

## **BURNHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**

The 2015 Annual Meeting of Burnham Without Parish Council was held in Watchfield House, Watchfield on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- A. Gordon (Chairman), R. Bowring, M. Johnson, S.R. Lester and Mrs M. Phillips(from 7.30 p.m.) with the Clerk, R. Young.

Apology for absence received from M. Dimascio and District Councillor R.D. Filmer.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

Proposed Mr Bowring, seconded Mr Lester and agreed that Mr A. Gordon be elected Chairman for 2015/16. The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

### **2. Election of Vice Chairman**

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Bowring and agreed that Mr S. Lester be elected Vice Chairman for 2015/16.

### **3. Disclosures of Interests**

Members had no interests to disclose.

### **4. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### **5. Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

It was **AGREED** to extend the deadline for signing declarations of acceptance of office to the date of the next Meeting for Members not present.

### **6. Vacancy of Parish Councillor (Brue Ward)**

It was **AGREED** to defer consideration of the co-option of a person to fill the above vacancy until the next Meeting. Members **AGREED** to give consideration to identifying a suitable person in the meantime.

### **7. General Power of Competence**

It was resolved that Burnham Without Parish Council met the criteria to use the General Power of Competence.

### **8. Burnham Joint Burial Committee**

It was **AGREED** that Mr A. Gordon and Mr S. Lester be appointed to represent the Parish Council at Meetings of the Burnham Joint Burial Committee.

### **9. Planning Matters**

The following planning applications were considered:-

12/15/00003 – Formation of access, Rose Cottage Farm Nursery, Edithmead – Mrs J. Vowles – confirm recommendation of permission;

12/15/00004 – Erection of roof over cow yards, Inner Farm, Stoddens Lane, Edithmead – ME,VM & PJ Tibbs – confirm recommendation of permission;

12/15/00005 – Display of sign, Bristol Road, Highbridge – Alpha Classic Motorcycle Restorations Ltd – confirm recommendation of permission;

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

12/15/00002 – Erection of building to be used for valeting vehicles in connection with motor homes business, Bristol Road, Brent Knoll – West Country Motor Homes.

12/15/00003 – Formation of access, Rose Cottage Farm Nursery, Edithmead – Mrs J. Vowles;

12/15/00004 – Erection of roof over cow yards, Inner Farm, Stoddens Lane, Edithmead – ME,VM & PJ Tibbs.

## 10. Financial Matters

The 2014/15 Accounts, Financial Statement and Statement of Assurance required by the External Auditor were approved. It was noted that the Internal Auditor had no matters to raise with the Council. The Council also reviewed their insurance cover.

The following payments were authorised:-

100247 – SALC	affiliation fee	£375.57
100248 – Zurich Municipal	premium	£225.00
100249 – Burnham Joint Burial Committee	precept	£6,084.50
SDC – dog bin servicing - £167.23 (deducted direct from precept 2015/16)		
SDC – payroll - £2,957.89 (deducted direct from precept – 2014/15)		

It was also **AGREED** that Mr M. Johnson be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Parish Council in addition to Mr A. Gordon and Mr S. Lester.

## 11. Highway Issues

It was noted that the County Council had advertised a proposed traffic order to introduce no waiting restrictions around the Worston Road junction and would provide a bollard on the footpath adjacent 141 Worston Road if the path had been adopted. Mrs Phillips reported that she would walk the public footpaths in the parish. Mr Bowring reported that the street lights were now working at Lawrence Close. Potholes had been filled at the M5 roundabout but the County Council were reluctant to refurbish the A38 red carriageway markings. It was **agreed** to monitor a problem of litter along the A38 and to consider a possible bus service for the Edithmead area at the next Meeting. The Chairman reported that he was drafting a response to the County Council's Traffic Engineer regarding the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the administration of the Speed Indicator Devices.

## 12. Burnham & Highbridge Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman updated Members on the current position regarding the Neighbourhood Plan. He **AGREED** to continue to circulate minutes to all Members, when available, for information.

## 13. Meetings

Members had not attended any other Meetings since 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

## 14. Parish Web-site

The Chairman reported that the development of a parish web-site was work in progress. It was **AGREED** to obtain quotations for a replacement parish notice board at Wallace Wells Road for consideration.

## 15. Community Assets

It was **AGREED** that the Chairman apply to the District Council for the Watchfield Inn to be listed as a community asset. No other properties in the Parish were identified for possible listing.

## 16. Date of Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next scheduled Council meeting be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

signed ..... Chairman

