

BUCKMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 26th February 2019

Present:

Councillor Liz Exton Chairman
Councillor Jill Arnold
Councillor Graham Exton
Councillor Enid Woodcock
Councillor Nicky Jinks

District Councillor Byron Rhodes
Borough Councillor Malise Graham

MINUTES

- 63/18-19 **Apologies for non-attendance** – Councillor Bygott
- 64/18-19 **Apologies for absence** – Police Constable Roscoe
- 65/18-19 **Approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 20 November 2018**
The minutes were approved without amendment
- 66/18-19 **To receive declarations of interest both personal and prejudicial on matters arising on the agenda** – No declarations were made
- 67/18-19 **Public Participation** – Members of the public were not present
- 68/18-19 **To receive reports –**

Borough Councillor Malise Graham

The Borough Council budget and tax had been finalised. Funding was tight. Planning for housing developments were under review. Progress with proposals for a unitary council were on hold.

County Councillor Byron Rhodes

Both revenue and capital budgets were under pressure. The council anticipated that it would spend £94m over the next 4 years. A huge increase in the social care commitment was expected. A council tax rise of 3.99% was

anticipated. This would include 1% for adult social care. The building of a special school in Leicestershire was planned.

The increasing level of older people in the community meant that the money spent on adult social care was expanding. The government was not giving any more financial support. Break even budgets were expected over the next two years.

The government would be devolving 75% of business rates to the council but fairer funding was being introduced that should help Leicestershire.

There were historical reasons why funding was so variable across councils; county councils appeared to suffer more. A new homes bonus was being paid but would now be halved. As business rates increase more will go to districts and less to county councils.

It was hoped that during next year the county council would see improvements but the county had been forced to cut back on road improvements, although repairs were being carried out.

The Clerk

Installation of Sewstern Noticeboard

The new noticeboard for Sewstern had been delivered and installation is planned for March.

Installation of replacement Glasdon Dog Bin

The dog bin had been procured. Installation is planned for March.

Installation of Airfield Memorial Plaque

The airfield memorial plaque provided by the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust to be installed at Aerodrome Farm had been received. Appropriate measures for the installation are to be discussed with the residents.

Line Markings at the Buckminster Store

Leicestershire Highways acknowledged the requirement for line marking was due to road resurfacing and had reinstated the road marking

Helicopter Operations from Kendrew Barracks

Low flying helicopter operations on several nights had occurred over Buckminster and Sewstern in December 2018. The clerk had raised the matter with the Commander of Kendrew Barracks and asked for prior notification so that parish councillors could respond to residents' concerns. It had become clear that the Commander and his staff were not made aware of these operations until they were underway. It was agreed that when the Commander was notified the clerk would be informed so that the Parish

Council could be made aware of potential disruption during the night hours due to the low flying activities.

Planning Consultancy – Skillington Quarry Development

Lincolnshire County Council issued two applications towards the end of 2018 for the determination of new (updated) conditions to which a mineral site is to be subject. Effectively extending the areas subject to quarrying of the existing Skillington Quarry site. The Parish Council was listed on the applications as a consultee. A public meeting was held in the Colsterworth Village Hall; the clerk attended. The Parish Council's prime concern focused on any potential increase in quarry traffic that might occur due to the new workings and the need for frequent cleaning of the roads leading to the new sites. These concerns were set out in the Parish Council's response as a consultee. During the discussion with LCC representatives at the Colsterworth meeting it became clear that decisions on the applications, would take several months to be reached. The clerk would inform the Council of the final decision.

The Chairman

The chairman had no further items to report

69/18-19

Council Elections

The clerk would be attending a briefing meeting on the 12 March at the Borough Council to prepare for the forthcoming Parish Council elections to be held on 2 May.

70/18-19

Flooding of the Main Street Sewstern – Flood Risk Management Review

The clerk had received a response from the Flood Risk Management team. A potential issue had been identified and a solution identified to minimise any future risk. However, although compensation had been offered to the landowner, the team advised that the landowner no longer wished to support the flood alleviation scheme and consequently it would not be implemented. GDPR regulations prevented release of the landowner's contact details.

71/18 -19

Consideration of imposing restricted HGV access through Sewstern

Concerns had been raised to the council over the diversion of HGV vehicles through Sewstern and Buckminster when road closures took place on the A1. The council recognised that such traffic would continue to use the B676 but the roads through Sewstern were unsuitable for such heavy traffic. The council had noted that it could request a Highways survey but the cost was prohibitive. Councillor Rhodes advised that roads in the area would be incorporated into surveys being conducted to support the County Council's development plans for the area. It was agreed that action by the Parish Council should await the outcome of the surveys to be undertaken by the County Council.

72/18-19 **Planning Matters**

The following applications have been approved:

18/01222 Buckminster Lodge Equestrian Centre Phase 3 to convert a small field area for campsite purposes

Applications Refused – None

Applications awaiting enforcement.– None

73/18-19 **Invoices for approval** – None

74/18-19 **To Approve and Sign the bank reconciliation for the current period**

Current (Community) Account - £5524.08

Deposit (BMM) Account - £1153.95

Total account balance including unpresented payments - £6678.03

The bank reconciliation was approved and signed.

75/18-19 **Correspondence Received** – Briefing on the Parish Council Elections 12 March 2019

76/18-19 **Next meeting of the Parish Council**

14 May 2019 – Annual Meeting of the Council

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Chairman

Date