

**Minutes of the
Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm, on Thursday 19th October 2023
in the Village Hall, Burton in Lonsdale**

Present: Parish Councillors: Councillors Rebecca Spedding, Belinda Strickland (Chair), David Taylor, Ian Wardle

5 members of the public, PCSO Julia Runciman from North Yorkshire Police

The Clerk was in attendance

- **The chair stated that the meeting would be recorded; members of the public may record the meeting if they wish. The chair stated that under standing orders a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes.**

135/2023 Apologies

- a) Apologies were received from Cllr Coulthurst. Reason for absence was approved.

136/2023 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

None

137/2023 Public Statements and Questions

A representative of Burton in Lonsdale Bowling Club reported that the Bowling Club's plan to replace a section of dead hedge with a section of fence and to add a marking hut at the far end of the bowling green which was approved by the Parish Council in 2020, is due to be carried out shortly. Councillors thanked the Bowling Club for informing them.

138/2023 To consider the following new correspondence and decide action where necessary

- 1) An email has been received from the Village Hall committee to advise that the provisional dates for the refurbishment are early December, possibly up to the end of January which would impact the January PC meeting. If the work goes well, it is possible that the Hall will be available by the 18th January and this should be known by the date the agenda is to be posted. Councillors will consider an alternative venue, or a date change if necessary.
- 2) Cllr Coulthurst received a message regarding a request to cut back some of the coppiced trees alongside the river bridge on the Riverside Land and then to clear some of the undergrowth and saplings along the north bank of the river. **Resolved** the Clerk to seek a price for an updated Tree Condition report before any work is undertaken
- 3) A report was received regarding Japanese Knotweed on the south bank of the River opposite the Riverside Land. **Resolved** the Clerk to inform Bentham Town Council

139/2023 Minutes

Approval of Minutes by the Councillors: -
the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 14th September 2023 were **Approved**

140/2023 To review Terms of Reference and Standing Orders

Review of Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee and appointment of a committee member **Resolved** Councillors approved the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee and the appointment of Cllr Spedding to the Finance Committee.

141/2023 North Yorkshire Police Report

7 incidents were reported to the Police between 10.09.23 and 15.10.23: -
14.09.23 – RTC – 2 vehicles – High Street
17.09.23 – Sudden Death
05.10.23 - RTC – 2 vehicles – Low Street
07.10.23 - Highways disruption – Ireby Road – diverted traffic due to RTC

07.10.23 – X2 – RTC – 2 vehicles – Van via HGV – fatal
13.10.23 - Overnight between 12.10.23 - 17.00 & 13.10.23 - 08.00 Theft of Red & Black Honda Quad 500 - NK06YNH, 2 orange & white chainsaws and socket set stolen from a secure farm outbuilding A687 Burton in Lonsdale. At 02.15 - 13.10.23 report of suspect Quad Ingleton & Kirby Lonsdale area searched by officers no gain, any further information call 101 ref 0087

142/2023 Recreation Field and Pavilion

Cllr Strickland reported on the Recreation Committee meeting held on 12th October 2023. Matters discussed included: -

- Use of the Field – ways to increase the use of the Field, with the suggestion of a Village sports day to be held in the spring
- Development of the website and booking system
- Play equipment report – some low-risk repairs required
- Maintenance issues - The condition of the render. A quote of £7000 has been received. **Resolved** the Clerk to seek further quotes.
- One of the picnic tables requires replacing. **Resolved** To be discussed at the January PC meeting
- MUGA – options for improving the MUGA were discussed. A meeting to be organised with the trustees of the Burton Community Sports

143/2023 Finance Matters

- a) To receive the Bank Balances and Receipts, commitments and general reserves – Appendix 1
- b) Accounts were **approved** for payment

144/2023 North Yorkshire County Council

Planning Notices Received: -
No notices received

145/2023 Planning & developments

- a) Update on the development of houses on Land at Richard Thornton's School, Burton in Lonsdale, LA6 3JZ, 2020/22109/FUL –The Section 106 agreement has now been completed by the legal department. Cllr Strickland advised that 50% of the Section 106 will be paid when the 3rd dwelling is completed, and the rest when the 8th dwelling is complete. No further details are available yet.
- b) Update on the proposed development of working farmland to include No.8 new holiday accommodation units and associated site entrance, service area, access roads, parking and landscaping at Land southwest of Burton in Lonsdale, LA6 3LH, 2023/24730/FUL – Cllr Strickland advised that no decision has as yet been made.
- c) To receive information regarding the application to North Yorkshire Council by the Open Spaces Society to register Greta Wood (Mill Hill waste) as common land under paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Commons Act 2006. Cllr Strickland reported that Bentham Town Council supported the application with the condition that access to parking and garages is maintained.

146/2023 Highway Matters

Councillor Strickland reported that David Cairns from North Yorkshire Highways has provided information regarding a chicane at the east entrance to the village. The Cost for the build out would be in the region of £6-8k which would also require a road closure to construct (max 5 days). A white gateway entrance for the south entrance to the Village would cost £2000 approx. **Resolved** to organise a consultation with residents before a decision is made.

147/2023 Burton Conservation Group

The idea of a Conservation Group was discussed. Possible activities could include: -

- Checking water quality of the River Greta, with regular sampling
- Liaising with the Rivers Trust
- Looking into grants for environmental projects

148/2023 Parochial Church Council

Cllr Wardle reported on a positive meeting which was held with representatives of the Parochial Church Council. Matters discussed included: -

- The VOSCY improvements are on schedule with the top area cleared and wild flower seeds donated by PALS to be sown
- Cllr Wardle reported that the PCC do not want the proposed parking space on the Village Green.
- The Lych Gate has been cleared. A quote for replacing the roof of £8740 has been received, although reusing tiles found in the Church cellar may reduce the cost. Funding grants to be sought by the PCC.
- Boon days twice a year are to continue.

149/2023 Date & time of forthcoming meetings

- 9th November 2023: Finance Committee meeting
- 16th November 2023: Full Council meeting

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed

Dated

Appendix 1

Financial Report 19/10/23

Brought forward from last report:-

Total bank balances 14/9/23 32,536.00

Payments authorised 14/9/23 -1,772.78

Receipts since the last report:-

Pavilion hire 144.00

Nat West Interest 0.02

Unity Trust Interest 238.64

Precept (to Nat West) 9750.00

10,132.66

Payments made since the last report:-

Unity Trust Bank Charge -18.00 **-18.00**

Balance 17/10/23 **40,877.88**

Bank Balances 17/10/23

Unity Current Account 982.41

Unity - Village Fund Interest 12.68 1,878.94

Unity Deposit Account 27,946.23

Nat West Current Account 300.00

Nat West Deposit Account 9,770.30

Total bank balances 17/10/23 **40,877.88**

Cashbook Reconciliation

Cashbook brought forward 1/4/23 43,237.33

Receipts to date 25,028.64

Payments to date -27,388.09

Balance per cashbook 17/10/23 **40,877.88**

Less:-

Payments to be authorised 17/10/23 -

Clerk's pay and expenses 463.75

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| William Hartley - grass cutting September | 646.26 | |
| William Hartley - grass cutting August | 866.25 | |
| Diane Thornton - cleaner | 40.00 | |
| M. Illsley maintenance expenses | 93.69 | |
| Play Inspection Co | 204.00 | |
| Malcolm Taylor Coronation expenses | 16.80 | |
| Japanese Knotweed Ltd | 831.60 | |
| | Total | 3,162.35 |
| <u>Unspent budget at 17/10/23</u> | | 10,556.34 |
| <u>Commitments -</u> | | |
| VOSCY | 2900.00 | |
| Lych Gate Restoration grant to be returned | 200.00 | |
| Safety Notice, memorials (400) & 190 | 552.75 | |
| Village Fund | 1878.94 | |
| First Responders donation remaining | 586.36 | |
| Contingency Fund resolution 12/11/18 | 5000.00 | |
| | Total commitments | 11,118.05 |
| Leaving a balance of unallocated funds 17/10/2023 | | 16,041.14 |