

BURSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th September 2023, 7.36pm at Burstall Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Gasper, (Chair), Cllr S Godfrey, Cllr S Main, Cllr K Raby, Cllr L Raby

In attendance:

Mrs S Frankis, Clerk & RFO to Burstall Parish Council

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gasper.

311 APOLOGIES: to RECEIVE and APPROVE Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Fiske for his absence due to a personal commitment.

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the apologies received.

Apologies were received from District Cllr D Busby.

312 DISPENSATIONS: to RECEIVE Declarations of Interest and/or to APPROVE such Dispensation Requests

None were received.

313 PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: to DECLARE two Parish Councillor Vacancies

The Parish Council declared two vacancies due to the resignations of Cllrs A Cooper and J Rawlings; the Council gave a vote of thanks to both councillors.

The Clerk has notified Babergh District Council of the resignations.

314 COMMENTS: to RECEIVE Comments from Residents of the Parish on Current Agenda Items

None were received.

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

A report had been received from County Cllr C Hudson and circulated to the Council prior to the meeting; a copy of the report is published on the Parish Council website.

The Council send their very best wishes to District Cllr Busby for a safe and speedy recovery.

Cllr S Godfrey arrived at the meeting.

316 MINUTES: to RECEIVE and CONFIRM the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th July 2023

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2023, having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

317 MATTERS ARISING: to CONSIDER Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th July 2023

There were no matters arising.

318 PLANNING: to CONSIDER Planning Matters, and to AGREE any Actions

The Council discussed Babergh District Council (BDC) Planning Officer, Bron Curtis' 'Summary of Enso Appeal Decision' report and the subsequent comments of Tom Barker, BDC Director of Planning and Building Control, Interim Director of Communities and Wellbeing.

The Parish Council has previously asked BDC CEO, Arthur Charvonia and Tom Barker for an investigation into the BDC Planning Department, which has been ignored. There have recently been several subsequent errors made by the Planning Department which have severely influenced the outcome of serious planning outcomes in the area, such as has never been seen before.

The Parish Council resolved to establish a route by which the democratic principles of BDC can be held to account.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to engage legal services going forward, if required.

ACTION: Cllr Godfrey is to draft a letter to be sent to County Cllr C Hudson and BDC Monitoring Officer, Mr I Ali.

A recent interview with Burstall Parish Council published in the EADT regarding the proposed installation of the EE mast at Hall Lane, Burstall has been picked up by The Sun newspaper, who have asked for a comment on it.

ACTION: Cllr Godfrey is to draft a comment to be submitted to The Sun newspaper.

The Council gave a vote of thanks to Cllrs Main and Godfrey for their hard work and support on behalf of the community.

319 FINANCE:

(i) to APPROVE Payments

The Council unanimously approved the following payments:

P27. ICO (LGA 1972, s139)	£35.00
P28. Mrs S Frankis / HP Ink (LGA 1972, s139)	£2.99
P29. Richard Buxton solicitors (LGA 1972, s139)	£936.00
P30. Nosegay (LGA 1972, s139)	£420.00
P31. Mrs S Frankis, May Salary (LGA 1972, ss101,111,112)	£274.24
P32. Mrs S Frankis / Broadband (LGA 1972, s139)	£15.00
P33. Mrs S Frankis / HP Ink (LGA 1972, s139)	£2.99
P34. Mrs S Frankis / 2024 diary	£8.85
P35. Babergh District Council / 2023 election	£133.08
P36. Mrs S Frankis / August Salary (LGA 1972, ss101,111,112)	£198.68
P37. Mrs S Frankis / Broadband (LGA 1972, s139)	£15.00
P38. Nosegay (LGA 1972, s139)	£600.00

(ii) to AGREE the July and August 2023 Budget and Precept Reports

The July and August 2023 Budget and Precept Reports, including the bank statement balances, having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, were agreed. The bank statement balances were verified by Cllr L Raby.

(iii) to AGREE to vire £135.00 from 2023/24 Precept Budget Heading 'General Reserve' to 2023/24 Precept Budget Heading 'Clerk's Broadband', to vire £91.90 from 2023/24 Precept Budget Heading 'Training' to 2023/24 Precept Budget Heading 'Zoom Subs' and to vire £10.00 from 2023/24 Precept Budget Heading 'Training' to 2023/24 Precept Budget Heading 'Audit'

The Council unanimously agreed to vire the proposed budget allocations.

(iv) to AGREE Additional Bank Signatories

The Council unanimously agreed to register Cllr Main as an additional Lloyds Bank signatory.

(v) to AGREE to Set up a Lloyds Bank Monthly Standing Order of £15.00 to Pay the Clerk’s Broadband Expenses

The Council unanimously agreed to set up a monthly standing order of £15.00 to pay the Clerk’s broadband expenses.

320 VICE-CHAIR: to ELECT a Vice-Chair to the Parish Council

Cllr Kerrison was unanimously voted vice-chair to the Parish Council.

321 INFORMATION BOX: To AGREE Refurbishment of the BT Information Box

The Council unanimously agreed that Cllr L Raby should ask her contact to re-paint the outside of the B.T. Information Box; she has previously sourced the paint.

322 OVERGROWN VERGES: to AGREE Action to deal with the Overgrown Verges and Hedges within the Parish

Cllr L Raby offered to clear the brambles around the BT Information Box and to provide details of the areas that need to be cleared to the Clerk. The Clerk will instruct David Jackson to clear the areas.

ACTION: Cllr L Raby is to clear the brambles around the BT Information Box.

ACTION: The Clerk is to instruct David Jackson to clear identified areas to be cleared.

323 NEXT MEETING: to CONFIRM the date and time of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at on 8th November at Burstall Village Hall.

324 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS: to CONSIDER Matters Raised by Members

There were no matters raised.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.39pm

Signed

Date