

Minutes and Proceedings of Bury Parish Council held at
Bury Village Hall, Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllr.P.Hazell Chairperson
 Cllr.D.Wakefield
 Cllr J.Hayes
 Cllr K.Prestage
 Cllr A.Johnston
 Cllr K.Turner
 Cllr.R.Scantlebury
 Cllr/C.Cllr. M.Tew
 Cllr. P.Brindley

 D.Cllr.P.Bucknell
 D.Cllr.J. Taverner

 Ms J McGlashan – Speedwatch Co-ordinator

 6 Members of the Public

 Clerk Mrs.C.Johnson

0916.01 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received

0916.02 COUNCILLORS INTERESTS

To receive from Councillors declarations as to personal or prejudicial interests and declarable pecuniary interests that might require the granting of dispensation the nature of those interests in relation to Agenda items.

No interests were declared

0916.03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Election of Vice Chairman was deferred to the next meeting.

0916.04 MINUTES OF MEETING of 6th July 2016

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

Correction to item 0716.07 Reports – Should read, Installation of WiFi at the Village Hall is still in discussion with no definite decision made yet.

0916.05 POLICE REPORT

A Police Forum is to be held on 21st September at 7.30 at Ramsey Methodist church. It was decided that Cllr Tew would be tasked with liaising with the Police on behalf of the Parish Council.

0916.06 RAF UPWOOD

Cllr Hazell sent a letter to Adrian Sail at Strawsons with the backing of Ramsey Town Council and Upwood Parish Council explaining the ongoing problems we are experiencing with youths entering the old buildings on the site.

A meeting was attended by Cllr Hazel, DCllr. Bucknell, representatives from the Police and Fire and Rescue Service on the 16th August to discuss the site. Strawson explained that the buildings cannot be demolished until Planning Permission has been granted, but they have agreed to increase the security of the site.

There are some historic buildings on the site which will hopefully eventually be available for Community groups to use.

The 106 agreement has been signed off and the Parish Council must decide if we are prepared to take over the maintenance of the public open spaces that will be created.

It was decided that more information was needed before this decision could be made and that an additional meeting would be arranged.

0916.07 REPORTS

Cllr Prestage attended the meeting of the Residents Charity and reported that the Village Hall are refurbishing the kitchen and that next year will see the 20th anniversary of the Hall.

Cllr Hazell attended a Devolution Meeting at Huntingdonshire District Council. The suggestion is that Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will become one authority with a Mayor/Chief Executive. The decision is out for consultation at the moment although it appears that the majority are in favour.

0916.08 PLANNING

Ref: 16/01680/HHFUL- Single storey extension to the side and rear elevation of 8 Upwood Road, Bury.

Unanimously agreed.

Ref: 16/00231/OUT Outline application for the erection of 2 dwellings on Land North of Lowbury, Bury Road.

Details of an appeal to the Secretary of State has been received on the above planning application against the decision of the Local planning Authority to refuse planning permission. Comments to be made within 5 weeks of the appeal date of 17th August. It was decided to seek advice on how to proceed with this.

Ref: 16/01818/TREE Crown lifting of Plane Tree – 23 Valiant Square.

In circulation.

0916.09 CEMETERY

Plot I34 reserved for Mr & Mrs Ward all relevant fees have been received.

The new bench in memory of Mr Lague has been installed in the cemetery.

After discussion it was decided that quotes should be obtained to erect a small post and rope fence around the Garden of Rest in the closed cemetery.

0916.10 FOOTPATHS

Cllr Scantlebury produced his bi-monthly report on the footpaths in the village. Mr Badcock is to be asked to spray the footpath along the playing field to kill the weeds and to tidy up the garden area in the small field.

Concerns were raised about the condition/safety of the bus shelter on Valiant Square. The management company that look after the site have previously been asked to remove the shelter however they are going to charge the homeowners an unrealistic price for the work and are not planning on removing it in the near future. It was decided that a letter should be written to them.

Cllr Scantlebury reported that all notices had been removed from the phone box over night for no apparent reason and a fallen branch had been cut up and the logs stacked behind the phone box as it is not clear whose responsibility they are.

0916.11 PLAYING FIELDS

Letters have been sent to the residents in Brookfield Way, High Street and some of Owls End outlining proposed plans for a MUGA and gym equipment on the large playing field. 10 replies have been received listing various objections to the plans. It was decided that a closed discussion would take place after the meeting on the way forward.

A public meeting is to be held on Saturday 10th September in the meeting room at the village hall to display the plans.

Cllr Johnston reported that he had found a large kitchen knife in a rubbish bin in the children's play area. DCllr Bucknell is to hand it into the police.

0916.12 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A questionnaire has been distributed to all residents and the results will be analysed and an open event will be arranged sometime in October when the results will be discussed. The Plan is continuing to be promoted with a recent display in Tesco and there will be a display at the open Parish meeting on Saturday.

The committee's request for an additional £200 funding was proposed by Cllr Wakefield and seconded by Cllr Prestage and agreed unanimously.

0916.13 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON OWLS END

The consultation for the suggested traffic calming in Owls End will take place from 30th August to 20th September when it will be advertised in the newspaper and on

street notices and letters will be sent to residents in Owls End between the High Street and Old Stable Walk by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Cllr Tew suggested that the streetlighting should remain on through the night over the whole area up to Woodfield Avenue to enable the signs to be seen. This was agreed unanimously.

0916.14 PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON GRENFELL ROAD

The parking restrictions on Grenfell Road have been approved by the County Council and the work should be completed in the near future.

0916.15 TUNKERS LANE

An email has been received from Mr Mumford concerning the traffic using the green lane area of Tunkers Lane. The main concerns are the number, type and speed of vehicles using this area. The lane has been used as a thoroughfare for a number of years now which means that it would not be possible to block one end. Cllr Tew has arranged for the Highways Officer to come out to have a look at the area.

0916.16 SPEEDWATCH

Speedwatch has already been operating in the village with sessions in Upwood Road, High Street and Owls End. More volunteers are needed to help with Speedwatch.

Ms McGlashan has asked for funding for 3 road signs to be purchased advising road users that Speedwatch is in operation in the village at a cost £88 + vat per sign. This was agreed unanimously.

Cllr Tew reported that the Highways Department are not prepared to drop the speed limit between Upwood and Bury and suggested positioning kissing gates at the entry to the villages as a visual reminder to slow vehicles down.

The plans for RAF Upwood include roundabouts at 2 possible locations on the Upwood Road which should slow the traffic.

0916.17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk reported that she had received the following correspondence:

1. Information from UK Power Networks concerning the launch of the new national phone number for reporting power cuts.
2. Letter from HDC reference the grass cutting programme for 2016.
3. Letter from Ramsey Town Council reference the Solar Farm money. It was decided that a meeting should be arranged with the Town Council to discuss this further.
4. Letter from Sandra Hodges re starting up a Youth Club in Bury. There is not really a building suitable for a Youth Club at the moment but buildings will be available for the community on the RAF Upwood site.
5. Invitation to Cambridgeshire ACRE's AGM on 27th September at 2.00p.m.
6. Invitation to Cambridgeshire Fens LEADER Project coffee morning on 20th September.
7. Wistow Parish Council invited Councillors to attend Councillor training to be held in Wistow.
8. Information from Cambridgeshire County Council about the Local Highway Improvement Initiative for this year.
9. New regulations from the Pension Regulator with information that all employees must be offered a pension. The Clerk was offered a pension however she declined the offer.
10. Community Highways Volunteering Information Pack. It was decided that we should register the Parish Council on the scheme.
11. A questionnaire from The Flood and Water Team at Cambridgeshire County Council.
12. Details of Support Cambridgeshire Launching New Service for County Voluntary and Community Organisations.
13. Invitation to Cambridgeshire Parish Council Conference on 18th November in St Ives.

0916.18 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Power</u>
CGM Group – re grass cutting June	£158.40	Open spaces Act. 1906 s.9/10
C. Johnson - re Clerk's fees July	£416.66	Local Govt.Act 1972 s.112
M Badcock – re cemetery handyman duties/July	£300.00	Local Govt.Act 1972 s.215

S Bell – re caretaking duties June/July/Aug	£250.00	Open spaces Act. 1906 s.9/10
CGM Group – re grass cutting July	£158.40	Open spaces Act. 1906 s.9/10
PKF Littlejohn LLP – re audit fees	£240.00	Audit commission
V.A.Steward – engraving shields for Garden show	£15.00	Local Govt. Act 1976 s.19
C Johnson – re Clerk's fees August	£455.90	Local Govt. Act 1972 s. 112
CGM Group – re grass cutting August	£158.40	Open Spaces Act. 1906 s.9/10
M Badcock – re cemetery handyman duties/Aug	£450.00	Local Govt. Act. 1972 s.215

Signing mandate to be completed for Barclays Bank accounts. Cllrs Brindley and Wakefield to be added to the mandate.

Direct Debit mandate for Nest Pensions

0916.20 COUNCIL MEMBERS BIOGRAPHIES

Cllr Brindley suggested putting a small biography of each Councillor on the Parish Council website. As some Councillors were reluctant to do this it was decided not to proceed.

0916.19 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

0916.20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Wakefield reported the theft of a metal gate post in the village.

Cllr Brindley asked about the condition of Bury Brook – the Environment Agency are responsible and no longer clear the weeds as it causes damage to the environment. He also mentioned that a small stream in Holt Drove was in need of clearing. Cllr Brindley mentioned that there was not a sign coming into the village from Ramsey. HDC are responsible for street signs.

Cllr Tew reported that Old Stable Walk and Buryfields has been patched and Anglian Water has dealt with an on-going leak near the church.

The xmas lights switch on was raised by Cllr Prestage. The Chairman of HDC was asked if he would switch the lights on and the date was set at Friday 25th November. DCllr Taverner offered to arrange barriers.

Cllr Wakefield confirmed that the new xmas lights have now arrived and it was agreed that the old ones should be sold.

DCllr Bucknell has received emails from the residents in Brookfield Way about a grass area that is unadopted and therefore is not cut by the council. He asked if the council is prepared to take over the maintenance of this area.

Cllr Tew and DCllr Bucknell reminded the council that the closing date for Ramsey Wind Farm Grant applications closes on 21st September.

0916.21 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

A resident of Valiant Square informed the council about an on-going issue with pigs escaping from RAF Upwood. Cllr Hazell will contact Strawsons.

Mr & Mrs Saxby thanked Cllr Tew for his assistance in solving a problem for them.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.36pm.