

**BURNASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BURNASTON AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Cllr C Silvester, Cllr P Haynes, Cllr S Burns, Cllr M Holland and Cllr R Welburn (to 9.07pm)

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), Cllr J Lemmon (from 7.32pm to 7.57pm) and PC R Pilkington (from 7.37pm to 7.57pm)

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
PART 1 NON –EXEMPT INFORMATION

12/21 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs Brown

12/22 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no variation in the order of business.

12/23 MEMBERS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made

12/24 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Members of the Public

No report was given

b) County Councillor

No Councillor was present and no report was received

c) District Councillor

Cllr Lemmon reported that the wind turbine application will be going to the Planning Committee for determination, possibly on 7<sup>th</sup> August. He has been in discussions with the planning officer and at present the recommendation of the planning officer is to approve the application. Cllr Lemmon added that to date he had received no correspondence that was in favour of the application, only objections and he then urged the Parish Council to object to the application.

7.37pm PC Pilkington arrived.

Cllr Holland asked how much influence is taken by SDDC of planning decisions made in other districts.

Cllr Lemmon cited an Inspector's statement on an appeal relating to a wind turbine in Cumbria.

Cllr Silvester commented that the rotational part of the wind turbine is the same as the one on the wind turbine recently erected at Happy Hens, the difference between the two turbines being the height of the mast.

Cllr Lemmon stated that the physical impact of the wind turbines is the important factor, particularly as this wind turbine will be the highest in the district.

Cllr Lemmon also reported that SDDC has granted planning permission for defences along the River Dove. This decision will release £7m to improve the flood defences at Hatton, Foston and Egginton

PC Pilkington introduced himself as the Local Beat Officer. He added that there has been little

crime but he still urged residents to keep windows closed when they leave their properties. In addition scrap traders have been part of a police operation, as a result of which some traders have received warning letters regarding the use of the loud hailers.

Cllr Welburn commented that the recent change in the speed limit between the Mickleover Court Hotel and the A516 is not being observed by motorists, instead motorists appear to be ignoring the new 40mph limit. . Cllr Welburn enquired as to whether the Speed Watch scheme would be permitted along this stretch.

PC Pilkington was of the opinion that it would not be safe for volunteers to be located along this stretch of road, but suggested that an email is sent to the police to explain the problem and to request that the police check the speed of motorists along that stretch.

7.57pm Cllr Lemmon and PC Pilkington left

12/25 TO APPROVE THE NON- CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings, held 16.05.12 as previously circulated, were read, accepted and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

12/26 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY ON PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED.

There were no items to be taken in exclusion.

12/27 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

No further expressions of interest have been received.

12/28 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The report as previously circulated was accepted.

12/29 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Shortly after the May meeting a celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was held at Mickleover Country Park. The event was successful in helping to strengthen the sense of community in the Parish and in marking this historic national event. I would again like to thank the organisers of this event and in particular Gaynor Thornton.
- There have been a number planning applications for tree works and extensions and recently the application for two Wind Turbines in Etwall Parish close to the parish boundary has been resubmitted. The closing date for comments on this application is July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The recent extraordinary weather has highlighted a vulnerability of Burnaston village to being cut off during very wet weather. On Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> Etwall Lane and Main Street (near Green Lane) were impassible and Dee Lane and the A516 were badly affected by flooding. I think that the Parish Council should examine what lessons can be learned from this.

12/30 COUNCILLOR ID

Cllr Welburn explained that recently he had introduced himself as a Parish Councillor to a member of the bowling club and used the occasion to inform the bowler of problems being experienced with parked vehicles. Lately there have been some difficulties with the relationship between bowling club and the social club. Cllr Welburn requested some form of ID to prove that he is a Councillor similar to the ID that larger local authorities have.

Cllr Silvester explained that the role is not to make requests or to inform others what to do, but the role is to gather information; to bring that information to the Council for discussion and a decision on actions to be taken.

Cllr Holland added that he understood that a Cllr had no individual authority and agreed that matters had to be brought back to the Council for a decision. He added that he was keen to maintain a relationship at MCP in order to maintain the viability of the social club. The Clerk advised that there is the Good Councillor Guide which can be circulated electronically to all Cllrs and maybe some of the questions could be answered at a DALC training event. RESOLVED to circulate the Good Councillor Guide and if any Cllr wished to attend a training session, these should be booked via the Clerk.

Cllr Welburn suggested that it would be useful to have some joint working with the social club and other groups at MCP when views can be discussed openly.

#### 12/31 MICKLEOVER COUNTRY PARK MATTERS

a) Parking at MCP (Cllr Welburn)

The parking issue was discussed in the previous agenda item but Cllr Welburn added that a new wooden fence has been erected between Merlin Way and the Golf Course, but the ownership of the land is not clear.

Cllr Welburn requested that the ownership of the land is identified for future reference.

Cllr Haynes enquired as to what purpose identifying land ownership would serve and the Clerk advised that a parking issue is not a matter for the Parish Council, neither are land disputes.

Cllr Holland added that the ownership of the land at MCP is complex and that residents at MCP are concerned and continue to raise the issue of land ownership.

RESOLVED the Clerk will make enquiries with the Land Registry as to how much it will cost to make enquiries about ownership of land at MCP.

b) Land at Swan Hill (Cllr Welburn)

Cllr Welburn informed the meeting that there was a buffer of land which was to be maintained by the local authority. He added that the land had never been maintained and that over the years local residents had and continue to deposit waste on this area of land and he was now seeking the Parish Council's agreement to write to SDDC to request that the site is cleared. RESOLVED the Clerk will write to SDDC to obtain their views and intentions regarding this area and to clear the site.

c) Estate Agents signs (Cllr Welburn)

A Hannell Estate Agents sign has been attached to a street nameplate. A second sign (IMS Lettings) has subsequently appeared.

RESOLVED the Clerk will write to the Highways Dept and to SDDC with a request for the sign to be removed.

d) Lines of vision Merlin Way/Sandpiper Lane (Cllr Welburn)

Cllr Welburn explained that there were problems with parked cars at the junction which were causing a hazard and restricting visibility.

RESOLVED the Clerk will report the matter to the Highways Dept.

e) Hedge at Merlin Way (Cllr Welburn)

The Highways Dept has advised that there is no difficulty with the lines of vision at this junction.

f) Removal of basal suckers on lime tree – Merlin Way (Cllr Welburn)

Cllr Welburn reported that the basal suckers were causing a restriction to visibility.

RESOLVED the Clerk will report the matter to the Highway Dept.

g) Any other matter

Cllr Welburn stated that he had received a report that chicken carcasses have allegedly been scattered around the farm on Staker Lane.

RESOLVED the Clerk will request the Environmental Health Dept to investigate.

#### 12/32 FEEDBACK ON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Silvester extended the Parish Council's thanks to Cllr Welburn for his contribution in organising the Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Welburn reported that the event was a success, particularly the day events had good family attendance. The evening event was not well attended but those who did attend, enjoyed it.

Cllr Welburn suggested that future events could be facilitated which could bring the community together in the future. Cllr Welburn also informed that he is still to complete the cultivation licence application for the planting of the Jubilee trees. He will complete the application for MCP and requested that an application for a tree at Burnaston Village is completed by a Cllr from the village.

RESOLVED the Clerk will forward the licence, for a Cllr from the village to complete. The completed application will be returned to Cllr Welburn for submission.

#### 12/33 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

a) Meetings attended

28 May 2012 - Planning meeting – report previously circulated by Cllr Silvester

b) Forthcoming meetings/Training sessions

25<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – Etwall Area Forum & Safer Neighbourhood Meeting – Dalbury Lees

16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Clerk training event at Little Eaton

c) To receive Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr Welburn met with Tony Walker, Deputy MD at Toyota (30/06/12). In discussion he mentioned that Toyota is looking to develop a publicly accessible Local Nature Reserve off Nomad Way in 2013. Cllr Welburn sought permission to represent the Parish Council on this consultation group given his natural environment professional background.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Toyota to make enquires as to how the Parish Council can become more involved.

9.07pm Cllr Welburn left the meeting

#### 12/24 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

The exterior of the Village Hall has been painted and the timer for the central heating has been installed.

There were no other matters relating to the Village Hall.

#### 12/25 BURNASTON VILLAGE MATTERS

The most important event has been the recent flooding within the Parish. Two of the roads into the village were flooded; the most accessible route being via Findern Lane.

It was agreed that this was not a regular occurrence, and that the flood waters did disperse quickly. Consideration was given to the flooding which occurred on Main Street, particularly outside Strathay, which was unusual and was thought to be connected with the gully.

RESOLVED the Clerk was requested to write a letter to SDDC with a request that the gullies are cleared out, in particular, attention should be given to the gully near Strathay.

12/26 RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Risk assessments were reviewed but no matters were identified as being needed to be included or amended.

12/27 PLANNING

2012 0441 – The erection of an extension at 5 Wilson Close, Mickleover

9 2012 0510 – Application for works to trees covered by SDDC TPO 132 at the playground at Wren Way, Mickleover

9 2012 0538 – The erection of extensions and a balcony at Ashcroft, Etwall Road, Mickleover  
NO OBJECTIONS

9 2012 0536 – the installation of 2 x 50 kw endurance wind turbines (radius 9.6m) with cabling At land lying to the south of Burnaston Lane, Etwall,  
OBJECTIONS, as the application is identical to the previous one, the objections remain the same.

12/28 CORRESPONDENCE

1. DALC – Various papers
2. Clerks & Councils Direct
3. Local Government Boundary Commission
4. Audit Commission – Consultation on appointment of external auditor 2012/2013
5. Risborough & surrounding area action plan 2012
6. Police Crime report
7. Invite to Toyota Community Day (members of CLG and Clerk)
8. DCC – Excellence in the Community Awards 2012

12/29 COMMUNICATION WITH PARISHIONERS

Cllr Holland agreed to draft an article for the Mickleover Directory about the Jubilee Celebrations and directing residents to the website. The Clerk and Chairman will view the article prior to going to publication.

12/30 FINANCE:

- a) The following accounts were passed for payment:-

*cheques written since last meeting*

000009 British Gas – Gas at V Hall	£1.35
000010 Jubilee Celebrations donation	£1335.00
000011 British Gas – Gas at V Hall	£37.68

*Cheques to be raised*

0000 Miss K Shuttlewood – Lengthsman fee (Jun & Jul)	£XX
0000 Mrs J Storer – expenses	£XX
0000 HMRC – Clerk’s PAYE (Jul)	£XX
0000 HMRC – Clerk’s PAYE (Aug)	£XX
0000 Mr E Smith - Gardening at V Hall Jun & Jul	£XX
0000 Mr McCulloch – Footpath maintenance 01.06.12	£115.00
0000 Brown & Earnshaw – External redecoration of the V Hall	£1731.60

s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s fee for Jun	£XX
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s fee for July	£XX
s/o	DCC – pension payment (Jul)	£XX
s/o	DCC – pension payment (Aug)	£XX

Money Received

500051 – Hall Hire	£10.00
500052 – Donation received from National Gris for the Jubilee Celebrations	£250.00
500052 – Hall Hire	£50.00
BACS Minor Maintenance for 11/12	£180.00
500053 – Hall Hire	£10.00
500054 – Hall Hire	£100.00
BACS Second half precept	£6370.00

b) To consider requests made under S137

A request for funding has been received from the Etwall Welfare Trust.

RESOLVED after consideration was given to the economic conditions, it was agreed that £500 should be given to Etwall Welfare Trust. This was in line with the economy, the budget and the previous year’s donation.

c) To approve the accounts for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The accounts for the period ending 30.06.12 were circulated prior to the meeting. No comments were raised.

12/31 ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

The NALC model Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct adopted by SDDC were both circulated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Cllrs discussed the contents of both Codes and the implications for the Parish Council and Councillors.

RESOLVED the Parish Council adopted the NALC Model Code of Conduct without any modifications. This adoption is backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. Parish Councillors will complete the new Register of Interest within 28 days and send to the Clerk. The Clerk will advise SDDC of the Code adopted by the Parish Council.

12/32 REMEMBRANCE WREATH

RESOLVED The Clerk was requested to order the Remembrance Wreath.

Cllr Holland will attend the Remembrance Day Service.

12/33 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Clerk’s use of home

Land ownership at MCP

12/34 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates of the next Ordinary Parish Council meetings will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2012.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the open meeting at 9.53pm

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