

Minutes for a meeting of the Burgh le Marsh Town Council
Tuesday 10th September 2024
Burgh le Marsh Town Council, Tinkers Green, Jacksons Lane, Burgh le Marsh

Present: **Chairman: Cllr Mike Greenhalgh**
Deputy Chairman: Cllr Neil Cooper
Cllr Jim Moss, Cllr David Hartley, Cllr Lisa Broomfield, Cllr Sue Nutman,
Cllr Pat Phillips, Cllr Chris Sanderson, Cllr Graeme Driver, Cllr Victoria Driver,
Cllr Mandy Willis.
Clerk: Kelly Stevenson

Public Two members of the public present.

Public Session

Comments raised:

Litter bin is still required at the Market Close / Dobson Court bus stop and more dog bins are required.

What is the situation with the sports field. Resident commented that when the field was purchased, he was a serving councillor, and he believes land was to be sectioned off for a cemetery.

Cllr Neil Cooper gave the history regarding the purchase; council do have a financial interest in the field and currently in the process of working with the football club to secure the field as community asset by way of charitable status. Currently we are at an impasse due to the communications with the current trustee of Burgh Sports Association.

186.24.1 Receive apologies.

No apologies all councillors present.

187.24.2 Receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011, being any pecuniary interest on agenda items not previously recorded on Members' Register of Interests and any written requests for dispensation.

None received.

188.24.3 Approve and adopt as minutes the notes from the meeting held on 30th July 2024.

It was Resolved to approve and adopt as minutes the notes for the meeting held on 30th July 2024.

189.24.4 Chairmans Remarks.

Hope all had a lovely Summer. We have had a busy time over the summer with no Handyman. Thank you to the councillors and clerk for all the extra support over these times.

190.24.5 Review details for sale of the picnic site, Bratoft Lane (see appendix 1)

Council noted correspondence and advice from Solicitors regarding registering the land by adverse possession. Registrations of the land remains outstanding and is required to be complete before sale of the land can proceed.

The sales agent does not advise marketing the land without land registration. The Sales agent will complete the sale particulars in readiness. Council note that this may also support speeding up the land registration process.

Following discussion, it was Resolved Cllr Jim Moss would research historic council minutes prior to 1992 for any reference to the Picnic Site that could support the council's ownership of the land.

It was also resolved to ask the neighbouring resident for a statement confirming he use to maintain some of the land on the Council's behalf.

This matter is to be review on the first October meeting (8th October 2024) when the council's solicitor representative may be available to attend.

ACTION: Cllr Jim Moss to undertake research of old council minutes for any references to the picnic site.

The Clerk to contact the neighbour resident regarding completion of a statement of truth.

The Clerk to list on the council for 8th October 2024 for review.

191.24.6 Review and consider requirements for Christmas 2024 (see appendix 2)

7.20 One member of the public left the meeting.

Council noted Christmas lighting was previously agreed at the meeting on 9th July 2024.

Following discussion relating to Christmas displays and celebrations it Resolved to proceed with holding a Christmas Market on Saturday 30th November 2024.

Councillors to organise and plan the market:

Cllr Sue Nutman, Cllr Amanda Willis, Cllr Lisa Broomfield, Cllr Jim Moss, Cllr David Hartley, Cllr Victoria Driver with support from the Clerk.

It was Resolved to proceed with Christmas trees to match the quantity and standards of last year.

It was resolved to also proceed with the purchase of batteries and any additional lights required for the village trees and work the Windmill Heritage Committee.

It was Resolved to support the Windmill Christmas event on Saturday 14th December 2024 by funding the children's gifts from Santa.

Actions:

Working Group to meet and plan the Christmas Market. Report back to full Council as necessary.

The Clerk to Order village Christmas Trees, batteries and any additional lights.

192.24.7 Consider and vote on Winter Planting (see appendix 3)

Council noted the previously received report and budget information for village planting.

Following discussion, it was resolved to proceed with planting of the village planters for the winter utilising the remaining budget of £600.00

Council resolved a further £150.00 towards the purchase of bulbs.

Action: Cllr Sue Nutman and the Clerk organise purchase of the plants and bulbs.

192.24.8 Update on the UKSPF grant application and consider the next steps for re-Powder coating the railings on High Street and Cock Hill. (see appendix 4)

Council noted the grant award for restoring the railings on Hight Street and Cock Hill was not awarded. This is the due the awarding body see this restoration and maintenance and not an addition.

Council noted the costs of the powder coating and resolved to review an updated quote with the possibility of allocating expenditure over two financial years.

It was therefore resolved for the clerk to obtain an update quoted.

Following discussion, it was further proposed and resolved to obtain quotes to jet washing the railings and wall on Cock Hill. Also if cleaning of the paving the Market Place can be added to any quote.

Action: The clerk to have the powder coating quote updated and list on a future agenda.

Action: The clerk to obtain quotes for jet washing the railings and wall at Cock Hil the Market place. List on a future council agenda for review.

193.24.9 Consider ROSPA reports completed in August 2024 and review any repair requirements (see appendix 5)

Council noted the reports received for each play area: Tinkers Green and The Causeway. Following discussion it was resolved to send the report to a company that quotes and schedules all maintenance needs based on the ROSPA report.

Action: The clerk to list on a future agenda upon receipt of the completed quote and maintenance requirements.

194.24.10 Update on village map and noticeboard (see appendix 6)

195.24.11 Update on the Football Field and Cricket Field (verbal update)

Football field:

The Chairman gave a verbal update. The situation remains unchanged. The land ownership and trustees for the land remain in the name of Burgh Sports Association. Chairman of the Football Club has been asked to request

Cricket Field:

The Chairman gave a verbal update again it is similar to the football. No contact is forthcoming from the trustees. Cllr Chris Sanderson will again try to liaise with a mutual contact to the trustees to request a meeting.

Unfortunately, both fields remain at an impasse. Council will review on a future agenda.

197.24.12 Correspondence Schedule (see appendix 7)

8.30pm Cllr Victoria Driver and Cllr Graeme Driver left the meeting.

197.24.13 Exclude the press and public pursuant to the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.

It was Proposed and Resolved to exclude members of the public from the meeting due the nature of the business to be discussed.

8.37pm One member of the public left the meeting.

198.24.14 Review of the council's service method for village maintenance (see appendix 8)

Council reviewed current requirements of the village maintenance. Following discussion it was resolved to advertise for a handyman / maintenance worker for 5 hours per week with potential overtime required on specific jobs at the council request.
The personnel committee will update council at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Dated