

**BURNASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING,
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2011
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BURNASTON**

PRESENT: Cllr Silvester, Cllr M Holland, Cllr P Haynes, Cllr S Burns, Cllr R Welburn

In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk), District Cllr Mrs L Brown (to 8.08pm), District Cllr J Lemmon (to 8.08pm)

PART 1 NON –EXEMPT INFORMATION

11/73 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

11/74 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was no variation in the order of business.

11/75 MEMBERS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made

11/76 PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) Members of the Public

No members of the public were present

b) County Councillor

No report was available.

c) District Councillor

Cllr Mrs Brown informed the meeting that the LDF is progressing, with a meeting scheduled in December to discuss identified potential sites. The railhead proposal is under review and this may have implications for the Local Plan along with housing allocations. Consequently Cllr Mrs Brown considered that in her opinion the Local Plan will become a very influential document.

Cllr Holland expressed his concern as to how the Local Plan could be an effective document if there is a default position to the national plan.

Cllr Silvester enquired as to at what point the Parish Council could have any influence on the consultation process of the LDF.

Cllr Mrs Brown stated that there had been two previous consultations whereby comments had been made and there will be a further consultation of the Local Plan, particularly as the railhead will have potential ramifications for this area. The Parish Council would then be able to make its representations again.

Cllr Welburn requested sight of the Members Briefing Papers about the railhead proposal, which Cllr Mrs Brown replied that she would make investigations as to whether the paper could be circulated. Cllr Mrs Brown made the suggestion that she would make representations for a Parish and District Council Liaison Meeting with the LDF and the railhead proposal as agenda items. She added that it may be possible that officers from SDDC could give a presentation to the local parishes specifically about the railhead proposal.

Cllr Lemmon suggested that any such presentation should be district wide in order to prevent insular thoughts and to promote a collective approach to the railhead proposal. He added that there will be a minimum of two public consultations over the railhead as it will be classified as a major application.

Cllr Silvester enquired if there was any established demand for the railhead. Cllr Lemmon replied that the applicants would have had to comply with Central Government recommendations and requirements as regards demand. He added that these were beyond the scope of SDDC.

Cllr Haynes asked if the railhead was to proceed, whether the previous proposal of the landfill site would no longer proceed. Cllr Lemmon replied that that proposal had not progressed as it had previously been declared unsound.

Cllr Welburn asked if the planning application relating to the construction of Burnaston Hall had been determined. Cllr Lemmon advised that the planning department was awaiting a flood risk assessment from the Environment Agency, but as it was still outstanding, the application was in abeyance until all the supportive documentation had been received by the planning department.

The meeting then discussed the recent application for a replacement dwelling at Greenacres.

Cllr Lemmon advised the meeting that the original application was twice the size of the current application and that it is a matter of opinion, rather than of fact, as to whether the proposal is too large for the site.

8.08pm Cllr Lemon and Cllr Mrs Brown left the meeting.

11/77 TO APPROVE THE NON- CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14th SEPTEMBER 2011

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings, held 14.09.11 as previously circulated, were read, accepted and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

11/78 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.

11/79 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

No further expressions of interest have been received.

11/80 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

The report as previously circulated was accepted.

11/81 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that since the previous meeting of the Parish Council the following issues have arisen

- There have been a number of occasions where stationary vehicles have caused a hazard on the Findern Lane/A38 slip road and there has been one accident noted there. Recently a set of skid marks have appeared in the slip road suggesting a further accident or near miss. The external structure of the milk distribution unit and stables at Windy Ridge now appears to be complete and these recent events highlight the importance of establishing a safer access route to this site – as required by the original planning approval
- In Burnaston Village a planning application has been submitted for the replacement of the Greenacres bungalow on Etwall Lane with a substantial property and two ancillary buildings.

- Councillors expressed concern about an application to remove 6 trees and to reduce one other in Finch Crescent in Mickleover Country Park where the supplied justification appeared inadequate. I note that the decision of SDDC was to allow the removal of only one of the trees.
 - In October the Parish Council supported the village Harvest Festival (organised by the WI) by providing the venue free of charge. My family and I attended this event.
 - There was a further case of a planning application's details not being posted on the SDDC website until some time after the consultation period had commenced. SDDC responded by extending the consultation period.
 - A substantial plot of land off Grassy Lane was reportedly sold prior to auction in September to an unknown buyer.
 - The two grit bins in Burnaston Village are 100% full.
- Finally, I would like to thank Cllr Mike Holland for representing the Parish Council in laying the Remembrance Day wreath in Etwall on Sunday

11/82 TO RECEIVE ANY REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- a) Meetings attended
 - i) SDDC Area Forum 02/11/11
No representative was available to attend the meeting.
- b) Forthcoming meetings/Training sessions
No other meetings or training sessions were known
- c) To receive other Parish Councillors Reports
Cllr Holland reported that he had attended the Remembrance Day Service and had found it to be moving and very well attended.

11/83 MICKLEOVER COUNTRY PARK MATTERS

Cllr Holland reported that the former Community Health property is closed and rubbish has accumulated in part of the car park. Concern was also raised by Cllr Wellburn that the car park is large and maybe viewed as an ideal hard standing area for travellers or for anti social behaviour.
RESOLVED the Clerk will make enquiries as to the future use and security precautions being taken for the property.

Cllr Welburn stated that parking around MCP can occasionally be problematical. Currently vehicles are parked outside the flats which are blocking the visibility into and out of Sandpiper Lane.

RESOLVED the Clerk was asked to obtain a view from the Highways Dept as to what can be done regarding the parking outside the flats.

11/84 VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

There were no matters raised.

11/85 TO CONSIDER AND ADVISE ON THE INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR A MULTI PURPOSE PATH BETWEEN BURNASTON VILLAGE AND ETWALL

Further to the initial request for information made after the last meeting, there has been an exchange of emails between Cllr Silvester and DCC. DCC has made its position clear in that it would not seek to fund a multi user path, but the specification given did appear to Councillors to be excessive.

The Parish Council was aware that land would need to be acquired but it was unknown as to how much land was required and as to how much it would cost. Whilst the Parish Council

does have available funding, it recognised that it would not be sufficient to fund such a project but it was considered that it would be a useful exercise to find if there are any aspirations to have such a path in the future.

RESOLVED responses are to be sought via the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, as to whether there is any support for a multi user path as some point in the future.

11/86 BURNASTON VILLAGE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

11/87 RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Risk Assessments were reviewed and no amendments were required.

11/88 FINANCE:

a) The following accounts were passed for payment:-

s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s fee for October	£XXX
s/o	Mrs J Storer – Clerk’s fee for November	£XXX
s/o	DCC – pension payment (Nov)	£XXX
s/o	DCC – pension payment (Dec)	£XXX
01779	British Gas – Gas at Village Hall	£8.37
	Miss K Shuttlewood – Lengthsman fee (Oct & Nov)	£XXX
	Mrs J Storer – expenses	£TBA
	HMRC – Clerk’s PAYE (Nov)	£XXX
	HMRC – Clerk’s PAYE (Dec)	£XXX
	Mr E Smith – Gardening @ V Hall (Oct)	£30.00
	Mrs J Storer (Heat, light, power)	£52.00
	Mrs J Storer (phone)	£164.27
	Mrs J Storer (computer use)	£25.00
	<u>Money Received</u>	
I	Hall hire	£40.00
J	Hall Hire	£45.00

b) To consider requests made under S137

i) Request for donation by Royal British Legion for the Remembrance Day wreath

RESOLVED: A donation of £50.00 was made

c) To consider the investment of the surplus balance held at the Bank

The Clerk brought to the meeting, deposit accounts which are specifically for Parish Councils. The interest rates were compare and whilst there was little difference between them, the interest rate offered by NatWest was slightly better than that offered by Lloyds TSB.

RESOLVED The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of opening a current account with NatWest with an associated deposit account whereby a minimum level of funds are maintained in the current account, by automatically transferring funds between the deposit and current account.

In the interim, a balance of £8000 will be kept in the Lloyds TSB current account and the balance will be placed on deposit with Lloyds TSB for a period of three months. The Parish Council will then discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

- d) To consider the first draft of 2012/2013 budget
 The draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting.
 The Parish Council was aware of the high balance of cash held and discussed whether the precept should be frozen at the 2011/2012 rate or if it should be reduced.
 Cllr Wellburn suggested that the Parish Council should have a three year plan and investigate whether the possibility that the open spaces at MCP are passed over to the Parish Council before any firm decision is made about future income requirements.
 RESOLVED the Clerk will make enquiries with SDDC as to whether there will be future maintenance liabilities on the Parish Council for MCP.
- e) To complete the Bank Mandate
 The previously completed bank mandate has been returned by the Bank as it was incorrectly completed.
 RESOLVED not to complete the mandate at this meeting but to leave the decision until the meeting in January when information about opening/moving an account with NatWest can be considered.

11/89 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A GRIT BIN ON DEE LANE/A516 AND THE PURCHASE OF SNOW SHOVELS

Cllr Haynes stated that at least eight people have expressed an interest in having a snow shovel so that they can clear the main road of the village; particularly the bend at the bottom of the hill on Main Street.

A discussion took place as to whether the clearing of the snow would make the road icy, but it was agreed that provided there was grit applied and the snow clearance was carried out correctly, there should be no problems. However, the Clerk was requested to advise the Insurance Company of the Parish Council's plans to clear the road. After this, the Parish Council's risk assessment will be updated if necessary.

Discussions took place about the health & safety implications and training requirements that may be necessary. The Parish Council took the view that as long as common sense prevailed then no training would be necessary.

A further discussion took place as to how the shovels would remain as the property of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that each resident who receives a snow shovel will be asked to sign for it and an entry will be made on the Parish Council's asset register.

RESOLVED to order 20 shovels and any spares will be stored at the Village Hall.

A request has been received for a grit bin to be sited on the verge of Dee Lane, just before the junction with the A516.

The Parish Council did consider the implications of having a grit bin close to the junction and away from the village, particularly as it maybe susceptible to vandalism and/or theft but gave the opinion that the hazardous nature of the junction for drivers in icy conditions was greater than the risk of vandalism and or theft.

RESOLVED the Clerk was requested to order a grit bin for this location

A further request was made for an additional grit bin at the bottom of Sandpiper Lane. A grit bin had been installed at the top of Sandpiper Lane in 2010. Representations were made that a grit bin was required at the bottom of Sandpiper Lane as the Lane does have a steep hill and the grit bin at the top is ineffective to those residents at the bottom of the Lane.

RESOLVED the Clerk was requested to make enquiries firstly if a grit bin could be located on the verge at the bottom of the Lane and secondly if this request was granted, then the Parish Council agreed that a grit bin should be purchased and sited at the bottom of Sandpiper Lane.

11/90 ACCESS TO SOUTH DERBYSHIRE HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES BY MCP RESIDENTS

Cllr Welburn cited an example whereby a resident of MCP was denied access to the facilities of South Derbyshire purely as the resident's GP was within the City boundary and cross referrals of health facilities is not permissible. The District Council was aware of the problem and Cllr Welburn asked the Parish Council if it would be willing to make representations to the PCTs to overcome this problem.

RESOLVED a letter of representation will be sent to the PCT seeking to have cross boundary referrals made acceptable.

11/91 PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION OF SDDC EVENTS WITHIN THE PARISH

Cllr Welburn enquired as to how the Parish Council publicised events within the Parish. The Clerk advised that the majority of information is listed on the District Council's website and that very little "hard" information was received from any organisation. Cllr Welburn expanded his query then to include publicising the Parish Council and its activities.

After discussion it was agreed that the matter would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and in the interim, Cllr Holland would have a dialogue with the Editor of the Mickleover Express about the possibility of the Parish Council contributing a regular article.

11/92 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

9 2011 0772 - PROPOSED WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 132 AT 1 FINCH CRESCENT MICKLEOVER DERBY

Objections on the following grounds

The beech T7 is very big and crown reduction seems appropriate. If permission is given to fell the Scots pines they should be replaced by native species.

9 2011 0793 - THE ERECTION OF A REPLACEMENT DWELLING WITH ASSOCIATED OUTBUILDINGS AND VEHICULAR ACCESS AT GREENACRES ETWALL LANE BURNASTON DERBY

Objection on the following grounds

- The property is huge and has a substantially bigger footprint and height (3 storeys rather than one) than the existing property. This will dramatically change the visual impact of the property.
- The applicant gives no information on the height of the property or the size and position of the two 2-storey external buildings which appear to be of a significant size and impact. Their size and appearance appears understated in the main elevations diagrams compared with the 'Level 2' drawings.
- The applicant indicates in Section 17 that there is no increase in the number of dwellings but proposes two external dwellings. The development proposes a total of 7 bedrooms and there appears to be easy conversion of the top floor into more bedrooms
- The property is understood to lie outside the village and therefore should be subject to tighter planning controls

- The application states the three new dwellings will be energy efficient and sustainable. This is questionable since a sound property is to be demolished and 3 new ones built. Despite the site not having gas, and hence making renewable technologies such as heat pumps, solar PV and renewable heating economically attractive, there is no indication of the use of low carbon technologies. The existing plans will lock the site for the long term into a high-carbon lifestyle and incur extra emissions through demolition and rebuilding.
- The likely high value of the proposed property and open aspect of the site could encourage the applicant to incorporate security measures such as high walls and fences at a later date which would seriously affect the character of this largely rural road.
- The new access is located on a bend in the road and the extra traffic entering here given the increase in the no. of occupants (from 1 at present) should be considered carefully
- There is a belief that the existing bungalow may have been granted subject to strict conditions about its use

11/93 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was considered.

25. DCC – Publication of Derbyshire Local Transport Plan (2011 – 2026)
26. Request by Mrs G Thornton for use of Hall for Harvest Supper on 19th October 2011
27. DCC – Nominations for Young Achievers Awards 2011
28. Etwall Welfare Trust – Acknowledgement and thanks for donation
29. Toyota – Stakeholders Newsletter
30. NALC – Guidance “How to respond to planning applications”
31. A guide to taking part in the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons
32. SDDC – Planning Dept letter (dated 13.10.11) advising of difficulties being experienced with the online planning system and granting a consultation period of 25 days instead of 21 days.
33. DCC – Request for information prior to providing costs on a multi user path
34. Burnaston WI – Initial enquiry as to whether the Parish Council would wish to contribute/joint participate in the organising of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations
35. DALC – Various papers

11/94 TO DECIDE WHETHER THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE QUEEN’S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

The Chairman enquired if there was any interest in participating in the Jubilee Celebrations next year, and if there was; how much involvement was the Parish Council to have in the organisation.

Cllr Welburn suggested that some planting of trees could be organised and that there are a number of grant opportunities available for this type of project.

RESOLVED to establish a working party with the WI and the MCP Social Club. Cllr Welburn volunteered and was appointed as the Parish Council’s representative on this working party.

The Clerk will make enquiries with the WI, the Social Club, Toyota and Mickleover Court Hotel as to whether they wished to participate in a collective celebration.

11/95 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Precept for 2012/2013

Consideration of investment of Parish Council balances

Completion of Bank Mandate

Communication with MCP

11/96 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates of the next Ordinary Parish Council meetings will be held on Wednesday 18th January, 21st March, 16th May and 11th July 2012

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the open meeting at 10.06pm

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