

*Minutes of an ordinary meeting of Burghclere Parish Council held on
9th September 2019 at 7.30pm at the Portal Hall*

Present: Cllrs C James (Vice Chair), R Carrow, R Butler, S Whiting, B Canning
S Jones (Clerk), Borough Cllr Izett (part), 31 parishioners

1. Apologies

County Cllr Thacker sent his apologies.

2. Declaration of members' interests for this meeting

There were no declarations of members interests.

3. Confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 1st July 2019

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 1st July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chair.

4. Election of Chair

Cllr Carrow advised he was willing to stand as the new Chair. He was proposed by Cllr Morton and seconded by Cllr Whiting. He was then voted in unanimously. Cllr James confirmed he would stay on as Vice Chair.

5. Co-option of New Cllrs

A voting process was held, and each Cllr voted which 2 of the 3 candidates they wanted to co-opt onto the council. Ian Collins was co-opted on and invited to join the table. Andrew Crowley was not present but co-opted on and welcomed to the council. Lian Price was given apologies and thanked for her interest.

6. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Thacker was unable to attend the meeting so there was no report. The Chair requested that the next item be dealt with out of order and so Item 9 (Chair's comments) were addressed next.

7. Borough Councillor's Report

Borough Cllr Izett advised that a climate change emergency has been declared and all Cllrs agreed in voting for this. The policy changes will be put into place from 10th September. The aim is to get carbon emissions down and this is hoped to have been implemented by 2025. The new local plan will be tougher on developers and ensure buildings are better insulated. Main causes of carbon emissions from the borough come from transport, and tractors and mowers.

The borough website has a page dedicated to Brexit and answers questions relating to the outcome of a no deal on 31st October amongst other areas of concern.

The ice rink is still being investigated and 3 other sites to house either a temporary or permanent ice rink have been identified. Architects have been appointed to review the sites. The whole leisure park at Basingstoke is going to be modernized and this is part of that process.

Cllr Izett advised he will stay at the meeting for the discussion with planning matter if he is able to assist in any way.

8. Parisioners' open time, including miniature railway

This will be reported on under item 12 below.

9. Chairman's comments

Cllr Carrow reported after item 6 above.

He advised time is short at today's meeting. By law, the meeting has to cease at 9.30pm. The council are entering a challenging period. Falcon Developments' application, which is on the agenda for later, is significant, and it also has potential to destabilise the work of the Neighbourhood Plan. Whilst it is appreciated that emotions may run high, deliberations and decisions by the council must be based on the information presented and the facts as they are seen.

As Councillors, channels of communication must be kept open whether there is agreement or disagreement on the issues of the day.

Finally, as new to the Chair, Cllr Carrow requested that experienced colleagues advise and guide himself and the newly co-opted councilors in their new roles.

10. Planning applications received since 1st July:

Application number	Location	Description	Decision
19/02215/OUT	Land on the South East side of Harts Lane, Burghclere, Hampshire	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 35 dwellings with access onto Harts Lane, open space, landscaping and accessible natural greenspace (with all matters reserved) – a full meeting to discuss this planning application will be arranged by the Parish Council, date to be confirmed.	31 parishioners attended the meeting and a show of hands displayed they were unanimous in their objection to this planning application. The parish council discussed this matter at length and listened to a variety of reasons for parishioners' objections. No-one attended the meeting in support of the proposal however the council agreed that a public meeting needs to be held as the agenda states one would be, the date was agreed as Wednesday 18 th September at 7.30pm.
19/02173/OUT	Heathwood, Heatherwold, Newtown	Outline planning application for 1 no. dwelling house with all matters reserved.	Strong objection on the grounds of the previous 5 applications for the same planning being turned down. Also do not want to set in-fill precedence.

19/02159/LDEU	Earlstone House, Burghclere	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of land as residential garden land	The parish council noted this but, this being a legal matter, refrained from making an opinion.
19/01989/LBC	The Carnarvon Arms, Winchester Road, Whitway	Various external and internal works including redecoration, external wall lamps, internal alterations to joinery and doors, and stripping and sealing of existing flooring.	No objections
19/02258/LBC	The Carnarvon Arms, Winchester Road, Whitway	Display of 2 no. externally illuminated fascia signs, 1 no. externally illuminated hanging sign and 4 no. illuminated and non-illuminated other signs to replace existing signage. Installation of new trough lights, spotlights and floodlights.	The parish council specifically object to the sign Y1 and the uplighters (floodlight up) 06 which they think unnecessary, a distraction and danger to drivers and unwelcome to neighbouring properties.

Decisions:

- 19/01543/HSE Scouses Corner – granted
- 19/00438/HSE The Maltings – granted
- 19/01297/HSE Sinnyside Cottage – granted

The agenda once again was taken out of order and items 8 and 12 dealt with at the same time as the next item.

11. Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Carrow circulated a report as attached. Further to this he reported that the neighbourhood plan provides some protection against planning applications, but only for 2 years. Cllr Morton advised he felt the site should be inclined towards business. Cllr Carrow advised there is still work to do but the first draft is good and will be amended as feedback is received. Cllr asked if all Cllrs agreed to move forward with the plan and Cllrs agreed unanimously.

12. Sports Club report

Cllr Morton reported that the 25th August was a running day. £700 had been taken on this day and it was very successful. The bar take was high. The next steam dates will be 5th and 6th October. The final plate has been put in place to mark the finishing of the railway. An 80th birthday party recently took place which utilised the steam train and the club are happy to see it used in this way. The new football posts are in place. The S106 money application has gone in and needs to be looked into.

13. Pinder Recreational Trust Management Committee update

Cllr James advised work has started on the club room and are running smoothly for now. Jones Robinson have put their fees up and a decision will need to be made at the end of this tenancy as to whether they are continued to be used.

14. Website update and progress report

There is nothing further to report at present on the website.

15. Footpaths Report

Cllr Carrow reported that he has been provided with an up to date map of the footpaths which is helpful.

Cllrs discussed providing a map themselves and this needs to be investigated so possible costings can be put into the precept.

The West Street gate has not yet been installed so the Highclere Estate will be contacted. Parson's Corner have been approached about their hedge which still hasn't been cut back; they will be sent another letter and HCC will be cc'd in.

16. Accounts

The following payments were presented for approval.

Budget Section	Date	Details	Cheque number/Payment method	Amount	Income
Salary/PAYE	02/09/2019	Clerk's Salary/Home work allowance - S Jones		£423.40	
Salary/PAYE	02/09/2019	Litter warden salary - F Knott	SO	£390.00	
Salary/PAYE	02/09/2019	HMRC PAYE		£111.60	
Parish Plan	02/09/2019	Oneill Homer		£5,100.00	
Parish Plan	02/09/2019	Groundwork UK Grant		£240.00	£4,250.00
Mics Maintenance	02/09/2019	LIF Grant			£5,000.00
			TOTAL	£6,265.00	£9,250.00

A bank reconciliation, as attached, was circulated.

17. Clerk's report

The Clerk advised that residents have been in contact regarding the B4640 traffic. HCC and BDBC have been included in the correspondence.

The external audit is moving forward, and all questions have been answered so it is hoped it will be signed off shortly.

The clerk advised she has started the process of finding a replacement and will report back.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 7th October 2019.

Chairman _____ Date _____