



MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday September 14th 2021 at 7:30pm
Main Hall, Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

Present: Cllrs Laurence King (Chair) Richard Fife, Yvonne Greenfield, Jeanette Johnson, John Richardson, David Wright and David Yates.

In attendance: Jessica Sherrin (Clerk) Cllr Michael Adams (NCC) and Cllr Sam Smith (GBC).

DRAFT MINUTES

21/1925 To Elect the Chair to the Parish Council

Cllr J Johnson opened the meeting in the absence of the Vice Chair, noting that Cllr Paul Hyde had resigned as Chair of the Parish Council. She thanked Cllr Hyde for leading the Parish Council through turbulent times and noted that he remains on the Parish Council and continues to Chair the Finance & General Purpose Committee. Cllr Laurence King was then unanimously elected as the Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr King further thanked Cllr Hyde for his leadership over the past 3 years. He noted he was content in taking on the role due to the cohesive group of Councillors in place, backed by proficient staff. Thanks were also extended for the valuable contribution to the Parish Council from Cllr Nick Orders who has resigned due to a change in circumstances. Agreed for words of thanks to them both to be included in the next issue of The Magazine.

21/1926 Apologies for absence – Cllrs R Ringham (Holiday) T Hazard (Prior Commitment) and P Hyde (Prior Commitment).

21/1927 Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda – Cllr D Yates has financial interest in the provider of the Licence in item 21/1934 (iv) via his pension. Cllr J Richardson is a member of BJ Players.

21/1928 Minutes from previous meetings

- i) Minutes of meeting held on July 13th 2021 approved as a true record and signed by the Chair
- ii) Matters arising (not covered by the agenda – for information only) – None

21/1929 Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes) – Cllr King read out a statement from a member of the public who had been unable to attend, ending with the question “When can residents expect to see significant improvements in the frequency of the train service?” Cllr King reported that The Parish Council and 2 community groups (The Village Society and Friends of Lowdham & Burton Joyce Stations) have each written to Tom Randall MP, Trent Valley Councillors and East Midlands Railway’s Operations Director seeking significant improvement to timetabled services at Burton Joyce Station and will continue to press for change.

Cllr Adams referred to a note received by him from a member of the public for clarification as to whether a formal contract was in place with the Old School Trust to reinvest the £225k paid to them from the sale of the long lease of the Old School Building, into the proposed community

space on the site. Discussion took place regarding the need to change the objects of the Trust to enable the reinvestment. It was noted that in the initial meeting with the Area Dean, Trustee and Solicitor present, that it had been stated that being members of the Church, trust to fulfil this promise was implicit and the promise of a “letter of comfort” had been made for reassurance that this would be honoured. It was further noted that the purchase of the 125 year lease was not contingent on the reinvestment of the funds, as it was in the financial interest of the Parish Council to do this anyway. It was added that this however was a 2-fold deal with the re-investment of the funds being a good use of the money and a starting point to get further grants. In light of this promise an independent group within the village had carried out extensive works on developing ideas for this unique facility and that the value return to the whole community would be huge. It was further noted that contracts do not have to be “formal” to be valid and, despite a positive response following the presentation of the project to the two Trustees in October 2019, there appears to be significant back-tracking following the appointment of the third Trustee. Cllr Adams thanked all for this clarification.

Cllr Adams noted that a leaflet circulated by the Labour Party described Cllr Johnson as a labour representative on the Parish Council. Noted by all present that the Parish Council is non-political and its good governance and the protection of residents lies behind any decision making. It was noted that no affiliation with political parties is given on the Parish Council’s Website.

Cllr Smith asked on behalf of a resident where £60k of CIL funds had been spent. J Sherrin advised that approx. £20k of CIL funds had been received from GBC to date and spent on the new slide in the playground, the “third-party donation” to get the £100k grant for the playground improvements and a portion of the replacement utility truck. Cllr Paul Hyde, as Chair of Finance & General Purpose Committee to provide this detailed breakdown of CIL expenditure to Cllr Smith.

21/1930 County Councillor’s report – Cllr Adams noted that the micro-asphalt surfacing has taken place on the Shaftesbury Avenue stretch of Main Street and white / yellow lining re-painted. Some of it has been damaged by the heat and ironworks are being worked on this weekend. Regarding the parking of a fish and chip van on the grass verge, the business has now been spoken to by Cllr Adams and they have moved it. Double yellow lines are being reviewed by Cllr Adams and he has sent a report to Highways. Cllr Johnson noted that the Parish Council had previously worked with NCC on establishing where lines would be painted following public consultation. Cllr King asked for an update on the gas mains and sewage works and the effect on the re-surfacing of the remaining stretch of Main Street running through the centre of the village. Cllr Johnson asked if the previously ring-fenced funds to resurface Main Street in the 2021-22 budget remained ring-fenced. Cllr Adams confirmed it does and that the minor re-surfacing will not affect funds for the major re-surfacing. Cllr King noted the need to ensure the opportunity to develop the centre of the village is not lost and the Parish Council is kept informed of any communications.

21/1931 Borough Councillor’s report – Cllr Smith noted he had met with East Midlands Railways, asking for more regular services and that EMR was planning a consultation on the station platform. Cllr King noted that a comprehensive response from the letters was expected along with clear public support from the MP, as this is a long-standing issue and further that the Parish Council should be party to any meetings taking place, also that any consultation should be in the village and that EMR should speak to train users directly. Cllr Smith advised that EMR will brief T Randall on the consultation which is expected to be via social media and surveys on the platform at the end of the year / beginning of 2022. Cllrs Smith further reported that he had attended the re-opening of the Community Market. He noted that the hospitality businesses now have to pay a £100 fee to re-apply for the licences to extend onto the pavements to serve food and drinks. The management at the Nelson has changed and he and Cllr Adams attended an opening event and the speed monitoring training at the Old School Building. GBC has supported the Friends of

Lowdham and Burton Joyce group financially and Cllr Adams attended their prize-giving event with the primary school.

Concerns were raised regarding the current relationship and communication between the Parish Council and the Borough and County Councillors. Cllr King stated that it is the fabric of the community that is of greatest importance in any decision making at all levels and there is a danger of spoiling good work that has been done; by working together more can be achieved.

Cllr Richardson asked for an update on the Gedling Access Road. Cllr Adams advised there was nothing to report.

Cllr Sam Smith left at 8:40pm

21/1932 Finance matters

- i) **Bills for Payment for July 2021** – Received and noted
- ii) **Bills for Payment for August 2021** – Unanimously approved
- iii) **Late Bills for Payment for August 2021**– Unanimously approved
- iv) **Income and expenditure summary to end June 2021** – Received and noted

21/1933 Correspondence

- i) **Invitation to Town and Parish Plan Engagement** – Cllr Greenfield to attend on 20th September and Cllrs King, Fife and Richardson to attend on 27th September.

Cllr M Adams left at 8:45pm

- ii) **Letter from Burton Joyce Brass – Noted.** J Sherrin to follow up on expression of interest in leasing the Carnarvon Rooms after 30th September 2021 in order to maintain it as a community asset.

21/1934 Committees: To consider the following:

(i) Amenities: Minutes of meeting held on 7th September 2021 received and noted. Request for replacement tree in the Grove to be made to GBC. Noted works on Roberts Rec delayed to at least 8th November due to materials supply issues.

(ii) Planning: Minutes of meetings held on 6th September 2021 received and noted. J Savage to chase up request to meet with GBC Planning Officers and Cllrs Smith & Adams' assistance in organising.

(iii) Finance & General Purpose Committee: Minutes of meeting held on 7th September 2021 received and noted.

Proposed and resolved unanimously to update IT equipment in Parish Council Office.

(iv) Poplars Sports Ground Committee: Minutes of meeting held on 6th September 2021 received and noted.

Proposed and resolved unanimously to submit planning application for 'Casual Play Area' in the Poplars Sports Ground

Proposed and resolved unanimously to approve the Poplars Sports Ground Licence to Alter - previously circulated

Proposed and resolved unanimously to authorise Cllr R Ringham as Chair of the Poplars Sports Ground and J Sherrin as RFO to sign and witness the revised Licence.

Proposed and resolved unanimously to commission works to replace guide rails in sewage pump at a cost of £934.

(v) Community Engagement: Minutes of meeting held on 13th September 2021 received and noted. Picnic in the Park to take place on Saturday 25th September 2-4pm in The Grove.

(vi) Old School Building Phase II Committee: Minutes of meeting held on 1st September 2021 received and noted. J Sherrin noted that Planning Permission was not required for the demolition of the old classroom, but that Building control required Method Statement and Risk Assessment from the contractor carrying out the work. Publicity event to be organised to engage with community once site has been cleared.

21/1935 The Magazine – Cllr King reported that a meeting had taken place with the editor and that the Parish Council would assist with distribution of 1000 copies.

21/1936 Information update: No further information.

21/1937 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th October at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 9:25pm

Signed: _____

Chair of the Parish Council

Date: _____