/2014/0048/FUL	Mobile unit at front of school	Object. Should be sited to the rear of the school
John’s Road/Pilgrims Lane	S/2014/0089/MAO	Variation of condition 13 - No dwelling hereby approved shall be occupied until full details of a scheme for the extension and improvement of the extension and improvement of the existing footpath along Pilgrim’s Lane, including construction and drainage details have been submitted to and approved in	Consider using granite blocks, more in keeping with the country nature of the lane. Retain the grass verge and extend the footpath.

		writing and the scheme completed. To Pilgrim's Lane to be widened and resurfaced in accordance with the approve drawing	
S/2014/0093/FU L	8 Meadway	Second storey side extension, single storey rear extension	Approved – materials to match.
PC/14/2/245	POLICE MATTERS and NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH		
	Nothing to report		
PC/14/2/246	ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR SKATE PARK		
	Councillor Mrs Meech reported that following the meeting with BSACA an area of land had been identified for the new skate park. Representatives were to meet with Sovereign equipment in March who would advise on equipment, costs and provide free plans together with sponsorship/funding opportunities.		
PC/14/1/247	PLAYING FIELD.		
	Following the discussions at the previous meeting relating to the costs of maintenance of the playing field, it was agreed that Councillor Harries and the Clerk would meet to examine the invoices received during the current financial year. R and G would be advised that in future all invoices must be submitted to the Association and where appropriate these would be passed to the Parish Council for payment. The Clerk would not seek payment of any invoices that had not first been approved by BSACA. In addition, BSACA would repay to the Parish Council the additional amounts paid during the current financial year, over and above the budget figure of £3,000.		
PC/14/2/248	NEW CHURCHYARD EXTENSION		
	The Clerk advised the letter to the Dioscean Registrar and the completed faculty application were ready for dispatch, she was just waiting the return of the finally approved draft deed of easement, which was expected very soon.		
PC/14/2/249	PARISH MATTERS		
	Monthly Inspection Sheets. Sheets were received for 4 areas – Councillor Henson stated that he had yet to complete his sheet.		
	Footpaths. The blocked footpath diversion route at Pilgrim's Lane had again been reported to NCC for investigation.		
	Hedges: Councillor Phillips requested that the Clerk write to the owners of 23 Chipsey Avenue.		
	Emergency Planning. Councillor Collett reported that the Environment Agency had advised that extensive work had been carried out on the upper Nene and that no further works were proposed for the area between Daventry and Billing. No flood warnings had been issued on the upper Nene since 28 th December. He circulated a draft note which he had prepared, for distribution to all properties which could potentially be at risk from flooding. It was unanimously agreed that the note should be finalised with the Clerk and then distributed.		
	Highways and Transport.		
	<p>A. Waggon and Horses.</p> <p>i. The Road Traffic Order to enable NCC to put double yellow lines around part of the green had been advertised in November. As a result of the consultation a number of objections were submitted to NCC. The traffic officer had provided a copy of a draft report to be submitted to the Director of Highways for signature in order to implement the scheme. The report included details of the objections they had received and required the parish council to provide a response to the objections. The draft report proposed that the scheme should be implemented as advertised. It was agreed unanimously to support the order. There were genuine safety issues relating to HGV's and other vehicles turning into Church Lane from the High Street when vehicles were parked on the green side opposite the lay-by.</p> <p>ii. It was agreed that Councillors would consider placing posts on the green to prevent vehicles parking on the grass. The Clerk was requested to ascertain if permission was required from NCC.</p>		
	Telephone Box. After some discussions it was decided by the majority that they wished to see the telephone box retained on the village green. The Clerk was requested to contact BT to arrange the decommissioning of the box.		
	Millennium Green. Nothing to report		
	Community Centre. Nothing to report		
	Noticeboards. The Clerk advised that she had completed the licence for the noticeboard. She had obtained 3 quotations from approved contractors for the erection of the posts in the		

	footway. These ranged from £25 - £220 + VAT. It was agreed to accept a quotation of £220 + VAT from John Arnold and Sons. The Clerk was requested to arrange for the works to be carried out as soon as possible.				
	Village Green. The Chairman reported that the tree on the village green had been damaged during a recent storm. Emergency works had been carried out to remove a split branch and to ensure pedestrian safety.				
PC/14/2/250	FINANCIAL MATTERS				
A	The clerk reported that the bank balances were as follows:				
	Current Account as at 31.1.2014 (Nat West)	£			131,316.69
	Less February Payments	£	1,977.80		
	Total funds at 10.2.14	£			129,388.89
B	Accounts for Payment. Moneys must be paid out in only in pursuance of statutory powers vested in the parish council. The final column on the right details the powers which authorise the payments below:				
Chq no	To whom	Service rendered	Amount £	Vat £	Power used for payment
0218	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax on Clerk's salary - November	120.00		HM Revenue and Customs requirement
0219	Mrs S Bramley-Brown	Clerk's salary- January 2014 (70 hours @ 11.30 + expenses	£690.38		Local Gov't Act 1972 S112
0220	E.on	January unmetered supply	£455.88	75.98	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3 Highways ACT 1980 S301
0221	A H Contracts	Emptying of waste and dog bins – January 2014	419.64	69.94	Litter Act 1983 ss 5,6
0222	Kay Iqbal	Cleaning of bus shelters - January	30.00		Parish Councils Act 1957 s1
0217	Mr P Wilkins	Ratification for cheque paid in January for payment of village repair services	61.90		Local Gov't Act 1972 S112
	RESOLVED:	That these invoices be paid			
	ACTION:	Clerk			
PC/13/12/251	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 10th March 2014 at 7.30 p.m.				

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21 p.m.

End of Minutes

CHAIRMAN:.....
DATE:.....