

BURNHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

The 2021 Annual Meeting of Burnham Without Parish Council was held in Watchfield Village Hall, Watchfield on Wednesday, 19th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- A. Gordon (Chairman), L. Baker, M. Dimascio, and S.R. Lester with the Clerk, R. Young.

Apology for absence received from M. Johnson and Mrs M. Phillips.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Proposed Mr Dimascio, seconded Mr Baker and agreed that Mr A. Gordon be elected Chairman and Mr S. Lester be elected Vice Chairman for 2021/22. The Chairman signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

2. Disclosures of Interests

Members had no interests to disclose.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th April 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Co-option

It was **AGREED** to co-opt Mrs Karen Downward to fill the vacancy of parish councillor (Marine Ward). Mrs Downward signed a declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

5. Planning Matters

The following planning application was considered - 12/21/00005 – Erection of a vehicle service building and associated works, Oak Tree Farm, Bristol Road, Highbridge – KWW Trading & Tarnock Garage – recommend permission.

It was noted the District Council had not determined any applications since the last Meeting

Mr Paul Martin presented a pre-application consultation on behalf of John and Marie Cornish for the erection of two self-build dwellings at Southwick Road, Watchfield. Members noted the information at this stage.

6. Authorisation for Payment

The following payments were authorised

100314	SDC	Dog waste bin emptying	£167.23
100315	SCC	3 x posts for SIDs	£600.00
100316	Burnham & Highbridge Town Council	Grant	£5,000.00
100317	Zurich Municipal	Premium	£276.25

7. Allotments Site Provision

Mrs Downward reported that following an item on Burnham on Sea.com, two offers of land had been forthcoming but were unlikely to be suitable for use as allotments for reasons outlined. An estate agent had been approached but had not yet responded. It was **AGREED** that an approach be now made to further local landowners.

8. Watchfield Village Hall

Mrs Phillips had indicated that work was still taking place to seek incorporated charitable status for the Village Hall, prior to submitting applications for grant aid for the redevelopment project.

9. Speed Indicator Devices

The Chairman reported that arrangements were being made with the County Council for three poles to be erected in the parish to support the new solar powered SIDs, one along the A38, one at Mark Road and one at Watchfield.

10. Highway Issues

It was noted that there had been no recent complaints of commercial vehicles accessing the storage units at Elm Tree Farm via the agricultural entrance. It was **AGREED** to monitor the situation. The sale of vehicles from a layby on the A38 appeared to have ceased.

It was **AGREED** to request a presentation on the plans to upgrade the Edithmead Roundabout at the next Meeting, it being noted that a presentation had been made to Burnham on Sea and Highbridge Town Council. There was no update on the 67 bus service. A petition received signed by local residents regarding the volume of commercial vehicles travelling along Mark Road was **NOTED**. A copy had been forwarded to the County Council.

It was **AGREED** to support a request for an extension of the 30 mph speed limit at Southwick Road Watchfield.

11. Rights of Way

Mrs Phillips would walk the public rights of way with Mr Baker when the weather was suitable. Mr Baker reported that the missing bridge near the Brent Knoll parish boundary had been replaced by the County Council

12. Land between Wallace Wells Road and Cookson Close

It was **NOTED** there were currently no plans for the future use of undeveloped land between Wallace Wells Road and Cookson Close, owned primarily by the County and District Councils, due to existence of protected species of wildlife. No further information had been received in respect of the enclosure of an area of this land on an unauthorised basis by a local resident.

13. Marconi Estate Open Spaces

It was **AGREED** to clarify the position regarding the open spaces on the Marconi Estate which did not appear to have been completed.

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The Meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Chairman