

BURNHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 21st May 2019, at 7pm.

Present: Councillors J Scoles, J Murphy, J Burt, Rachel Campbell-Gray, Bryan Lynn, J Murphy, C Stimpson, R Monbiot & C Howell. 12 parishioners, Borough Councillor S Sandell.

The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor J Scoles.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor A. Jamieson & Councillor N Fryer.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 30th April 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters raised.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave the following report to the meeting:

(COUNCILLORS)

- There are two new faces on the Council since the last Annual Parish Meeting Councillors Bryan Lynn & Joy Burt (ELECTIONS) The Parish Council election was uncontested with 10 nominations for 11 places. The Parish Council will therefore be co-opting an additional member in the next few months.

Borough Council – Congratulations to Sam Sandell.

(FINANCE) As at 31st March, our financial year-end, we will have approx. £33,000 carried over into this financial year. Of that amount just under £10,000 are earmarked reserves for the running costs to provide the bin service and completion of the children play area project.

As usual the year-end financial statement will appear on the Noticeboard once approved by our Auditors.

- To our yearend balance is added the Precept for the current year. It is being increased by 5.5% to £32,325.00.

(CHILDRENS PLAY AREA)

- We still have to have boundary fencing around the play area to install. Balance in CPA account stands at just over £5000 and this will be used towards providing nets for the mini football posts kindly paid for by the HMT. We will also be providing a basketball hoop and replacing the gate to the adult equipment area.

- (OTHER PROJECTS)

- The two main projects the PC have been involved in this year were:

- Street Lighting – Phase 1 completed (phase 2 will commence over the Summer)

- Setting up the bin service which has been a huge success. We currently have 31 residents signed up to the service and the village is looking much tidier.

(VILLAGE LIFE)

The Council continues to oversee, comment on and support the day to day issues and requests relating to:

- Planning – where we reviewed some 34 applications in the last year

- Auction on the Green – which will take place again this year and which is a great tradition in this village.

- Horticultural Show; Craft Fair and Christmas Lights switch-on which are all part of the fabric of this lovely village.

We continue to tell all residents that we welcome their attendance at our meetings which would give them an opportunity to make comments and suggestions about village life.

6. Borough Councillor Report

The following report was given to the meeting: The last 4 years have been very enjoyable being a councillor, I have learned a lot and achieved many things. I have sat on numerous Licensing, and Licensing and Appeals Panel either as Chairman or sitting on the panel as one of the members. It is very satisfying to sit on these panels as it goes some way towards helping protect people from the poor-quality items being smuggled into the Country. It's amazing how much illegal tobacco and alcohol being smuggled and sold around Kings Lynn and the local area.

I have also served on the Planning Committee for the last 18 months and this has been one of the most challenging committees to sit on. You never please everybody and very few people want development in their backyard.

I have sat on the Standards Committee and this has seen a few panel meetings. This committee looks at where Borough Councillors and Parish Councillors can be brought before a group of their peers to raise questions if they do not abide by the Council's Code of Conduct. This has seen 2 Borough Councillors having to leave the Conservative Group. I have for the last 2 years sat on the Local Plan Task Group. This is looking at Housing and Land Supply for several years to come. This is also looking at land which may be suitable for future development. The Consultation for this has now closed. When we start the meetings again, we will go through the data we have received. Along with all of these roles I have attended Full Council meetings and Group meetings along with Parish Council meetings. I have met

Signed Chairman

many residents and helped people with their questions and concerns in the parishes I represent. I have now been re-elected and look forward to my next 4 years as the Borough Councillor taking on some new roles and continuing the work that I have started. Last Thursday evening we had Full Council. I have been awarded the job of Chairman of the Licencing Panel, I still remain on the Planning Committee and the Local Plan Task.

7. Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme

The following report was given: We attended more than 4,000 medically related appointments last year. Visiting Hospitals, Surgeries, Opticians, Dentists, Podiatrists etc. Also Nursing Homes, including weekends, Christmas Day and Hospital visiting. Collecting pensions and organising delivery of prescriptions, etc. We receive more requests to attend hospital appointments on Saturdays and Sundays. Rosemary Herbert – Burnham Overy Town - has retired, she was a very valuable member of our team. We have two new drivers – Peter Smith a retired Police Sergeant now living in Docking and Linda Craig Burnham Market.

The drivers appreciated the Christmas wine given to them by The Burnham's Surgery – Thank you to the Doctors and Staff. On the 27th July 2018 we were entered on the Register of Charities with the registered Charity Number 1179357 as a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' giving the Trustees limited liability. The committee agreed unanimously in favour of adopting a new Constitution to be used for this registration. The Charity Commission are satisfied Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme is established for charitable purposes only for public benefit. Alan Wright living in Titchwell has taken over as Treasurer - his wife Liz has offered to help with co-ordinating etc. Jane Moysey has retired as Co-ordinator of the Friends. Sarah Rich has kindly taken over - A very big 'Thank you' Jane for all your help and for increasing the membership. Also, Jane has been submitting our monthly Summary Sheets to NCC. In future Alan will do this. Alison Taylor came with me to a meeting in Sheringham – chaired by Norman Lamb with Speakers from the 'Big Lottery Fund'. I have submitted an application for funding. We are receiving funding from Norfolk County Council, North Norfolk District Council Community Transport, Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk – Parish Councils and other organisations in our area.

We have received cheques from 2 families we have looked after – one had an 80th birthday and asked for funds for us instead of presents - another celebrating an Anniversary has sent a cheque

We are very grateful to these families. 'THANK YOU' all for helping me to continue to keep this scheme working

8. The Burnham's Tennis Club

The following report was given to the meeting: Burnham Tennis Club had another very successful year. We have 132 members enrolled for the new season so far. We offer 10 membership packages and all bookings and communication is done through the LTA forum Clubspark. The club has a strong programme of events including a number of club tournaments during the year and participation in several leagues including the West Norfolk league and the Castle Acre league. We also ran a programme of events to support the Great British Tennis weekend. Regular floodlit sessions on Monday evenings during the Winter months continue to be popular. We also ran open tennis mornings every Sunday throughout the year. We continue to offer adult coaching on Saturday mornings followed by junior coaching on Saturday afternoons. The Club has a particularly active Youth section with Friday evening coaching for children, Saturday afternoon coaching, a tennis week in August and several junior competitions including a mini-Wimbledon and the ever popular Harold Moorhouse tournament. A new junior tournament will be introduced this September – sponsored by Viscount Coke.

Completion of the new pavilion is imminent; we hope to clear the site shortly. I trust you will agree that the new building is looking attractive and does the village credit. It's certainly well built, largely due to Jonathan Rix's diligence, and will serve the club well for the next 30+ years. This new facility will offer all weather viewing of the courts (particularly of interest to the mums and dads watching children's coaching) a large club room for meetings, small receptions and table tennis, a well-equipped kitchen to cater for tournaments, open days and children's tennis days, a multi-gender lavatory with wheelchair access fitted out to DOC M specification and a gents lavatory, changing and storage facilities. A large veranda and sitting out area, and a secure play area for small children will prove particularly popular on those sunny days that surely lie ahead. We hope this ambitious project will appeal to a wide village audience and encourage more families to benefit from tennis, both as a sport and as a social activity.

9. Craft Fair

The following report was given to the meeting: The 2018 Burnham Craft Fair was well supported by both local people and the usual influx of visitors. Much behind the scenes work took place as the new Craft Fair committee became used to the rigours of the day.

There was much to appreciate on the day and Stallholders expressed their satisfaction with how smoothly the various helpers assisted them. The range, variety and number of crafts was complimented by the number of price points.

Over £7, 500 was raised by the event which was distributed to local causes, particularly with young people in mind. This was sum one of the best in recent years.

10. Phoenix Ladies

The following report was given to the meeting: 2018 was our 12th year for the Phoenix ladies meeting group which was set up after the demise of the Burnham Market WI. We meet on a monthly basis (except August) in the Burnham Market Village Hall, when we would expect to see between 24/30 members at each meeting. The meetings are aimed at

being very informal, with lots of chat, inter-action and then followed by delicious afternoon refreshments. There are a variety of speakers, ranging from beauty, fashion, and local interest. Some of the highlights last year were: -

- Alan Downing (member of the City of London Livery Company) talking about the Lord Mayor's Show in London.
- A Bangladeshi Childhood – tales of a rural life in a faraway country, with a demonstration on how to elegantly wear 6 yards of material.
- The Red Barn Murder by Sue Parry (an extremely good True story) with an unexpected twist. The speaker had traced back her ancestors who were involved in this.

Normally we arrange an outside visit which in 2018 saw us visiting St Mary's Church at Houghton on the Hill a fascinating really really old building just outside Swaffham - always remembering to find an establishment which serves the best home-made cakes. We end the year with a Christmas lunch at the Crown in Wells – a great way to start the festivities. We do have Open Meetings where gentlemen are very welcome, if we think they would enjoy that particular topic. Dates, time of meetings and details of our speakers are all published in the Burnham's' Newsletter on a monthly basis. New members are always very welcome.

11. Village Hall

The following report was given to the meeting: The Village Hall has again continued to be used regularly by village organisations, individual bookings and by local businesses. The hiring charge remains unchanged at £7 per hour for commercial use and £5 per hour for local organisations and individuals. The result shows a small increase in hiring fees. We have continued support from the Audrey Earle Trust of £6000. Electric hand dryers were installed in the 3 toilets and also the kitchen. There was a leak in the Gents toilet which has been fixed, but it also required some new linoleum to be put down. External decoration of the hall was carried out this year. The hall will be closed in August 2019 for internal redecoration. The Charity has a surplus income over expenses in the current year of £5219. The Charity retains reserves of 3 times the annual expenditure with unrestricted funds of £49,528.

12. Horticultural Show

A verbal report was given to the meeting. Last years show was a show with a difference due to the unfortunate accident that took place. The Flower Show is a community event, so it is great that different village organisations are joining in and every year the range of events and categories increases. Help is always needed on the day, so anyone that could lend a hand, even for a short while would be really helpful.

13. Parishioners Question Time

Concerns were raised about the parking at the entrance to the car park which blocked the road and caused an obstruction for residents. It was also very dangerous for cars turning in and out of the road as cars were unable to see other vehicles.

Further to the reference to neighbourhood plans raised by Borough Councillor Sandell Councillor Campbell-Gray informed the meeting that the Parish Council had made the decision not to proceed with producing a plan due to lack of volunteers. It required at least 2 Parish Councillors and several volunteers from the community to be able to move forward with this. If further volunteers came forward Councillor Campbell-Gray had stated she was happy to lead on this.

The village hall representative was asked if a directional sign to the village hall could be put at the entrance to the hall as people often missed the turning. He said he would take it back to the village hall committee.

The Parish Council were asked whether they would consider a litter pick in the village as the litter builds up particularly in areas where development was taking place and in Beacon Hill Road.

The Parish Council were asked to consider whether there were any green areas in the village which could be highlighted as places to walk dogs. There were similar walks in other villages.

Residents in Foundry Field raised their concerns that the green areas were not being cut and weeded by the Borough Council. As this was Borough Council responsibility, they were advised to chase them. They had considered taking on some of the maintenance between themselves and asked for details of local gardening companies. It was agreed to give their details to the Parish Council contractor and they would be able to liaise directly with them to discuss this further. It would be the resident's responsibility to organise and arrange payment for this work.

Complaints were received about the number of signs left in the village advertising carpet sales. The Clerk had complained about this and had received no reply.

The Parish Council were asked why the dog bin in Herrings Lane had been moved. It was explained to the meeting that the Borough Council would not issue a licence for the bin as the land did not belong to anyone and landowner's permission could therefore not be sought. Because they would not issue a licence, they would also not empty the bin

and Councillor Howell had been emptying the bin for weeks. It had therefore been agreed to move the bin back to the village green. Residents were encouraged to complain to the Borough Council.

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Chairman, Burnham Market Parish Council