

## MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL

**Tuesday September 27<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:30pm**

**(Postponed from September 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 due to period of national mourning)**

**The Old School Building, Main Street, Burton Joyce**

**Present:** R Ringham (Vice Chair) R Fife, Y Greenfield, G Hadjigeorgiou, T Hazard, P Hyde, D Wright and D Yates.

**In attendance:** J Sherrin (Clerk) and Representative of Burton Joyce Local History Society

### MINUTES

**22/2069** **Apologies for absence** Cllrs L King (Holiday) Cllrs J Johnson (Holiday)

**22/2070** **Council members' declaration of interests for items on the agenda** – Cllrs Hyde and Fife have allotments

**22/2071** **Minutes from previous meetings**

- i)** July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 – previously circulated – Unanimously approved as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chair
- ii)** Matters arising (not covered by the agenda – for information only) - None
- iii)** Extraordinary meeting of the Full Council – August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 – Unanimously approved, by those present at the meeting, as a true record and signed by the Vice Chair.

Cllr Ringham noted that John Richardson had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council. John was thanked sincerely for his work and contributions to the Parish Council during his period of service as a Parish Councillor.

**22/2072** **Opportunity for questions from members of the public (15 minutes)** The Burton Joyce History Society representative referred to item 22/2076 on the agenda. The History Society reported that it has been given 6 months' notice to vacate the Carnarvon Rooms by the Old School Trustees. It was understood, but not confirmed, that the same notice has been given to Burton Joyce Community Brass. There was major concern that a valuable community space will be lost, with an already diminishing provision.

It was reported that The History Society has resided in the Carnarvon Rooms since 2000 and invested considerable time and money in refurbishing the building, with a plaque in place in recognition of this. It has, during this time, held monthly open days and regular talks in the Rooms as well as having a permanent display of historical artifacts. (Cllrs were invited to a tour of the archives which have been built over the last 40 years). It is possible the Society will be able to move into the Library and members are currently in discussion with Inspire. Support from the Parish Council was also sought in providing storage for the archives. Cllrs advised that there could be space in the Poplars Sports Ground or Cemetery Portacabin to assist.

Further concerns were raised by the History Society regarding the ownership of the Carnarvon Rooms, as the agreement and rentals have been paid by them to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and not the Old School Trust since 2000. Further concerns were raised regarding the status of the Trustees for the Old School Trust as one of the 3 Trustees had resigned as Parish Warden and holds the position of Trustee by virtue of that role, but continues to represent them. As the signatories on the agreement are with the Parochial

Church Council and not the Old School Trust, the legitimacy of the notice is questioned. Reference had been made by the Trustees to a document which states the Carnarvon Rooms are in the ownership of the Old School Trust and not the Church. Sight of this document has been requested from the Trust but refused. There is deep concern regarding the blurring of transactions between the Old School Trust and the Parochial Church Council. Help and support from the Parish Council on this matter was requested.

Cllrs noted that conversations had taken place between the Parish Council and the Chief Exec of the Southwell Diocese to try and resolve the breakdown of communication between the Parish Council and the Old School Trust (as landlords of the Old School Building) and a direct request had been made to the Church to consider the Parish Council as tenants if any changes were to be made regarding the leasing of the Carnarvon Rooms, in order to maintain it as a community facility. Cllrs noted that to date The Old School Trust, via the Southwell Diocese, have been advised to not put the Carnarvon Rooms on the open market without prior consultation with the key stakeholders. A meeting is due to take place between the Diocese and the Trust on the return of the vicar in October from her sabbatical.

**22/2073**

**County Councillor's report** – Cllr Adams had given his apologies and sent a written report as follows:

- Average Speed cameras request went into highways, highly positive response from villagers. Will hear Autumn 2022/early 2023 as to the success of that.
- Donated £1000 towards the village clock renovation from community pot.
- Met with villagers and PC to discuss the library's future.
- Have agreed dropped kerb and car park reconfiguration as part of library renovation plan.
- Joined the library / Met with local Conservation group to discuss role as Environment Ambassador for the CC and actions we are taking locally.
- Signed books of condolence at Gedling/Church/PC on behalf of residents in memory of our queen and attended proclamation events at all also.

**22/2074**

**Borough Councillor's report** – Cllr Smith not present.

**22/2075**

**Finance matters**

i) **Approval of Bills and Late Bills for Payment for August 2022 via email due to time limits on invoice payments** – duly noted

ii) **Income and Expenditure Summary to end August 2022** – received and noted

**22/2076**

**Correspondence: History Society:** Impact of potential loss of Carnarvon Rooms as a community facility following notice to vacate given by Old School Trust to History Society - considered during discussion above.

**22/2077**

**Committee Membership:** Resignation of Cllr Hadjigeorgiou from Poplars Committee and addition of Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to the Old School Building Phase II Committee unanimously approved.

**22/2078**

**Committees:** Minutes from the following committees were considered:

- (i) **Amenities:** Minutes of meeting held on July 26<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 received and noted. Cllr Hadjigeorgiou to update parents re Roberts Rec Ground gate. D List to contact roofing contractor re the cemetery wall.
- (ii) **Planning:** Minutes of meetings held on July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 received and noted. Cllr Yates noted continued concerns regarding dissipation of the assurances given by GBC planning that PC views would be better considered, he proposed to include it as an agenda item at the next planning committee meeting. Cllr Fife noted that the Orchard Close development had been reduced to 14 houses to release the developers of obligations for open space and infrastructure demands and the PC needed comment as soon as possible.
- (iii) **Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 received and noted

**Proposed and resolved unanimously** for Brass Band Storage to be provided at a cost of £20 per month for half the storage facility. This is a discounted rate to continue to support community training group.

**Proposed and resolved unanimously** for a Budget of £600 to be allocated from Climate Change Reserve as part of Environmental Plan project to replant gas governor area near Millennium Sundial with pollinator friendly plants.

**Proposed and resolved unanimously for** anticipated overspend on utilities budgets this financial year, due to increased energy bills, to be taken from general reserves.

**Noted:** Additional bank holiday granted to all staff for funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 19<sup>th</sup> September, as advised by national government.

**(iv) Poplars Sports Ground Committee:**

- i. Minutes of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 received and noted.
- ii. New fireworks supplier booked for 4<sup>th</sup> November display – noted.
- iii. Pathways information sent by VIA reviewed. On-site meeting to be arranged with Cllr Ringham, D List and J Sherrin.

**(v) Community Engagement:** Minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022 received and noted. Christmas Lights Switch-On 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Network Rail Awareness Event 15<sup>th</sup> October at The Nelson.

**(vi) Old School Building Phase II Committee:** Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 received and noted. Note demolition of Old Class Room as per Quote B presented to OSB committee approved via email due to postponement of Full Council. Ecology survey being undertaken before demolition and clearing.

**Proposed and resolved unanimously** to partially clear and make good the [OSB] site in readiness for the Jubilee Clock unveiling / Christmas Lights Switch-On. D List to action.

**22/2079 Village Centre Development:** Cllr Ringham provided an update. Latest advice from Cllr Adams was that preliminary designs should be with us in October. Will be crucial to display the design in the OSB grounds during the clock unveiling.

**22/2080 Succession Planning:** Awareness raising / information events for councillor recruitment considered. Noted that volunteers are difficult to recruit in general. Agreed that there is a need to showcase what the PC does more and to provide a better understanding of what being a councillor entails.

**22/2081 Information update:** Noted that the library refurbishment is due to take place next year. Inspire is working with the Parish Council and NCC, via Cllr Adams on this initiative.

**22/2082 Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 8:40pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Burton Joyce Parish Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_