

BURNHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of Burnham Without Parish Council was held in Watchfield Village Hall, Watchfield on Monday, 26th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

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

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

The Chairman arrived at 7.30 p.m. prior to which Mr Lester (Vice-Chairman) took the chair.

41. Disclosures of Interests

Mr Johnson and Mr Lester left the Meeting during consideration of planning application 00013 as near neighbours.

42. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th September 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Presiding Chairman as a correct record.

43. Planning Matters

The following planning applications were considered:-

12/18/00013 – Change of use of an agricultural building to B2/B8 use for business storage and distribution, Elm Tree Farm, Bristol Road, Edithmead – E. Withers – no objection.

12/18/00014 – Change of use of land used for the children's nursery to allow the erection of three holiday chalets, Rose Cottage Farm Nursery, Burnham Moor Lane, Edithmead – Mrs. J. Vowles – recommend permission.

It was noted the District Council had made the following decisions since the last Meeting

12/18/00009 – Erection of agricultural building to the south of Burnham Moor Lane, Edithmead – W. S. Hancock – permission granted.

12/18/00011 – Erection of agricultural building, Inner Farm, Inner Farm Lane, Edithmead – M.E, V.M. & P.J. Tibbs – permission granted.

44. Financial Matters

The following payment was authorised

100285 Burnham Joint Burial Committee	precept	£6,408.00
100286 Parish Clerk	reimburse web-site fees	£143.96

A bank reconciliation for the period 1st April to 30th September 2018 was checked against the original bank statements and signed by the members who did not sign cheques as part of the Council's internal controls.

The Council considered the draft Estimates for 2019/20. It was **AGREED** that the Estimates be approved and the precept for 2019/20 be £20,187.

45. Watchfield Village Hall

Mrs Phillips reported that the Village Hall Committee had recently obtained advice from the Community Council and were endeavouring to regularise issues regarding charitable status prior to submitting grant applications for the redevelopment project.

46. Highway Issues

It was noted that the recent application to divert footpath AX9/1 around the edge of a field to allow the construction of a new barn at Northgate Farm had been approved.

Mrs Phillips reported that she had walked some paths and had found some obstructions in the vicinity of Worston House and Northgate Farm. She was seeking advice from the Footpath Liaison Officer at County Hall on these issues and she would also complete a County Council Public Path Survey.

A fence had been completed on the land between the rear of Cookson Close and Wallace Wells Road and the area looked tidier.

It was understood that the County Council had included modifications to the split barriers at the end of Edithmead Lane in their list of small improvement schemes.

Mr Johnson reported that the shared SID scheme with East Huntspill and Mark Parish Councils was working well. The device was currently deployed in Watchfield.

It was **AGREED** to join Mark Parish Council's fingerpost sign refurbishment scheme in respect of the signs at Watchfield and Walrow. It was understood that donations would be forthcoming from local businesses and residents towards the costs involved.

It was also **AGREED** to request the police to take action against the drivers of HGVs etc who park on and obstruct the pavement in the layby on the western side of the A38

47. Bus Service 67

It was reported that passenger numbers were currently being maintained at a reasonable level. A sum had been included in the 2019/20 Estimates to continue to provide financial support.

48. Meetings

Mr Lester reported upon a recent Meeting of the Joint Burial Committee and Mr Johnson and the Clerk had attended a Planning Seminar at the District Council offices. Mrs Phillips was attending a further session of the Planning Seminar and copies of the slides would be forwarded to all Members in due course

49. Date of Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next scheduled Council meeting be held on Monday, 21st January 2019.

The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman