

BURNHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Burnham Without Parish Council was held in Watchfield Village Hall, Watchfield on Monday, 25th July 2016 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- A. Gordon (Chairman), R. Bowring, M. Dimascio, M. Johnson, S.R. Lester and Mrs M. Phillips with the Clerk, R. Young and District Councillor R.D. Filmer.

17. Disclosures of Interests

District Councillor Filmer left the Meeting during consideration of the planning matters as Chairman of the District Council's Development Committee. Mr Dimascio also left the Meeting during consideration of planning application 12/16/00012, being the applicant.

18. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd May 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. Sedgemoor District Council Review of Core Strategy Local Plan

Nick Tait, Service Manager Policy, Sedgemoor District Council, gave a presentation on a further informal consultation being undertaken on the development allocations for Tier 1 Settlements including Burnham on Sea and Highbridge. Four site options were currently being consulted upon, one of which (to the north of Mulholland Park and Havage Close) was within Burnham Without Parish and two others (to the east of Isleport Road and to the north of Stoddens Road) abutted the parish boundary. It was felt very unlikely that the total number of dwellings which could be accommodated in all four sites would need to come forward within the Plan period. Members felt it important that contributions should be forthcoming from the developers to improve highway infrastructure, educational and health provision in the area to cater for the increased population. The deadline for comments on the current informal consultation was 8th August and Members were encouraged to respond direct to the District Council. The final formal consultation on the Local Plan Review was anticipated in either December 2016 or January 2017.

20. Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:-

12/16/00010 – Erection of extension and loft conversion, Sunningdale, Stoddens Lane, Edithmead – Mr & Mrs Atkinson – confirm recommendation of permission;

12/16/00012 – Change of use, conversion and extension of building used for the garaging of ice cream vans to a holiday bungalow for a family with persons of limited mobility, Westfield House, Bristol Road, Edithmead – M. Dimascio – recommend permission;

It was noted that the District Council had granted permission in respect of:-

12/16/00005 – Erection of first floor extension over garage, Midway, Stoddens Lane, Edithmead – P. Bennett;

12/16/00009 – Removal of specified hedgerows on one side of ditch to allow maintenance OS 1643, Edithmead – Ashfield Land Management Ltd.

It was agreed to report a recently erected sign on the verge at the Windmill Club, Edithmead to the Planning Enforcement Officer to ascertain if planning permission was required for it and to seek an update on the landscaping and other works at Wallace Wells Road.

21. Vacancy of Parish Councillor (Brue Ward)

There had been no response to the advertisement displayed on the notice board at Wallace Wells Road. It was **AGREED** to continue to advertise the vacancy on the notice board.

22. Financial Matters

There were no payments to authorise. A Bank Reconciliation for the period 1st April to 30th June 2016 was circulated, checked against the original bank statement and signed by Members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal controls.

23. Watchfield Village Hall

Mrs Phillips reported upon the latest position regarding the redevelopment project. It was noted that a grant from Awards for All had been approved towards the cost of undertaking a consultation survey of each household in the rural part of the parish with assistance from the Community Council. The survey was likely to be undertaken in the autumn and would hopefully provide evidence of need to support grant applications towards the cost of a new building.

24. Highway Issues

No further information had been received from the County Council regarding implementation of the part of the traffic order to introduce no waiting restrictions around the Worston Road junction. Mrs Phillips reported that she would check the public footpaths and remove any brambles around gates/stiles. Burnham Moor Lane would be closed in early September for 6 weeks to allow work to the motorway bridge. A problem of a tree obstructing a street lamp at Stone Road had been taken up with the District Council. Damaged central reservation markers along the A38 at Edithmead had been reported to County Highways. It was **AGREED** that an issue regarding litter along Queen's Drive would be reported to Clean Surroundings and a litter problem in Stoddens Lane would be taken up with Home Farm

25. Burnham & Highbridge Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman reported that housing in Highbridge was currently being considered at Neighbourhood Plan meetings. He would continue to circulate minutes relating to Neighbourhood Plan meetings to all Members, when available, for information.

26. Meetings

Members had not attended any other Meetings since 24th May 2016.

27. Parish Web-site

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk show the Chairman and Mrs Phillips how to upload material onto the web-site on 9th August 2016.

28. Community Assets

The Chairman reported that the freehold of the Watchfield Inn and adjoining camp site was being advertised for sale. A viewing session was being held on 2nd August 2016. It was understood that Enterprise Inns had not informed the District Council of their plans to sell the freehold of the Watchfield Inn and adjoining land to comply with Community Asset legislation.

29. Date of Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next scheduled Council meeting be held on Monday 26th September 2016.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

signed Chairman