

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr T Ansell (Chairman), Cllr P Lawrence, Cllr M Cresser, Cllr D Godwin, Cllr D Godding, Cllr N Morse, Cllr J Ansell, Cllr R Longton, Cllr C Greaves, Cllr A Gallagher
In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council, 2 Members of the public
Apologies: Cllr L Sharp, Cllr I Macfarlane, Cllr I Morrin, Cllr C Jackson-Doerge, Cllr B Neilson

Public Participation:

No questions were raised by members present.

1.0722 To report, approve and record apologies for absence (and the reasons) from members

Apologies for absence were presented and approved from members for Cllr L Sharp, Cllr I Macfarlane, Cllr B Neilson, Cllr C Jackson-Doerge, and Cllr I Morrin.

2.0722 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

3.0722 Applications for Dispensations

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

4.0722 To receive a verbal report from the Chairman

The Chairman advised of his attendance at the Eastern Area Planning Committee site meeting on the Common Recreation Ground.

5.0722 Questions to the chairman previously submitted in writing

The following question was submitted in writing by Jenny Elmore:

"The Community Committee Agenda 16th June advise the pop-up pub is under consideration, once again, over the Summer at the Recreation Ground. Can you please advise why this proposal was not included in the June 2022 Newsletter to enable all Parishioners to be fully informed, especially following the level of objections over the past couple of years in relation to these proposed events"?

Chairmans response:

The parish council is more than happy to assist in the advertising of local events by way of the quarterly newsletter but is not responsible for such promotion. Requests to local groups and organisations are sent on a quarterly basis.

The parish council consists of elected members, elected to make informed decisions on behalf of parishioners. The PC do not advertise every decision is it asked to make or seek approval for, if it did the need for a PC would be obsolete.

Please also be advised that no members of the public were present at the Community committee where it was considered, or any correspondence received prior to the meeting. Every member of the parish is given the same access to information.

The request being considered by the parish council was whether to grant permission for the use of the Recreation ground, not whether the event itself should go ahead.

Jenny Elmore expressed dissatisfaction with the response and was reminded by the Chairman that her attendance once the meeting had commenced was in an observational capacity only.

6.0722 To receive a report from a District Councillor

District Cllr G Bridgman provided a written report updating members of West Berkshire Council matters. District Cllr G Mayes

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7.0722 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 June 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

8.0722 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 9 June and 30 June 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly. Cllr D Godwin is to provide a presentation on the SID at the September parish council meeting.

9.0722 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 19 May 2022 and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 16 June 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly.

Cllr D Selway enquired as to why questions that he had personally raised at the community committee meeting were not minuted. The Chairman reiterated that minutes record decisions taken at a meeting and are not a verbal account of the various discussions held.

Cllr M Cresser asked the recorded decision for the pop-up pub from the community committee meeting be reiterated within the minutes.

Item 6.0622 b ii): Resolved: *To grant permission accordingly. A full litter sweep is to be undertaken the following morning after each event with a request for the toilets to be cleaned. Proposed by Cllr Longton, seconded by Cllr Godding and resolved with a majority vote of 4 votes in favour with 2 objections. Disappointment was expressed by a Cllr present that a member of the Burghfield Santa's hadn't attended to answer any questions presented.*

Cllr J Ansell requested clarification as to why each request for use of the pavilion is considered at committee level when the use of the village hall is not discussed. The Chairman advised that the initial request for the use of the pavilion had been presented to full council due to being during covid and the council seeking reassurance all safety measures were implemented accordingly. As we are now post Covid, future permissions will be dealt within in the same manner as requests to hire the village hall.

Cllr D Selway requested that each resolution on the community committee minutes was voted on separately. The Chairman advised that on this occasion he would allow such voting but reminded members that minutes, and recommendations therein, are taken as a whole.

Recommendation 1 - To grant permission for the use of the Pavilion and Common Recreation Ground for pop up pubs during the July & August. Resolved with a majority vote of 8 votes in favour with 2 objections.

Recommendation 2 - To grant permission for the use of the Pavilion and Common Recreation Ground for Burghfest 2022. Resolved with a majority vote with one abstention.

Recommendation 3 - To leave the bi-fold doors open from Thursday evening through to Monday morning for weekend parties. Resolved with a majority vote with one abstention.

Recommendation 4 - To purchase a system specifically for village halls with a maximum budget of £1,500. Resolved unanimously.

Recommendation 5 - To instigate a trial of new plot holders to take on a plot free of charge for the first year if taken as seen. Resolved unanimously.

Recommendation 6 - To allocate a budget for the continued planting of the BT phone box by the WI. Resolved with a majority vote with one abstention (member declared an interest).

10.0722 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 23 June 2022 and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 23 June 2022 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations within be approved accordingly.

11.0722 To receive brief verbal reports from Parish Council Representatives attending meetings of Outside Bodies to which they have been appointed

No meetings had been attended.

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12.0722 Financial Matters

- i) Parish Council Bank Account Reconciliation & accounts for payment as of 30 June 2022
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 30 June 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 30 June 2022
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 30 June 2022 were noted. Items for payment were noted and as such sums are to be debited to the account of the Village Hall. June bookings at the hall totalled £4,051.

13.0722 To request items from the Committee Chairman requiring any action by the Communications Committee

Members were reminded to forward any newsworthy items for inclusion within the newsletter.

14.0722 Matters for Future Discussion

Clarification with regard to what is discussed at committee and full council level.
Locking of the village hall gates and potential rota for the locking and unlocking.
Enhanced security at Auclum Green following

15.0722 Items for information

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

Community Committee	-	14 th July @ 7.45pm
Infrastructure Committee	-	21 st July @ 6.30pm
Community Hub Committee	-	28 th July @ 7.45pm

16.0722 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 20.25pm.