

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held at Burghfield Village Hall, Recreation Road, Burghfield on Thursday 1 February 2024 at 7.45pm.

Present: Cllr I Macfarlane (Chairman), Cllr P Lawrence, Cllr Y Mattos, Cllr S Awbery, Cllr R Thorrington, Cllr B Neilson, Cllr A Gallagher, Cllr Greaves, Cllr D Selway, Cllr N Morse, Cllr R Dekoster

In Attendance: Clerk to the Parish Council and 1 Member of the public

Apologies: Cllr L Watts, Cllr L Sharp

Absent: Cllr A Mackinnon

Public Participation:

The following question had been submitted via email to members for raising at Public Participation:

"In line with BPC's Public Participation guidance, I would be most grateful if you can arrange for the following question to be presented to Burghfield Parish Council's meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 1 February 2024:

"The Planning Inspectorate's correspondence (22 Nov 2023) invites Regulation 19 consultees to consider submitting further representations regarding WBC's emerging Local Plan. Burghfield AWE & the Environment Agency(EA) have registered objections to Burghfield's proposed large development (Pondhouse/Clayhill Rd) citing considerable concerns.

1) Has BPC received/reviewed this correspondence?

2) Agree to submit a written statement echoing those concerns as stated by Burghfield AWE and the EA?"

The Chairman advised that the parish council did not receive the documentation and therefore the parish council were not in a position to respond further.

1.0224 To report, approve and record apologies for absence (and the reasons) from members

Apologies for absence were presented and approved from Cllr Watts & Cllr Sharp. It was noted by members that Cllr Mackinnon was absent from the meeting.

2.0224 To receive any Declaration of interests or Applications for Dispensations

None received.

3.0224 To receive the application for the vacancy upon the council and co-opt accordingly

Resolved: To co-opt Ian Kitson to fill the vacancy currently upon the council. Proposed by Cllr Selway, seconded by Cllr Thorrington and resolved unanimously.

Cllr Gallagher expressed Cllr Kitson abstained from Community Committee due to personal interest. The Chairman advised the committee structure was currently under review with a proposed restructure to be presented in March.

4.0224 To receive a verbal report from the Chairman

The chairman advised that he had no further items to add that weren't being addressed throughout the course of the agenda.

5.0224 Questions to the chairman previously submitted in writing

The Chairman had not received any questions in writing prior to the meeting.

6.0224 To receive a report from a District Councillor

No report.

7.0224 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 January 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

BURGHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

8.0224 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 11 January 2024 be approved and the recommendations therein.

9.0224 To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Communications Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Communications Committee held on 18 January 2024 be approved as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein.

10.0224 To receive an update in relation to the progression and completion of the NDP

Comments previously submitted by members are being incorporated into the document by Cllr P Lawrence on the centrally held document. The next stage for progression of the NDP document and the public referendum is to be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

11.0224 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee and approve the recommendations therein

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Community Committee held on 19 October 2023 be approved and the recommendations therein.

12.0224 Financial Matters

- i) Parish Council Bank Account Reconciliation & payments as of 31 January 2024:
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 31 January 2024 were noted. Items for payment are to be debited to the account of the Parish Council.
- ii) Village Hall Bank Account Reconciliation & payments as of 31 January 2024:
The accounts reconciliation statements for month ending 31 January 2024 were noted. Items for payment are to be debited to the account of the Village Hall.
Total bookings for January were noted as £2,972.50 with provisional bookings for February being £3,713.75

18.0124 Matters for Future Discussion

Consideration of the operation of the public toilet by the Infrastructure committee.
Parish Strategic Plan progression
Committee restructure.

19.0124 Items for information

The Clerk advised of the meeting schedule for the month:

Communications Committee	-	08 February @ 7.00pm
Infrastructure Committee	-	15 February @ 6.30pm
Community Committee	-	15 February @ 7.45pm

Members were advised that a Community Speedwatch and SID demonstration had been arranged by Stratfield Mortimer PC for Cllrs to attend on Thursday 22nd February.

20.0124 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 at 20.15pm