# THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AND AGREED AT NEXT MEETING



# **Buriton Parish Council**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 21 May 2018.

Present: Cllr T Concannon (chair from item 7), Cllr L Ashcroft, Cllr A Bray, Cllr T Crew, Cllr M

Johnston (chair until item 7), Cllr AD Jones, Cllr S O'Donoghue and Cllr K White.

In attendance: K Crookshank (clerk) and 5 members of public.

Cllr Johnston (vice chair) announced that Cllr Concannon, the current chairman, was delayed at work. It was decided to postpone items 1 and 2 on the published agenda until he arrived. Cllr Johnston welcomed Cllr Ashcroft to her first meeting.

# 1 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest (item 3 on published agenda) –

- a) Apologies from Cllr D Gardner and District/County Cllr Mocatta.
- b) Declaration of interest from Cllr Jones as a Member of the South Downs National Park Planning Committee I wish to make it clear that any views which I express today are based on the information before me at this meeting, and might change in the light of further information and/or debate at the National Park's Committee meetings. This is to make it clear that I am keeping an open mind on the issues and cannot therefore be found to have predetermined any matter when it comes before the National Park's Planning Committee for decision. Cllr Jones wished to declare that he has been appointed to the South Downs Local Access Forum: a body which advises Hampshire County Council, SDNPA and others about their decisions in relation to Rights of Way and about making improvements to public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel. It is purely advisory and has no decision-making powers.
- 2 Minutes of the last meeting held on 26 March 2018 (item 4 on published agenda) were unanimously agreed and approved as an accurate record.

# 3 Matters arising from those minutes (item 5 on published agenda) –

- a) Kissing gate Weston to be installed after 22 April. The clerk was asked to check when contractor will be undertaking the works.
- b) Dark Sky Discovery Site. Cllr Jones reported that the application is in hand, there is a backlog of applications. It was agreed to ask Dan Oakley (Dark Skies officer) if he would like to attend next meeting.
- c) Unauthorised use of Bollinge Hill/Petersfield Road by vehicles. The Chairman had written some words for a sign and for the Parish Magazine, but these have not yet been published. Carried forward to next meeting as chairman was not present.
- d) Man hole. Chairman was to follow this up with the water company carried forward.
- e) Litter pick. Chairman was to follow this up carried forward.
- f) Pedestrians using Greenway Lane to access bus stops. Chairman was to write article for parish magazine carried forward.
- g) Overgrown hedge footpath 17. Chairman had volunteered to take this forward carried forward.
- h) Manor Lodge. Resident had requested written confirmation of agreement to permit 4 wheelie bins to be housed on land belonging to Parish Council. Clerk had drafted a letter to include details of the restrictive covenants which the chairman had signed and delivered.

- i) Halls Hill car parking. Cllr Mocatta had volunteered to take this forward, but there does not seem to have been an update. It was felt that QECP could be asked if they could supply logs. Cllr Jones volunteered to contact Cllr Mocatta and Tim Speller, park manager.
- j) Lengthsman. Cllrs were concerned that jobs are not being done. Clerk confirmed that a list was sent on 14/05/18.
- k) The Rights of Way letter about BOATs had been written and sent to the Planning Inspectorate. A holding reply had been received and further action / outcome awaited.
- 4 County councillor's report and District Councillor's report (item 6 on published agenda) unfortunately Cllr Mocatta was unable to attend meeting due to domestic crisis.

### 5 Finance & General Purposes (item 7 on published agenda) –

 a) Bank accounts and financial summaries had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Report prepared by the clerk (attached) listing payments received/cheques issued since last meeting which was circulated to councillors prior to meeting, unanimously AGREED.

Items for consideration at this evening's meeting –

£150.00 – internal audit (agreed March meeting)

£142.80 - Rialtas Business Solutions, software for finance records.

£10.00 – K Crookshank clerk, reimbursement mobile phone top up.

£103.06 – K White, reimbursement for playground expenses (cement, padlock, auger bits, chain link).

The above were unanimously AGREED.

- b) Approval of Audit for 2017/18. The internal audit has been completed. The clerk read the questions on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and they were answered. Councillors **unanimously AGREED** and the document was signed by Cllr Johnston, as chair of the meeting, and K Crookshank, as clerk.
- c) Tree survey Cllr Crew has spoken to a local resident, Matt Marriott, who is qualified to conduct tree surveys. He has offered to do this free of charge. If he identifies any work that is required he will tender along with other contractors. It was AGREED to accept his offer. Cllr White will take this forward.
- 6 Planning (item 8 on published agenda) Cllr Johnston reported SDNP/17/00554/FUL and SDNP/17/00595/LIS (Manor House North Lane, GU31 5RT, proposed conversion of Tithe Barn, Monks Walk and garage building to form 5 dwellings) have been heard at the SDNP Planning Committee on the 12th April 2018 and were rejected. Recently, during the laying of water pipes to supply the properties proposed in the above applications, the ancient church yard wall was damaged. There is an ongoing investigation by the SDNPA Enforcement Officers on this item. SDNP/17/06322/FUL (Cobwebs, 43A North Lane, GU31 5RS, detached dwelling and detached garage) has been withdrawn. A new application for outline Planning Permission was to be discussed this evening. The two applications for tree work at The Old Rectory (SDNP/18/01667/TPO and SDNP/18/01501/TCA) have been approved by EHDC Planners. SDNP/17/05563/OUT (High Banks) and SDNP/17/06473/FUL (Ditcham Park School) have both been approved. The planning committee noted concerns that the new nursery at Ditcham Park School had been approved without a hearing even though there were more than 5 objections (and the Parish Council) and asked the clerk to write to District Councillor Mocatta to explain why the application was not heard by committee given the community and parish council objections. SDNP/18/01094/LIS (21 High Street, GU31 5RX) replacement of non-condensation gas boiler flue outlet with a new condensation boiler has also been approved by EHDC Planners. The Appeal Inspector had recently dismissed the appeal at SDNP/17/03890/FUL (Windy Ridge, Bones Lane, GU31 5SE) Applications discussed this evening (see planning minutes for full details): SDNP/18/01900/HOUS - 38 Petersfield Road Buriton - SUPPORT. SDNP/18/01060/FUL - Old Ditcham Farm Ditcham Lane Buriton - NEUTRAL. SDNP/18/02290/LIS - The Old Rectory High Street Buriton - NO OBJECTION. SDNP/18/02397/OUT - Cobwebs 43A North Lane Buriton-OBJECT. SDNP/18/01827/FUL - Queen Elizabeth Country Park Gravel Hill - NEUTRAL.

### **OPEN FORUM 7:43pm**

- Comment regarding matter of pedestrians walking along Greenway Lane to bus stops.
   Perhaps they are travelling south? It was said that they could access south bus stops via
   Petersfield Lane/Bollinge Hill footpath. Perhaps this is higher fare? Not sure, but Greenway Lane is dangerous for pedestrians, especially if they are wearing ear phones.
- A footpath marker in Weston (Wylds Lane/Weston Lane) has fallen down. Could it be replaced with a wooden marker? Cllr Jones will send resident the web link to report to Hampshire County Council
- Could the bench in the old playground be relocated to new playground? Cllr White said that
  this is being looked in to, but the slats on the old bench do not conform to current RoSPA
  specifications.
- It was reported that heating in Village Hall is still a problem (radiators on this evening). Village Hall report to follow after Open Forum. Heating is on the list for investigation by the subcommittee and an energy audit is planned.

### MEETING RECONVENED 7.50pm

- 7 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman (item 1 on published agenda) Cllr Concannon was proposed for chairman for the coming year by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Johnston and unanimously agreed. Cllr Johnston was proposed for vice chairman for the coming year, seconded by Cllr White and unanimously agreed.
- 8 Review of membership of committees and working groups the following was unanimously agreed

Finance & General Purposes Working Group: Cllr Concannon, (Chairman), Cllr Bray and Cllr O'Donoghue.

Planning Committee: Cllr Johnston (Chairman), Cllr Ashcroft, Cllr Gardner, Cllr Jones, and Cllr O'Donoghue.

Rights of Way Working Group: Cllr Jones (Chairman), Cllr Johnston, Dave Grant, Tricia Newby.

Recreation and Assets Working Group: Cllr Crew (Chairman), Cllr Concannon and Cllr White.

Playground Fund-Raising Working Group: Cllr White (Chairman), Elaine Bray, Cllr Crew, Steve Findlay, Amanda Martin, Wendy Shone and Fran Vesey.

Village Hall Sub-committee: Cllr Gardner (Chairman), Cllr Crew, Cllr Jones and Terry Doubleday (village hall manager).

Village Hall sub-committee report – report from Cllr Gardner, attached to these minutes, was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. The clerk read the report. The subcommittee was sorry to report that the nursery school is folding at the end of July. This will have a significant impact on the village hall finances. Councillors and villagers were asked to actively promote the hall and a copy of a leaflet produced by the subcommittee was distributed. Several suggestions were made. The subcommittee asked the parish council to agree the following – send a letter of regret to the nursery (Cllr Gardener will draft), confirm pay increases to cleaner (3%) and village hall manager (from £12.00 to £12.30 per hour), to approve health and safety risk assessment, to approve maintenance schedule and note progress on other matters. All were unanimously AGREED.

10 Recreation Ground and assets of community value -Cllr Crew reported that the contractor who has been employed to mow the grass had proposed an additional charge of £2,000 (excluding VAT) per year to mow and strim the playground area. They would like to spray weed killer under the fence to reduce the growth and have less strimming to do. Chris Styles, a local man, had offered to carry out the works for £100 per month until he or the council decides it is no longer required. It was unanimously agreed to ask Butser Farms to continue with the grass mowing. To ask them not to use weed killer and to employ Chris Styles to strim around the playground. Cllr Crew to take this forward. Fallen tree has yet to be cleared up by the lengthsman; it is on his list of works. Dog fouling is still a problem and signs may have to be installed to remind people to clear up after their dogs. It was suggested that the school children could be asked to design posters. Parking was an issue over this weekend there were hardly any spaces due to increased use of the new playground. This will need to be monitored. The fence has now been repaired between the school meadow and the rec and the garden area. The referees changing room door had been left open and members of the public had been seen going in and out. The clerk was asked to write to the Tennis Club to ask them to ensure that the door is locked. It was reported that there may have been problems with the water supply. Cllr Johnston reported that the Tennis Club would like to put a couple of picnic benches where the cricket nets used to be. They wished to ask the Parish Council for permission to install benches that they would supply. It was considered that this would be acceptable as long as they conformed to safety standards and were not for exclusive use of Tennis Club members, as this could not be enforced.

# 11 Rights of Way -

- a) As previously mentioned, kissing gate in Weston has not been installed yet. Cllr Jones has met with QECP staff, notes from meeting attached to these minutes. Cllr Jones highlighted that about 20 trees in the Chalk Pits nature reserve had been identified as needing removal because of proximity to public paths, safety risks etc. Quotations are about to be sought from a range of HCC-approved tree surgeons
- b) Clerk read at letter that had been received from a footpath user who was concerned that two buddleias had been planted on footpath between Weston and Stroud through Dean's Farm. Cllr Jones had visited the site and although the shrubs had been cut back, they are large and he will report them to Hampshire County Council. The clerk will advise the resident of action taken.

### 12 Playground –

- a) Cllr White reported a very successful opening event on 12th May, despite the weather. She asked to record a big thank you to the working group for all their hard work on the day and for the whole project. Also to Mrs Shone for providing the fence posts, Nick Bridger and Matt Marriott for helping with the fencing and Chris Styles for cutting the grass. £190.00 was raised from selling teas. The chairman asked the clerk to record thanks to the working group for the achievement. Cllr White said that since the opening a parishioner has donated £8000 to purchase the Zip Wire for the playground. This has freed up some funds for ongoing maintenance, installation of benches and possibly the path. 3 quotes are being obtained in case the lengthsman cannot complete the work on the path. The clerk has sent several requests to EHDC to release previously agreed s106 developers contribution funding, Cllr Jones offered to contact Cllr Mocatta. A playground rules and regulations sign is required. Cllr White has made a temporary sign and the wording has been sent to the insurance company for approval. As a thank you she would like to include the names of all the companies and working group who helped with the project. Cllr White asked councillors to approve the cost of the sign which is £286 + VAT the money will come from the playground funds. Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Johnston and unanimously AGREED. Cllr White said that the working group cannot bid for the hedging until October and she will keep the council updated on this matter.
- **Commemorative bench** Cllr Johnston reported that the working group is still fundraising. Close to £13000.00 has been raised, approximately £30000.00 is needed. A crowd funding

page has been set up and details will be sent out. The working group is continuing with grant applications.

- 14 General Data Protection Regulations the new regulations come into force on 25/05/18. The chairman and clerk attended a training course at EHDC. The clerk reported that she has registered the council with The Information Commissioners Office. She is reviewing email and paper correspondence, and keeping a record of action taken. She has set up a registers for data breaches, data requests and procedure reviews. The council will need to consider a number of measures, including safe storage of documents, purchase of a cross shredder or another method of document disposal, secure and dedicated email addresses and a Data Protection Policy. The clerk had researched applying for .gov.uk email addresses; councillors had been sent the link. The chairman volunteered to write a policy. Cllr Jones volunteered to conduct some research. Cllr Jones reported that the Village Hall subcommittee is aware that the retention of hirers details will need to be reviewed.
- June 2018. It was unanimously agreed to advertise the vacancy, average 6 hours per week, up to £12.30 per hour. Advert will be displayed on notice boards and Parish Council web site. It will be sent to Hampshire Association of Local Councils and East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils. Closing date 22 June was agreed, interviews to take place early July. The chairman thanked the clerk for her work, this was endorsed by councillors and the clerk thanked the councillors for the opportunity to work with a dedicated team.
- **Dates of other meetings –** 12/06/18 EHAPTC and 14/06/18 South Downs National Park planning.

### 17 Correspondence –

The list of correspondence received since last meeting is attached, all relevant communications are forwarded to councillors and many have appeared as agenda items. The clerk highlighted some items that had not already been discussed during this meeting -

- Community First had invited the council to join at no charge. The clerk completed application.
- EHDC had written asking clerk to complete forms regarding abandoned vehicle at the pond. The clerk has completed this action.
- There have been a number of complaints from residents about the contractor's vehicles at the Old Rectory site causing traffic congestion. The clerk was asked to write to request vehicles are parked on site.
- A report of a vehicle accident outside Five Bells in which a wooden post was demolished. It
  was reported that it has been repaired.
- Email regarding dog fouling, see item 11 above.
- Drainage easement payment £200.00 from Hampshire County Council not received, councillors have been sent email explaining HCC are investigating.
- South Downs National Park Workshops, details sent to councillors.
- Request regarding work at Village Hall car park. Following the repairs, is any more work
  planned. Councillors asked the clerk to reply explaining that no further work planned in the
  short term, but a long term solution will be explored in the future.
- Petersfield Museum. Newsletters have been circulated to councillors. Cllr Jones stated that
  he declares an interest as a Trustee of the Museum. Councillors were asked if they would
  like to purchase a brick for £30.00 to support the museum. This was proposed by Cllr
  White, seconded by Cllr Johnston and unanimously agreed.

### 18 Date of next meeting – 30 July 2018.

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Signed	Dated

# BURITON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES WORKING GROUP Report for the period 27 March to 21 May 2018

### Bank accounts and financial summary

Financial reports to end of April 2018 sent to councillors via email.

### Payments received since last meeting

£540.00 – District Councillor grant (for Weston kissing gate) £15000.00 – 1<sup>st</sup> instalment precept

### Cheques issued since last meeting

£275.00 – Planning for pubs, unpaid invoice from 2014 regarding The Maple Inn (clerk has checked records available but can find no trace of earlier invoice or payment). Agreed March meeting.

£274.43 - K Crookshank clerk salary March 2018. Agreed March meeting

£47.80 - HMRC (PAYE for clerk Jan - March 18). Agreed March meeting

£200.00 – St Marys PCC for Buriton Music Fund (in memory of Gordon Bray). Agreed March meeting.

£5500.28 - Sutcliffe Play (2<sup>nd</sup> invoice) agreed Nov 17 meeting

£292.00 - Hampshire Association of Local Councils Ltd affiliation fees

£111.38 - Idverde bin emptying Jan - March 18

£109.20 – Idverde bin emptying Jan – March 17 (Idverde sent a reminder for this invoice which was apparently posted instead of emailed, clerk had not received it and checked records. No payment had been made for that period.)

£4177.55 – Buriton Community Village Fireworks –release of funds held on behalf of the group. £27.50 – K Crookshank, clerk, reimbursement expenses (ring binder and ink cartridges) – as

agreed by F & GP WG chair

£35.00 – registration with Information Commissioners Office (GDPR)

£434.50 - K Crookshank clerk salary April 2018

### Cheques for issue at 21 May 2018 meeting

£150.00 - S Haimes internal auditor, agreed March 2018 meeting

£142.80 – Rialtas Business Solutions (finance software 2018)

£10.00 - K Crookshank. Mobile phone top up

£103.06 - K White, playground expenses (cement, padlock, auger bits, chain link)

### For consideration/note at 21 May 2018 meeting

**Audit** – Internal audit completed to agree Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 as per copy sent by email sent to councillors.

### Tree survey update

# Report to Buriton Parish Council May 2018 - Buriton Village Hall FINANCES

- 1. I am sorry to report that after a difficult year, the Nursery is folding at the end of the July term and will not be returning in the autumn. This will have a significant impact on the village hall finances. The projected loss of income from the nursery for the current financial year is £2554; the projected loss of income for a full year is £3864. We made a surplus of about £1500 in 2017/18 (with an extra £770 due back from VAT payments); without replacement users, it now seems likely that the village hall accounts may end in deficit in 2018/19. We will liaise with the nursery over removal of their stored items, and regarding the possibility of the Parish Council taking over use of their phone line.
- 2. Councillors are aware that we are currently undertaking a marketing strategy to promote use of the hall. All councillors and Parishioners are asked to take every opportunity to promote the availability of the hall.
- 3. We have increased the payment to Darren Francis for cleaning of the hall by 3% wef 1April; the increase of £130pa was included in the budget. We have also increased the pay of the Village hall Manager in line with that for the PC Clerk, from £12 to £12.30; the annual increase of £85 is included in the budget.
- 4. I am pleased to report that the village hall has been given a donation of £250 by the Buriton Fireworks committee.
- 5. I will circulate the consolidated village hall accounts as prepared by the Village Hall manager under separate cover.
- 6. The Parish Council is requested to send a letter of regret to the Nursery (I am happy to draft this) confirm the pay increases for the cleaner and Village Hall manager take every opportunity to market and promote use of the village hall

### **HEALTH & SAFETY AND RISK ASSESSMENTS**

8. The Village hall manger and the committee have compiled a health and safety risk assessment which I will circulate for the Council's approval. Terry has also produced a guide to manual handling for hall users for, eg, lifting the chairs.

### MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

9. After a back-log of maintenance issues, I am pleased to report that the committee now feels we have maintenance matters more under control! We regularly review an up-to-date maintenance schedule and I will circulate a copy for the PC to approve.

#### DATA PROTECTION

10. The committee has this matter on its agenda. The hall manager has just been on a course on these regulations and we will be considering the implications in full at our next meeting.

### OTHER MATTERS

- 11. We have ascertained some prices for new chairs for the hall though as yet we have been unable to find suitable second-hand ones available. In the light of the financial implications of the closure of the nursery, we are not yet sure whether we will be able to proceed with new chairs as even with grants and donations these could be quite costly. We will, however, continue in our efforts.
- 12. The hall manager is also pursuing the possibility of an energy audit as agreed at the last PC meeting.
- 13. We are having positive discussions with some of our current users (eg the Tennis club) over the use of the hall.

#### **DECISIONS**

14 The PC is asked to confirm the actions in 6 above; to approve the health and safety risk assessment and the maintenance schedules and to note progress on other matters Daphne Gardner, Chairman, Village Hall sub committee

### **Buriton Parish Council**

# Note from meeting with QECP staff re Buriton Chalk Pits Nature Reserve and related matters

21 May 2018

### <u>Introduction</u>

Due to the fact that the date of this regular liaison meeting was changed, it is now possible to produce this report to BPC prior to the Parish Council Meeting. Staff from QECP were Tim Speller, Steve Maxwell and Joe Williams.

### Management Plan

JW summarised progress and outstanding issue with the Management Plan for the Nature Reserve for the benefit of colleagues. The following points were noted:

- Regular safety checks on all footpaths, fences etc were being undertaken
- Regular checks would also take place on the Chalk Pits Pond: invasive species, plants likely to damage the clay lining, ingress of silts from roadside filter drain
- The Buriton volunteer days had been successful and more would be planned for the winter of 2018-19: perhaps 4 working days (Nov, Jan, Feb and March) with a variety of work (including coppicing etc)
- Some other events (perhaps using QECP BBQ equipment) could be arranged to attract more local residents to gain greater familiarity / understanding with the site: walks / talks ... Recent experience of a Forager's workshop in QECP had been successful
- Opportunities to liaise with Di Mitchell (Coulters Dean) and John Durnell (HIoWNT)
- Volunteers should sign HCC papers to ensure covered by insurance etc (JW to arrange at next opportunities)
- Opportunities for more Interpretation Panels: in small quarry and at truck (could utilise F van Deelen's image)

### Tree Survey

TS summarised the results of their recent survey, investigating risks from Ash Die-back etc:

- Similar surveys had taken place throughout QECP and other HCC sites (often using drones)
- 600 tons of timber had recently been removed from QECP: as well as risks from falling limbs, risks of dying roots, fungi etc dictated that trees have to be taken down. Trees with potential bat or woodpecker roosts etc are left, initially, for more detailed inspection before removal
- About 20 trees in the Chalk Pits LNR had been identified as needing removal because of proximity to public paths, safety risks etc. Quotations are about to be sought from a range of HCC-approved tree surgeons
- HCC may have some budget available but may otherwise need to draw upon its specific ring-fenced Chalk Pits budget (currently about £35,000)

### Halls Hill Parking Area

TS summarise QECP's position:

- Waiting to hear from Cllr Mocatta / Buriton PC about next steps: anticipating small signs on wooden posts on verge near to grass triangle
- QECP willing to install the posts (signs to be paid for by others)
- QECP also still willing to trial the opening of the paddock overflow area in holiday periods, but only once the signing (above) has been completed
- No enforcement envisaged

### **QECP Planning Application**

TS referred to the current application for the Park Centre: largely internal up-dating with some external landscaping and extra had-surface in an overflow car park. New car park barriers would catch visitors at all hours.

### Other business

- JW has been promoted but is still responsible for the BCP Nature Reserve
- Recent approach from Buriton Primary School to QECP noted
- JW has been asked to give a talk about the BCP Nature Reserve to a South Downs organisation in November.

# CORRESPONDENCE from 27 March 2018 (emails unless otherwise stated) forwarded to councillors

- Local electoral arrangements finalised for East Hampshire District Council (Boundary Reviews)
- War Memorials News
- Local bus consultation (West Sussex) from Cllr Mocatta
- Petersfield Museum News
- CPRE news
- Came & Co (insurance company) news letter
- South Downs news
- Hampshire Association Local Councils updates
- NALC model standing orders and financial risk assessment
- Consultation: unauthorised developments and encampments via HALC
- Neighbourhood alerts
- EHDC newsletters and press releases
- Letter from resident regarding SDNP/17/06473/FUL For information only, forwarded to planning committee.
- EHAP&TC meeting 14/06/18
- Community Forum meeting 02/05/18
- Community First Membership invitation joined (free)
- Abandoned vehicle pond car park request to complete form for EHDC to arrange removal. Form completed.
- Email from resident regarding contractors vehicles at Old Rectory
- Unauthorised Development and Encampments Consultation
- Hampshire County Council Access Team newsletter
- Community First's ENEWS 1 May 2018
- Vehicle accident outside The Five Bells email forwarded to Cllr Mocatta
- Dog fouling email from nursery school
- Village of the Year 2018 Launch
- Drainage easement payment £200.00 (from 1996) update from HCC
- South Downs National Park (NPA) Workshops June 2018
- Request regarding work at village hall car park is any more work planned?