

BURSLEDON PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF BURSLEDON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12TH OCTOBER 2011 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, LONG LANE, BURSLEDON UPON THE RISING OF THE PRIOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Present : Cllr House (Chair)
Cllr Holes (Vice Chair)
Cllr Andrewes
Cllr Clarke
Cllr Money Penny
Cllr R Nichols
Cllr O'Sullivan
Cllr M Penn (from item 2 onwards)
Cllr Rich
Cllr Tubb (up to the start of item 4 – no vote)

In attendance: Mrs Jennifer Whittle (Parish Clerk – minute taking), Ms Angela Lush (Assistant Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Craig and Cllr McCormick.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Nichols declared a prejudicial interest (his wife worked at the surgery); Cllrs Penn and Rich declared personal but not prejudicial interests.

3. PARISH OFFICE RELOCATION

The Chair introduced this item and informed Members of the proposed arrangements. He said that the public consultation results for this project had been extremely positive. As far as the relocation of the Parish Office was concerned there were positives (location better, no dangerous steps, better lighting and far less lone working) and negatives (the Parish Council had an excellent relationship with the Village Hall and had to rescind this contract).

During debate a range of issues were identified including the suggestion that volunteers could be used to oversee the library.

Cllr Clarke proposed that the Parish Office should be relocated to the new Community Centre once it had been completed, Cllr O'Sullivan seconded and 9 Members voted in favour, with Cllr Nichols abstaining following his declaration of interest.

4. COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT – PROSPOSED LEASE

The Chair explained to Members that the parish representatives delegated to go through the proposed Lease had had an initial meeting to go through the Lease, followed by a meeting with the Borough Council to discuss matters arising; it was now for Council to go through the Head of Terms and then instruct a solicitor to negotiate with the Borough Council and other parties on behalf of BPC.

[Cllr Tubb left the meeting.]

During discussion members debated releasing the current Community Centre Car Park Lease held by the Parish Council and handing this to Eastleigh Borough Council to maintain, albeit with the Parish Council retaining free access rights for the community and a Traffic Regulation Order to regulate parking.

The Chair worked through the Lease clause by clause and asked Members to raise any matters that they were concerned about as they arose. Detailed issues would be resolved following consideration by all parties to the Lease that would include the Borough and Parish Councils, the GPs, and the Community Association. It was noted that items to resolve would include service charge arrangements, parking for staff, and merits of taking part of the freehold of the site or retaining a lease. The Council would need to make future budget provision following resolution of these issues.

Cllr Clarke proposed to accept the proposed draft Lease, subject to the amendments discussed and a joint meeting with the Community Association being held once the revised draft had been sent to the solicitors. It was agreed to instruct the Parish Council's current solicitors. Cllr Rich seconded and 8 Members voted in favour. Cllr Nichols abstained in conjunction with his declaration of interest.

Note – the Agenda for the meeting had included an exempt business discussion to discuss the Community Centre Project. During the meeting the Chair agreed to take all items in the public domain so there was no exempt business.

The meeting closed at 9.48 pm.