

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Burghfield Village Hall on Thursday 7th April 2022 commencing at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr T Ansell (Chairman), Cllr P Lawrence, Cllr M Cresser, Cllr D Godwin, Cllr D Godding, Cllr I Macfarlane, Cllr J Ansell, Cllr C Jackson-Doerge, Cllr I Morrin, Cllr N Morse, Cllr L Sharp, Cllr R Longton,

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, Assistant Clerk, District Cllr G Bridgman, 5 Members of the public

Apologies: Cllr C Greaves, Cllr B Neilson

Public Participation:

In accordance with the Public Participation Policy, no written questions had been submitted to the Parish Clerk by 12 noon the day before the meeting.

The Chairman closed the floor and proceeded with opening the meeting:

1.0422 To report, approve and record apologies for absence (and the reasons) from members of the Parish Council

Apologies for absence were presented and approved from members for Cllr C Greaves and Cllr B Neilson

2.0422 Declaration of any personal or financial interests

No declarations were made by members in relation to a personal or financial interest in any specific matter on the agenda for consideration

3.0422 Applications for Dispensations

Request for dispensations were not required or requested by members present.

4.0422 To receive a verbal report from the Chairman

The Chairman advised that the final report for the refurbishment works at the Village Hall had been released prior to the Annual meeting due to inaccurate information being circulated. Thanks were expressed for all the hard work in the management of the project and in ensuring the expenditure remained within budget. Positive feedback had been received from users of the hall. The Chairman had visited the properties at the Hatch, advising both parties confirmed the relevant documentation would be duly signed and returned.

5.0422 Questions to the chairman previously submitted in writing

No questions had been previously submitted to the chairman.

6.0422 To receive a report from a District Councillor

District Cllr G Bridgman had previously circulated a written report updating members of West Berkshire Council matters. A number of questions were raised and answered in relation to the Eastern Area Planning Committee process further to the application for a temporary café within Burghfield being called to committee for decision.

7.0422 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 March 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

8.0422 To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Infrastructure Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 3 March and 17 March 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly.

9.0422 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 24 March 2022 and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 24 March 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly.

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10.0422 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Community Hub Committee held on 24 March 2022 and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 24 March 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly.

11.0422 To update members of details relating to the proposed café on the common recreation ground

Members received a report prepared in response to queries raised regarding the proposed café on the common recreation ground. Due to more than 10 objections having been received, the application will be decided at WBC committee level.

Cllr Cresser requested it be minuted that she has no connection with the Burghfield Santa's, nor any family member, and therefore has no affiliation to the group.

Members discussed the comments previously circulated on social media regarding the café as being ill-judged and inaccurate. Presence at the May Fayre by members is to be encouraged to address any questions raised.

12.0422 To determine the format of Parish Council presence at the May Fayre

Resolved: Members already present at the May Fayre are to wear their Parish Council T-shirts to be available for parishioner questions, specifically in relation to the proposed café.

13.0422 Financial Matters

- i) Parish Council Bank Account Reconciliation & accounts for payment as of 31 March 2022
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 31 March 2022 were noted. Items for payment were noted and as such sums are to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.
- ii) Village Hall Bank Account Reconciliation & accounts for payment as of 31 March 2022
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 31 March 2022 were noted. Items for payment were noted and as such sums are to be debited to the account of the Village Hall. March bookings at the hall totalled £3,990. The hall continues to perform at pre-covid levels.

14.0322 To receive brief verbal reports from Parish Council Representatives attending meetings of Outside Bodies to which they have been appointed

Cllr R Longton advised of his presence at the BMNAG meeting, updating members of items of interest.

Cllr I Morrin advised the NDP group were progressing well with a draft document.

Cllr J Ansell & Cllr A Gallagher advised of their attendance at the allotments for a surgery.

15.0322 Matters for Future Discussion

No further items were identified.

16.0322 Items for information

The Clerk advised the meeting schedule had been updated as follows for the month:

Communications Committee	-	14 th April @ 7.00pm
Community Committee	-	21 st April @ 7.45pm
Governance & Finance	-	28 th April @ 6.30pm
Infrastructure Committee	-	28 th April @ 7.45pm
Annual Parish Meeting	-	12 th May @ 7.00pm.

17.0222 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:

To resolve, pursuant to section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press leave the meeting. Exclusion was not required.

Close of meeting – 20.33pm