

## **BURNHAM WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**

A Meeting of Burnham Without Parish Council was held in Watchfield Village Hall, Watchfield on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:- A. Gordon (Chairman), R. Bowring, M. Johnson, S. Lester and Mrs M. Phillips with the Clerk, R. Young and District Councillor R.D. Filmer (from 8.20 p.m.) and County Councillor J.H. Denbee (from 8.10 p.m.).

Apology for absence received from M. Dimascio.

### **28. Disclosures of Interests**

Members had no interests to disclose.

### **29. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

### **30. Isleport Business Park**

Nick Tait, Service Manager Policy, Sedgemoor District Council, made a presentation on the first phase of consultation on a Supplementary Planning Document for Isleport 2 Business Park Extension. Land adjacent to the existing Business Park had been identified as a preferred location for new employment. The land comprised three potential sites that totalled approximately 65 ha of land. Mr Tait explained the need for additional employment land in the area but recognised that some sensitive issues would arise such as close proximity to residential property in Isleport Lane, ecology and highway implications. Representations from this phase of consultation would be considered by the Council's Executive and inform the next, more detailed, stage of the SPD which was likely to go out to Consultation in October. It was noted that a further Meeting on the current consultation would be held at the Old Courthouse on 5<sup>th</sup> August. It was **AGREED** to welcome the increase in delivery of a range of more diverse employment opportunities in the area, provided that any extension to the Business Park included multiple access links with the Town. Any phasing should ensure improved access was part of each phase developed.

### **31. Village Agent**

Kim Wilcox, Village Agent for Burnham Without explained her role which was primarily to provide elderly and more vulnerable people in rural communities with easier access to information and services. Her post was managed by the Community Council for Somerset and was lottery funded. She worked closely with GP surgeries and agencies such as Age Concern. It was **AGREED** to help publicise the scheme and her contact details on the notice boards, parish and other local magazines.

### **32. Planning Matters**

There were no new planning applications to consider. It was noted that the District Council had granted permission in respect of 12/15/00006 – use of land to site a portable building to be used as a fishing lodge, north of Havage Close, Highbridge – N. Shortland and that 12/15/00008 Siting of mobile home for the manager of The Oak Tree Arena, Bristol Road, Highbridge – Oak Tree Leisure had been withdrawn.

### **33. 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

### **35. Financial Matters**

The following payment was authorised:-

A Bank Reconciliation for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 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.

### **36. Highway Issues**

It was noted that the County Council had confirmed a traffic order to introduce no waiting restrictions around the Worston Road junction and implementation was now awaited. Mrs Phillips reported that she would walk the public footpath off Poples Bow to check the situation. It was **AGREED** to monitor a problem of litter along the A38, Edithmead and at Watchfield. With regard to a bus service for the Edithmead area, the County Council had circulated details of the Slinky Bus service which could be booked by ringing 01749 880948. The Chairman reported that he was in contact with the County Council's Traffic Engineer regarding the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the administration of the Speed Indicator Devices. It was **AGREED** to consider visibility issues caused by overgrown hedges along Burnham Moor Lane at the next Meeting following the end of the bird nesting season. Problems of brambles and vegetation over hanging footpaths near Frank Foley Parkway and at Queens Drive would also be investigated.

### **37. 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.

### **38. Meetings**

Mrs Phillips reported upon a Meeting of the Coastal Cluster Group held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The Chairman reported upon a public meeting held at East Huntspill on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015 regarding proposals by National Grid to now use Burnham Moor Lane, the B3139 through Watchfield and Factory Lane at Bason Bridge as their preferred route for construction traffic in respect of the proposed new pylons. He had lodged an interest/objection on behalf of the Parish Council with the Planning Inspectorate.

### **39. Parish Web-site/ New Notice Board**

It was noted that grant aid might now be available through NALC towards the cost of the development of a parish web-site. A replacement parish notice board would be erected next to the post box at Wallace Wells Road by Gary Bickers in the near future.

### **40. Watchfield Inn**

The Chairman reported upon favourable feedback received from the public arising from publicity and hand delivered leaflets in respect of the application made to the District Council for the Watchfield Inn to be listed as an asset of community value. Further information on the next step was awaited from the District Council.

### **41. Rosewood Green Playing Field**

It was noted that grass around the perimeter of the playing field would not be cut until the wild flowers had seeded. It was still felt by some councillors that it constituted a danger as it concealed an unprotected drop into the rhynes. The Chairman **AGREED** to contact Teresa Harvey to explore the possibility of the Parish Council taking over the responsibility of maintaining this playing field from the District Council in return for a commuted sum.

### **42. Date of Next Meeting**

It was **AGREED** that the next scheduled Council meeting be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

signed ..... Chairman

