

Burford Parish Council

Minutes of meeting on Monday 4th May 2020 at 7.30pm (virtual meeting due to COVID19)

Councillors Present: Mr. A Thomas (Chairman), Mr. T. Earp, Mr. R. Morris, Ms. B. Skidmore, Mrs. S Webb

Clerk: Mrs. K. Joiner

1. **Public Participation:** - There was no public participation.
2. **Apologies:** Mr. K. Griffiths
3. **Declaration of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes 9th March 2020 meeting – these will be signed at the first available opportunity.
5. **Matter Arising from the minutes:** None.
6. **U.S.C. – Councillor Mr. R. Huffer:** Not in attendance.
7. **Finance:** The latest financial information was shared, including the bank reconciliation which will be signed at the first available opportunity. Bank balances as follows: current account £2914.73 and reserve account £20,070.83.

It was RESOLVED to make the following payments:

D/D Robin Hood – February 2020	£316.42 (incl. £15.7 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – February 2020	£14.00 (incl. £0.67 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – March 2020	£324.40 (incl. £15.45 VAT)
D/D Robin Hood – March 2020	£14.67 (incl. £0.70 VAT)
DHJH payroll (Oct 2019-Apr 2020)	£144.00
Clerk Salary	£457.60
Clerk HMRC	£114.40

8. Agree electricity provider for 2020-21

The Clerk has completed a best value exercise – there was one company that was cheaper than the Robin Hood renewal quote, that was EDF energy. However, Robin Hood matched this price and therefore council agreed the new contract.

Account one: standing rate 0.24 p/day and 13.66 per unit

Account two: standing rate 0.20 p/day and 13.93 per unit

9. Grounds Maintenance contract for 2020

There is difficulty in arranging new potential providers to come and look at the sites due to the lock down. With this in mind council agreed to approve RPS Grounds Maintenance for another year – costs the same as 2019-20 - £4250 for grass cutting and £400 for hedge cutting.

10. Agree insurance renewal

The renewal form Zurich was £899.54 if council signed to a 5-year deal. The Clerk has completed a comparison and the cheapest provider was Parish Protect who offered a price of £638.40 per year for a 3-year deal. All cover was the same as offered previously by Zurich. Council approved the new provider Parish Protect from 1st June 2020.

11. Tenbury Hospital

Councillors have been made aware that Tenbury Hospital will be closing temporarily due to the current COVID 19 situation. However, there is significant concern that this will lead to the eventual permanent closure of the hospital altogether. There was significant debate about this issue and council decided to make this the focus of the Annual Parish Meeting.

12. Neighbourhood update (Cllr. B. Skidmore)

The main issue raised was the state of the land adjacent to the bridge – the Clerk wrote to the owner following the last meeting, no response received.

13. Village Hall update

There has not been any meetings of the parish hall committee due to lock down. However, there is a van parked on the village hall carpark, Cllr. Mr. T. Earp has put a note on it asking for it to be removed.

14. Planning

Reference 20/01641/FUL

Alternative Reference PP-08617861

Application Validated Fri 24 Apr 2020

Address Brackleigh Clee Hill Road Burford WR15 8HJ

Proposal Erection of an agricultural unit and hardstanding

Council has no objections to the above application.

15. Correspondence

- Rural Bulletins – forwarded to all
- Daily emails from Shropshire Council regarding coronavirus
- Call from Trading Standard about play area being reported as used by young people – signs displayed to inform people that the play area is not to be used during lockdown
- Call from parishioner about play area lockdown
- Email from parishioner regarding the blocked culvert – reported again to Shropshire Council and also forwarded to R Huffer
- The shrubbery on Boraston Lane near the oak sapling planted needs to be cut as it is obstructing the view of road users – council will look to find who owns the land.
- The railings will be put back on the playground in the next couple of weeks.
- There is a fence panel that is causing a safety issue in Long Meadow, there are further concerns about the security on an empty home. Cllr. T. Earp will liaise with the owner.

16. Items for next Agenda
Tenbury Hospital

17. Date of Annual Council meeting and Annual Parish meeting

Monday 8th June, 6.30pm Annual Council Meeting

Monday 8th June, 7.30pm Parish Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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