

Minutes of the Burstall Annual Parish Meeting

4 May 2021, 7.32pm

Present: Cllr B Gasper, Burstall Parish Council Chairman, County Cllr C Hudson, District Cllr D Busby, 15 members of the public

In attendance: Mrs S Frankis, Clerk to the Parish of Burstall

The meeting was held remotely in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr B Gasper, Burstall Parish Council Chairman.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Wendy Minchin and Tony Burchnall.

2) Chairman's Welcome and Report

Cllr Gasper welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting and presented his report to the meeting which included his recognition of the importance of the Burstall communal spirit during the past year, having been the most eventful in recent memory, because of the sequential lock downs and restrictions due to the Corona Virus.

During the past year Rupert Catlin resigned as Parish Councillor; he was thanked for his years of service. Steve Fordham has taken Rupert's seat and was elected to the Council in the Autumn.

Planning has dominated the Parish Council agenda, in particular the major planning applications for Solar Energy installations, new overhead lines planned by National Grid, Battery storage facilities and Hydrogen production facilities for Felixstowe Docks. All of these are associated with Bramford Sub Station and represent the greatest threat Burstall village has been subject to. As expected, the Village has come together to fight these threats, which is currently ongoing.

Cllr Gasper thanked all those involved who are addressing these threats, but particularly John Foster, Steve Godard, Samantha Main, Tony Burchnall and the Parish Councillors who have made major contributions to the documentation required.

He thanked the following people for their efforts and contributions over the past year:

- to all the Parish Councillors, who have contributed to representing Burstall Parishioners, during the past two years
- Dave Busby - District Councillor for his support and assistance in representing Burstall at Babergh
- Christopher Hudson - County Councillor for his representation of Burstall issues at Suffolk County Council
- Sue Frankis, the Parish Clerk who he thanked for working hard in making the Parish Council run smoothly, since joining.

Cllr Gasper ended his report by paying tribute to Nick Ridley, who sadly died at the beginning of the first Covid Lockdown. Nick had been the District Councillor for many years and a great friend to Burstall. The meeting recorded thanks for his contribution to Burstall and deepest sympathy to his family.

3) To Confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on 20 May 2019 and to Consider any Matters Arising

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 20 May 2019, were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4) To Receive a Report from the District Councillor

A written report had been received from District Cllr D Busby and published on the Parish Council website prior to the meeting. Cllr Busby reiterated Cllr Gasper's tribute to Nick Ridley.

5) To Receive a Report from the County Councillor

A written report had been received from County Cllr C Hudson and published on the Parish Council website prior to the meeting. Cllr Hudson remembered Nick Ridley and thanked him for his personal assistance to him.

6) Reports from Representatives of Village Clubs and Groups

Mrs G Gasper presented a report on behalf of the Burstall Parochial Church Council.

Mr A Cooper presented a report on behalf of the Village Hall and the Burstall Show. A decision to cancel the 2021 Burstall Show was taken in December 2020 however 'something' will be held on 7 August 2021, as circumstances allow. Mr Cooper remembered Nick Ridley as a massive supporter of the Village Hall.

Mrs A Burchnall advised the last community lunch was held in January 2020.

Mr R Sago advised the 2019/20 bowls schedule had been cancelled however it is hoped that play may resume after 17 May 2021.

Mrs A Day presented a report on behalf of the Burstall Women's Institute.

7) Items Raised by Parishioners to Take Forward for Consideration by the Parish Council

No matters were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.02pm

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Date _____