

BURSTALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 September 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Gasper (Chairman), Cllr Burchnall, Cllr Fiske, Cllr Kerrison, Cllr Packard, Cllr L. Raby, Cllr Rawlings, Cllr Smith

In attendance: District Cllr Busby
Mrs S Frankis, Clerk & RFO to Burstall Parish Council
Mr J Foster
Ms S Main
Cllr Powell, Chairman, Bramford Parish Council

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Gasper.

132 CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER

The Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Stephen Packard as member to Burstall Parish Council.

ACTION: The Clerk is to notify Babergh District Council.

133 APOLOGIES: to RECEIVE Apologies for Absence

The Council resolved to receive apologies from Cllr Fordham and Cllr K. Raby, for their absences due to personal commitments.

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

None were received.

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

None were received.

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

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

A report, received from District Cllr Busby, had been circulated to the Council, prior to the meeting. Cllr Busby advised that Suffolk will be hosting the 'Queen of the Mountain' stage of the Women's Cycling Race.

137 MINUTES: to RECEIVE and CONFIRM the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 12 July 2021

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 July 2021, having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, were confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

138 MATTERS ARISING: to CONSIDER Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 12 July 2021

Minute number 21/22 124 remains outstanding. Sproughton Parish Council (SPC) has advised they haven't had the time to re-consider Burstall Parish Council's request to put forward three nominative members to the Sproughton Parish Council Burial Ground Committee; SPC has advised they will consider the matter at their September meeting.

139 PLANNING:

i) to CONSIDER Planning Applications DC/20/05895 and DC/21/00060 (Enso proposed solar farms re-consultation)

Ms S Main presented a summary of the additional documents submitted for re-consultation; she considered the comments and objections raised by parish councils have not been addressed.

Mr J Foster advised that the Bramford to Twinstead application has been put back until the new year, as it is being pursued at a national level. He continued to present his comments and observations on the details of the additional Enso consultation documents. The Council agreed that no substantial new information has been submitted by Enso to enable the Parish Council to change its original recommendation of refusal of planning application numbers DC/20/05895 and DC/21/00060.

Burstall Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to planning application numbers DC/20/05895 and DC/21/00060 and to recommend refusal. Cllr Fiske abstained from the vote.

ACTION: Cllr Gasper and Mr J Foster are to draft the Burstall Parish Council response, for circulation and agreement by the Council before submission to Babergh District Council.

ii) To CONSIDER Planning Application DC/21/04711 (EDF proposed solar farm)

Burstall Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to planning application number DC/21/04711 and to recommend refusal. Cllr Fiske abstained from the vote.

ACTION: The Council is to draft a response, for circulation and agreement by the Council before submission to Babergh District Council.

iii) To CONSIDER Planning Application East Anglia THREE – further Non-Material Change Application Consultation

ACTION: Cllr Kerrison is to seek clarification from Babergh District Council Planning Officer, Bron Curtis, as to the change(s) of the application.

Burstall Parish Council expressed and recorded thanks and appreciation to Mr J Foster, Ms S Main and Mr S Godfrey for their assistance to the Council in preparing responses and submissions to the Planning Authority with regards to all proposed solar farm development applications.

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Mr J Foster and Cllr Powell left the meeting.

140 FINANCE:

i) to APPROVE Payments

The Council unanimously approved the following payments:

Salaries (June, July & August 2021)	LGA 1972, ss101, 111 & 102	£494.48
JAK Services (inv 1743)	LGA 1972, s139, s215	£370.00
JAK Services (inv 1755)	LGA 1972, s139, s215	£370.00
First Response Training & Supplies Ltd	LGA 1972, s139	£106.80
Piggy Power Batteries/Mrs S Frankis	LGA 1972, s139	£22.95

ii) to AGREE the July and August 2021 Budget and Precept Reports

The July and August 2021 Budget and Precept Reports, including the bank statement balances, having been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting, were agreed.

iii) to AGREE the VAT Reclaim of £53.98

The Council unanimously agreed to submit a VAT claim for £53.98.

141 TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT DRAFT PROPOSALS: to CONSIDER the Proposals as drafted by Cllr Fiske
Cllr Fiske had drafted a traffic improvement proposal document which had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting. The Council considered the proposals and agreed to write to Suffolk County Council Highways to request that improvements be made in four substantive areas.

ACTION: The Clerk is to draft a letter for circulation and agreement by the Parish Council before it is to be sent to Suffolk County Council Highways.

Cllr L Raby advised that the S.I.D. application is progressing and that the unit should be received by the end of November 2021.

142 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM A PARISHIONER: to CONSIDER Verge Damage Caused by Waste Lorries using the A1071/Burstall Road/Coronation Corner/Burstall Lane/Sproughton Route as a Short Cut to the Gt. Blakenham Waste Facility

The Council unanimously agreed to write to the Gt. Blakenham Waste Facility to ask them to stop using the route as a short-cut and to put them on notice that the Parish Council will be undertaking a survey, to be forwarded to them when completed.

ACTION: The Clerk is to write to the Gt. Blakenham Waste Facility and to Mr Oliver Faires, Waste Management, Babergh District Council.

143 RECORDS MANAGEMENT & DOCUMENT RETENTION POLICY : to ADOPT a Revised Version (Retention of all Bank Statements for a Period of Six Years, Previously One Year)

The Council unanimously agreed to revised the Burstall Parish Council Records Management & Document Retention Policy to retain all bank statements for a period of six years rather than one year.

ACTION: The Clerk is to publish the revised Records Management & Document Retention Policy on the Parish Council website.

144 BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL 'WELCOME BACK FUNDING': to AGREE the Details of an Application

The Council unanimously agreed to apply for free litter-picking equipment and dog litter bins and to assess the usage and success or not of the bins before any charge is incurred.

ACTION: The Clerk is to complete the application form for free litter-picking equipment and dog litter bins.

145 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be held at 7.30pm, on 8 November 2021 at the Burstall Village Hall.

146 To CONSIDER Matters Raised by Members

Cllr Kerrison advised that the 'cats-eyes' haven't been replaced following the recent roadworks undertaken on the A1071. He advised that despite the road being closed for four nights, no works were carried out during the first two nights.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Signed

Date

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