

BURSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2024, 7.30pm at Burstall Village Hall

Present: Cllr B Gasper (Chair), Cllr A Kerrison (Vice- Chair), Cllr S Main, Cllr K Raby, Cllr L Raby, Cllr W Petersen

In attendance:

Mrs S Frankis, Clerk & RFO to Burstall Parish Council

District Cllr John Whyman

4 representatives from Clearstone Energy

2 members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gasper.

389 APOLOGIES: to RECEIVE and APPROVE Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Godfrey for his absence due to work commitments. The Council unanimously agreed to approve the absence.

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

None were received.

The meeting was adjourned.

391 CLEARSTONE ENERGY: to RECEIVE the briefing from Clearstone Energy

Tom Bevan, Project Lead, James Nicol, Head of Planning, Simon Rothwell, Head of Communications, and Joe Hassell, Fire Safety Consultant, all representing Clearstone Energy gave a presentation on their Bramford Energy Hub proposals.

A lengthy question and answer session took place, wherein Cllr W Petersen specifically asked that when the Impact Assessment is undertaken, would Clearstone Energy please include the likely impact on the village of Burstall in the assessment and not only that of Bramford. Although the proposed development would be outside the boundaries of Burstall, residents of Burstall live closer to the proposal than those in Bramford and neighbouring villages, and so would incur a greater impact.

The Clearstone Energy representatives agreed to Cllr Petersen's request to include Burstall in the Impact Assessments.

Simon Rothwell, Head of Communications agreed to delete the title 'Bramford Energy Hub', which he had coined, agreeing with the Parish Council's concerns that the phrase indicated a nucleus of on-going future developments.

The key point of concerns, raised by the Parish Council were the cumulative impact to Burstall in terms of –

- loss of agricultural land
- industrialisation of the countryside,
- loss of natural habitats
- visual impact. The Council asked Clearstone to consider their options to mitigate the impact of the proposed development through bunding, reducing the height of buildings, planting etc.
- noise

- fire risk
- security to the local area as well as nationally
- constructions vehicular movement

Two members of the public and all representatives of Clearstone Energy left the meeting.
Cllr K Raby left the meeting.

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

A report had been received from District Cllr Whyman and circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

District Cllr Whyman left the meeting.

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

None were received.

The meeting was reconvened.

394 MINUTES: to RECEIVE and CONFIRM the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2024

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 8 May 2024, having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, were confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

395 MATTERS ARISING: to CONSIDER Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 8 May 2024

Re. minute number 388; the Clerk advised the refurbishment of the B.T. box was being hampered by the wet weather.

ACTION: The Clerk will chase Greens Landscape Services to ask for a start date for the refurbishment of the B.T. box.

396 PLANNING: to CONSIDER Planning Matters, and to AGREE any Actions, including the National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury (N2T) Statutory Consultation

The June 2024 Planning Schedule had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Gasper is to contact Mr J Foster re. the progress of the Parish Council's submission to the N2T Statutory Consultation.

Cllr Gasper advised that Cllr Godfrey is finalising the letter to be sent to the BMSDC leaders.

Cllr Gasper advised that a comment of 'no objection' had been submitted to Babergh District Council in response to the statutory consultation for DC/24/02657 – erection of a single-storey rear extension, porch cover and roof lanterns; Tintagel, The Street, Burstall.

The Council is presently working on a response to the N2T Statutory Consultation; the deadline for submissions is 18 June 2024.

397 FINANCE:

(i) to APPROVE the June and July 2024 Schedules of Payments

The Council unanimously approved the following payments:

P17. HP Instant Ink (LGA 1972, s139)	£3.99
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P18. Mrs S Frankis / broadband (POA 1954, s51)	£15.00
P19. Mrs S Frankis, May Salary (LGA 1972, ss101,111,112)	£293.86
P20. Nosegay (LGA 1972, s139)	£420.00
P21. HP Instant Ink (LGA 1972, s139)	£3.99
P22. Gipping Press (LGA 1972, s139)	£58.00
P23. Mrs S Frankis / Broadband (LGA 1972, s139)	£15.00
P24. Mrs S Frankis, June Salary (LGA 1972, ss101,111,112)	£220.86
P25. Nosegay (LGA 1972, s139)	£315.00

(ii) to AGREE the May and June 2024 Budget and Precept Reports

The May and June 2024 Budget and Precept Reports, 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 £75.00 from 2024 Precept Budget Heading 'General Reserves' to 'General Power of Competence', £58.00 from 'General Reserves' to 'Newsletter' and £23.00 from 'Insurance' to 'Newsletter'

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to vire £75.00 from 2024 Precept Budget Heading 'General Reserves' to 'General Power of Competence', £58.00 from 'General Reserves' to 'Newsletter' and £23.00 from 'Insurance' to 'Newsletter'.

398 DISPOSAL OF DOCUMENTS

The Clerk had circulated a list of documents to be disposed of in accordance with the Parish Council's Document Retention Policy 2020. The Council unanimously agreed to dispose of the documents as listed.

399 SUFFOLK PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Council unanimously agreed to subscribe to a Suffolk Preservation Society membership, in light of the previously agreed resolution to not renew the CPRE annual subscription.

400 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the updated Financial Regulations in accordance with the NALC Model 2024, as circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

401 INVESTMENT STRATEGY & INVESTMENT POLICY

The Council unanimously agreed to adopt the draft Burstall Parish Council Investment Strategy Review 2024 and Investment Policy, as circulated to the Council prior to the meeting.

ACTION: The Clerk is to research investment options.

402 NEXT MEETING: to CONFIRM the Date and Time of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 11 September 2024.

403 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS: to CONSIDER Matters Raised by Members, including Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

The Council agreed to accept the offer received from Community Police Officer Jarrett to hold a 'surgery' in Burstall.

ACTION: The Clerk is to accept the offer for a Police surgery in Burstall.

The Council had received an email from Babergh District Council Planning Officer, Bron Curtis outlining her intentions to develop a strategic mechanism to put mitigation measures in place associated with the development around the Bramford substation, and her request for localised assistance to do so.

Cllr Petersen agreed to take on the role of Parish Council liaison.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.32pm

Signed

Date

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