

BURNASTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, BURNASTON AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Cllr P Haynes (Chairman), Cllr M Holland, Cllr C Silvester
In Attendance: Mrs J Storer (Clerk)

PART 1 NON –EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 14/92 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Burns and Cllr Brown.
- 14/93 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS
There was no variation in the order of business.
- 14/94 MEMBERS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST.
No declarations were made.
- 14/95 TO GRANT ANY DISPENSATIONS
No dispensations were required.
- 14/96 PUBLIC SPEAKING
- a) Public
No members of the public were present.
 - b) County Council and District Council reports
No reports were received.
- 14/97 TO APPROVE THE NON- CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19th NOVEMBER 2014
RESOLVED: the minutes of the meeting, held 19.11.14 as previously circulated, were read, accepted and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 14/98 TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY ON PART 1 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED.
RESOLVED: to discuss quotes for repairs at the Village Hall in the exempt section. Staffing matters will also be discussed in the exempt section.
- 14/99 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
- a) Discussion on items raised in the public participation
No matters had been raised that required further discussion.
 - b) Chairman’s Report
The Chairman reported that he had nothing further to report as all matters were already listed on the agenda.
- 14/100 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S REPORT
The report as previously circulated was accepted with no comments or amendments.
- 14/101 MICKLEOVER COUNTRY PARK MATTERS
- a) The jitty off the bridge into MCP has a wooden fence which is in a poor state. This was

reported in November 2014, but no action has yet been taken.

RESOLVED to report the condition of the fence to DCC and again request that it is replaced.

- b) Cllr Holland criticised the lack of gritting in and around MCP. Roads were left untreated, particularly Merlin Way and Wren Way which are the main routes.

RESOLVED to write a letter of complaint to DCC.

A request will also be made to DCC to provide information as to whether any private contractor would be willing to carry out the gritting.

Two emails have been received requesting grit bins in alternative locations; one on Merlin Way, the other on Sandpiper Lane.

RESOLVED not to purchase any new grit bins, but if the author of the email regarding Sandpiper Lane can suggest a suitable location on the Lane, then the relocation of a grit bin maybe possible.

14/102 VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Silvester reported on anecdotal evidence of some unhappiness with the refurbished Village Hall, with one complaint being about poor acoustics.

AGREED: As no complaint has been received directly, no action will be taken.

14/103 BURNASTON VILLAGE MATTERS

No matters were raised.

14/104 TO CONSIDER CONSULTATIONS

- a) DCC – Community Transport (Deadline 14th December 2014) – no comments were made
b) DCC – Proposal for a combined authority of the 10 local authorities in Derbyshire (Deadline 23rd January 2015) – no comments are to be made. Cllrs expressed dissatisfaction about the confusing and conflicting information contained within the consultation. The information failed to answer many questions raised.

14/105 RISK ASSESSMENTS

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

14/106 PLANNING

9 2014 1090 - the change of use of the dairy to a dwelling, demolition of loading bay and cold room and conversion of agricultural building to a dairy (b1) use at Windyridge, Burton Road, Findern

It was noted that this appears to be a development by stages to obtain the desired results, which would not have been granted if an application had been made for the dwelling at the start of the development. The area is untidy and a request is made for SDDC to contact the owners with a view to clearing and tidying the site.

9 2014 1136 – Outline application for residential development of upto 300 houses with means of access for approval now and other matters reserved (RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATION REF: 9/2014/0249 BUT INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF A ROUNDABOUT on A516)

Strong OBJECTIONS

When the draft Local Development Plan, which is currently being considered by the Planning Inspector, was drawn up following extensive consultation with local residents the proposed site was **not** included. At a conservative estimate the proposed development of 300 houses would lead to 1000 new residents and some 400+ extra vehicles. The applicants have sought to suggest that Mickleover could comfortably accommodate this increase. It is quite clear however, that any development on this scale would have a considerable detrimental effect on the area placing intolerable additional pressure on local infrastructure, school and medical facilities and very limited local amenities. The main causes for concern are as follows:

1. The application proposes a new roundabout junction on the dual-carriageway of the A516. This would cause major disruption to traffic flow on a very busy trunk road and is clearly undesirable. In order to reach Mickleover the residents of the proposed development would have to cross the A516 and then use the existing local roads which are already overcrowded. The 'rush hour' in the village lasts considerably longer than the applicants claim and it is difficult to find a parking space for most of the week.
2. Local schools and GP practices are already overcrowded and one practice has already closed its door to new patients. Further, these essential services are not **easily** reached on foot from the proposed site as claimed in the application.
3. The provision of shopping and recreational facilities in the village is limited and the majority of local people travel afield for some or all of these activities. A large number of new residents would inevitably result in a significantly increased number of journeys with the accompanying problems of congestion and air pollution.
4. The proposed site is perfectly good farming land which improves the quality of life for local people and provides for wildlife in addition to meeting the need for food production which is a national concern. There are many suitable brownfield/demolition sites available elsewhere which offer a much more appropriate option for development.

14/107 CORRESPONDENCE

1. DALC – Various papers
2. Mr J Watson – request for the installation of a grit bin on Merlin Way (*Please read in connection with correspondence 7*)
3. SDDC – Summer sports activities 2015
4. SDDC – Re-launch of the Community Partnership Grant Scheme
5. SDDC – Joint meeting with SDDC & Parish Councils 14th January 2015
6. The Planning Inspectorate – Notice of decision to grant the application by RWE Npower for an order granting development consent for the Willington C gas pipeline
7. Mrs Jones – Information about the use of the grit bin on Swan Hill (*Please read in connection with correspondence 2*)
8. DCC – Consultation on the proposal of a combined authority of the 10 Local Authorities in Derbyshire (Consultation period 2 -23 January)
9. Jane Pritchard – request for a grit bin at the end of Sandpiper Lane

Items 2 & 9 – as per Min 14/101b) above.

14/108 FINANCE

a) Finance – accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment

Cheques to be raised

000172 Miss K Shuttlewood – Lengthsman fee (Jan& Feb)	£34.00
000173 Mrs J Storer – expenses	£85.251
000174 British Gas – Gas at Village Hall	£74.65
000175 Clever Computer Solutions – Webhosting costs to Oct 15	£216.00
HMRC – Clerk's PAYE (April onwards)	£nil
s/o Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee (December)	£xxx
s/o Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee (January)	£xxx
s/o Mrs J Storer – Clerk fee (February)	£xxx
s/o DCC – Pension payment (December)	£64.26
s/o DCC – Pension payment (January)	£86.77

s/o DCC – Pension payment (February) £65.67

Money Received

500082 Hall Hire	£10.00
500083 Hall Hire	£20.00
500084 Hall Hire	£100.00

b) To consider requests made under S137

No requests have been received.

c) Consideration of the budget for 2015/16 (previously circulated) and to set the precept for 2015/16

The Clerk had circulated the budget. No further items of relevant information have been received which would affect the revenue budget or alter the recommendation made at the November 2014 meeting. Cllrs acknowledged that the level of reserves currently held are high as potential liabilities for MSP have not materialised. Should any of the potential liabilities arise in the future, it is anticipated that the level of reserves will be sufficient to cover them.

RESOLVED in view of the level of reserves held, it is prudent to reduce the precept for 2015/16 to £10,000.

14/109 TO ACCEPT THE POLICY ON SHARED PARENTAL LEAVE

The policy was circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to adopt the policy without amendment.

14/110 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Grit bins

14/111 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a) Meetings attended

No meetings have been attended

b) Forthcoming meetings/Training sessions

SDDC & Parish Council Liaison meeting – 14th January 2015

c) Reports from Councillors

No reports were received.

14/112 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items of a confidential nature were raised other than those identified.

14/113 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March 2015 at the Village Hall, Burnaston at 7.30pm.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that the next Parish Council elections will be held on 7th May 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the open meeting at 8.50pm and moved to the Exempt section of the meeting.

EXEMPT SECTION

14/114 QUOTES FOR WORK AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Two quotes have been received for a replacement door and for repairs to the window.
RESOLVED to accept the quotes.

14/115 STAFFING

The Clerk has been unsuccessful in finding a new Booking Clerk and in the interim the Clerk will act as the Booking Clerk.
RESOLVED to assist a key box will be installed. A budget of £250 was approved.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm

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