

BURSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 January 2021 at 7.40pm

Present: Cllr Gasper (Chairman), Cllr Cooper (Vice-chairman), Cllr Burchnall, Cllr Eustace, Cllr Fiske, Cllr Kerrison, Cllr K. Raby, Cllr L. Raby, Cllr Rawlings, Cllr Smith

In attendance: District Cllr Busby
County Cllr Hudson
Mrs S Frankis, Clerk & RFO to Burstall Parish Council
Six members of the public

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

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gasper.

51 APOLOGIES: to RECEIVE Apologies for Absence

None were received.

52 DISPENSATIONS: to RECEIVE Declarations of Interest or to APPROVE such Dispensation Requests

None were received.

53 COMMENTS: to CONSIDER Comments from Residents of the Parish on Current Agenda Items

None to consider.

54 REPORTS: to RECEIVE the Reports of the County and District Councillors

The November and December 2020 Parish Newsletters, received from County Cllr Hudson, had been circulated to the Council, prior to the meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward details and costings of a proposed speeding restriction sign to Cllr Hudson.

Cllr Gasper asked if Suffolk County Council knows why the Covid-19 infection is spreading so rapidly throughout the county; Cllr Hudson advised that the virus has mutated and people are mixing more than they should, leading to higher infection rates. The 'R' rate (reproduction rate) in Babergh is now 1.2 – 1.5, which is higher than the national average.

Cllr Kerrison referred to the recent incident of police officers charging two women for travelling five miles to meet to exercise; he asked for clarification of how the police interpret 'local'.

7.48pm One member of the public left the meeting.

Cllr Busby suggested the idea of local is that you stay within the boundary of the village or town that you live in. The clear advice is to keep your distance from other people.

Cllr Busby advised that due to a significant number of the Babergh District Council Waste Services workforce having to self-isolate, the emptying of the brown bins is likely to be delayed. He referred to the Planning White Paper and advised that the decision to increase the Babergh District Council housing targets to 750 per year has been reversed back to the present plan of 416 per year. He

advised that the Planning Inspectorate has upheld the Babergh District Council decision to refuse the Loraine Way planning application. Cllr Busby undertook a straw poll amongst the Councillors to ask who shopped in Hadleigh, and to ask if it was because car parking is free or because of the shopping facilities. Babergh District Council is to discuss and resolve the subject of the continuation of free car parking over the next few weeks.

8pm One member of the public joined the meeting.

Cllr Fiske asked why the Joint Local Plan consultation process could not have been delayed until such time as parishioners could be engaged with in open meetings. Cllr Busby advised the final consultation period ended on 24 December 2020 and is now with the Inspectorate.

55 MINUTES: to RECEIVE and CONFIRM the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9 November 2020

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 November 2020 had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. Cllr L Raby advised that she had attended the meeting however her name had been omitted from the list of councillors in attendance. Cllr L Raby's name was added to the list of councillors in attendance of the meeting; the minutes were then confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr Fiske advised that no agenda for the meeting had been published on the noticeboard. Cllr Burchnall advised she will be happy to post copies of the agendas on the noticeboard in the future.

56 MATTERS ARISING: to CONSIDER Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 9 November 2021, including Update on the 'Speed Aware' Sign Project

Minute no. 20/21 38: Cllr Burchnall and Cllr Kerrison had forwarded a summary of objections to Cllr Hudson.

57 CO-OPTION: to AGREE Co-option to Fill Councillor Vacancy

The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Burstall resident Mr Stephen Fordham as Council Member to Burstall Parish Council.

ACTION: The Clerk is to forward the Acceptance of Office form to Mr Fordham and to notify Babergh District Council.

58 PLANNING:

i) **to AGREE Recommendation of Approval of Planning Application DC/20/05375; Erection of a Single-Storey Side Extension; The Bungalow, Church Hill, Burstall**

The Council retrospectively agreed approval of planning application no: DC/20/05375.

ii) **Enso and EDF Proposed Solar Farm Planning Applications**

Cllr Gasper advised that to date no applications for consideration have been received by the Parish Council but that as soon as they are, the Parish Council will facilitate a public meeting and then hold an extraordinary Parish Council meeting.

iii) **to NOTE any Planning Decisions, Including any Received after Publication of this Notice**

The Council unanimously agreed to submit a recommendation of no objection to planning application no: DC/21/00028, to Babergh District Council.

Cllr Burchnall asked if there was an update available with regards to the Parish Council's enquiry with Babergh District Council regarding planning application no: DC/17/02746 and the associated access track.

ACTION: The Clerk is to contact Babergh District Council to seek clarification of the status of planning application no: DC/17/02746.

59 FINANCE:

i) to APPROVE Payments

The Council unanimously approved the following payments:

Salaries (November and December 2020)	LGA 1972, s139	£378.96
Burstall Parochial Church Council	LGA 1972, s215	£350.00
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ii) to AGREE the November and December 2020 Budget and Precept Reports

The November and December 2020 Budget and Precept Reports, having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, were agreed.

iii) to AGREE to Vire £1,000.00 from the General Reserve Fund to the Budget Heading 'Clerk's Salary'

The Council unanimously agreed to vire £1,000.00 from the General Reserve to the budget heading 'Clerk's Salary', to cover the budget shortfall to the year end.

iv) to AGREE to Vire £35.00 from Budget Heading 'Administration' to Budget Heading 'ICO Fees' (to cover Budget Shortfall)

The Council unanimously agreed to £35.00 from budget heading 'administration' to budget heading 'ICO Fees', to cover the budget shortfall.

60 STANDING ORDERS: to AGREE to Amend Standing Order 15(b)(i)

The Council unanimously agreed to amend Burstall Parish Council Standing Order 15(b)(i) to read, 'serve on councillors by delivery, post or electronic means, at their residences, a signed summons confirming the date, time, place and the agenda.'

61 To AGREE 2021/22 Meeting Dates

The Council unanimously agreed the 2021/22 meeting dates as:

10 May 2021	Annual Parish Council Meeting, Parish Council Meeting, Annual Parish Meeting
12 July 2021	Parish Council Meeting
13 September 2021	Parish Council Meeting
8 November 2021	Parish Council Meeting
10 January 2022	Parish Council Meeting
14 March 2022	Parish Council Meeting

63 NEXT MEETING: to AGREE the Date and Time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of Burstall Parish Council is to be held virtually on 8 March 2021, at 7.30pm.

64 To CONSIDER Matters Raised by Members

No matters were raised.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.33pm.

Signed

Date

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