

MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

Tuesday December 13th 2022 at 7:30pm
The Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs L King (Chair) R Ringham (Vice Chair) R Fife, Y Greenfield, G Hadjigeorgiou, T Hazard, P Hyde, J Johnson, D Wright and D Yates.

In attendance: J Sherrin (Clerk) and Cllr S Smith (GBC))

- 22/2113** **Apologies for absence** – Cllr R Fife (Theatre performance) and Cllr H Chadbourne-Doyle (Prior Engagement)
- 22/2114** **Council members’ declaration of interests for items on the agenda** - None
- 22/2115** **Minutes from previous meetings**
- i) November 8th 2022 – accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.
 - ii) Matters arising (not covered by the agenda – for information only) – Update on Cadent gas works to be requested from Cllr Adams. Cllr Smith to raise with him. Noted the funds for resurfacing have been ring-fenced and will roll forward to next financial year.
- 22/2116** **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** – None present
- 22/2117** **County Councillor’s report** – Cllr M Adams had given his apologies
- 22/2118** **Borough Councillor’s report** – Cllr S Smith provided an update. He has been liaising with Stockinger house re some recently acquired damp problems in the building they are seeking to resolve. Re flooding at Orchard Close, the developers have now installed a temporary drainage system, having initially breeched planning permission. A request has been mad to change planning conditions to ensure drainage is installed *before* a development begins. To help alleviate flooding at Cragmoore Drive, natural management schemes are being installed at a cost of £50k, which includes planting of 250 native trees. CCTV at the Cross Keys / Co-op has been passed at planning. Asking what more can be done at playground and Nelson area. Cllr Smith to follow up on possibility of GBC undertaking monitoring and surveillance if cameras are installed. New warning signs are in place in Foxhill Road regarding dog fouling.
- 22/2119** **Finance matters**
- i) **Bills for Payment for November 2022** – Unanimously approved to pay
 - ii) **Late Bills for Payment for November 2022** – Unanimously approved to pay
 - iii) **Accounts to end November 2022** – Received and noted.
- 22/2120** **Correspondence** – Request from vicar to give reading at Christmas Service. Agreed that either Cllr King or Hadjigeorgiou would. Clerk to advise vicar. Report from Train Action Group on train services. Concerns remain that Burton Joyce is not represented in the strategic group and a focus is currently on end-to-end time reduction more than providing a service for local stations between. Cllr Smith noted that Tom Randal MP has made representation at the House of Commons on this matter and a survey is currently underway, which should provide data to support the case for more trains stopping in Burton Joyce station.
- 22/2121** **Succession Planning and Councillor Involvement** – Noted that a heavy workload falls on a small group of councillors and there is a need to spread the load. Suggested that an awareness-raising session for members of the public should set up to showcase all the work that takes place behind the scenes – possibly in February. Cllr King is to write an article on volunteering for the February edition of The Magazine. Suggested that a 6th Form or University student studying Public Relations / Publicity could be sought to assist.

- 22/2122** Cllr H Chadbourne-Doyle to join Amenities, Community Engagement and Old School Building Phase II sub-committees – unanimously approved.
- 22/2123** **Committees:** The following were considered:
- (i) **Amenities:** Minutes of meeting held on 15th November 2022 received and noted.
 - a. **Overspend on trees budget to allow for works to be carried out in Roberts’ Recreation Ground, following tree survey report and quotation received –** unanimously approved.
Cllr Ringham noted that the newly installed spinner on the playground had been repaired by the manufacturers but failed again. Cllr Hyde noted that a meeting is to take place with the Garden Holders’ Association in the new year regarding allotment insurance and payment of GHA subscription.
 - (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meeting held November 8th 2022 – Received and noted
 - (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** No meeting held in November 2022. Review of position regarding Lee Road enquiries – the solicitors are attending the Parish Council office in the new year, within their fee, to provide a report. Cllr King extended thanks to the Clerk and Cllr Hyde for the work underway in preparing the 2023-4 budget. Cllr Johnson noted the vastly improved budgetary and accounting information that was now being provided.
 - (iv) **Poplars Sports Ground Committee:** No meeting held in November 2022. Cllr Ringham noted that the BJ Football Club is undergoing significant change currently and he will organise a meeting with them in the new year to ensure their commitment to use of the 3G facility.
 - (v) **Community Engagement:** Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 received and noted.
 - a. To appoint nominated representative to attend Village Hall Committee meetings. Agreed for Cllr Hyde to attend the next meeting, but not as a formal representative.
 - b. To appoint nominated representative to attend GP Surgery Review Meetings – Agreed to postpone to new year.
 - (vi) **Old School Building Phase II Committee:** No meeting held in November 2022. Update provided on works carried out to date - Grounds & Amenities Manager and his team were commended for their work on clearing the site and the light installation of the Christmas Lights.
- 22/2124** **Village Centre Development:** Cllr Adams to be asked for update.
- 22/2125** **Unveiling of Jubilee Clock:** Communities Committee liaising with Village Society for date in February.
- 22/2126** **Information update:** Christmas lights switch-on was a huge success and thanks were extended to all staff and councillors involved.

The following items were of a confidential nature and therefore minuted separately.

- 22/2127** HR Panel – Proposals
- 22/2128** Old School Trust Meeting – Review
- 22/2129** Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7:30pm

Signed: _____
Chair of Burton Joyce Parish Council

Date: _____