

Minutes and Proceedings of Bury Parish Council held at
Bury Village Hall, Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllr.P.Hazell Chairperson
 Cllr J.Hayes
 Cllr A.Johnston
 Cllr/C. Cllr. M.Tew
 Cllr. P.Brindley

 D.Cllr.P.Bucknell
 D.Cllr.J.Tavener

 3 Members of the Public

 Clerk Mrs.C.Johnson

0317.01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Prestage, Wakefield, Scantlebury and Turner.

0317.02 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

0317.03 MINUTES OF MEETING of 1st February 2017

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

0317.04 POLICE REPORT

Ecops reported the on-going problems with the RAF Upwood site, unauthorized car racing on the airfield, a road traffic accident on the High Street and some local burglaries.

0317.05 COMMUNITY BUSINESS

An email has been received from Ramsey Town Council asking our thoughts on setting up a Youth Council with them. Cllr Tew agreed that it was a way of engaging with the local youth.

0317.06 REPORTS

Cllr Hazell reported on the concerns voiced by Cllr Wakefield about items appearing on Social Media sites before the Council have agreed them. Cllr Brindley is now the administrator for the Bury Facebook site and therefore will monitor items.

0317.07 RAF UPWOOD

Various complaints have been received by the Clerk concerning what appears to be car race meetings being held on the airfield. Cllr Hazell has contacted the landowner who has put a stop to any further meetings.

D.Cllr Bucknell confirmed that outline planning permission should be granted by the end of the month then demolition will be able to start and hopefully this will put a stop to the on-going issues with trespassers.

0317.08 CLINIC SITE

D.Cllr Bucknell will keep us informed when the revised plans are available to view.

0317.09 PLANNING

**Ref: 16/02721/OUT Proposed development of site into 5 two bedroomed flats.
Former 26 Fairfields Drive, Ramsey.**

Declined by majority

**Ref: 17/00125/HHFUL Proposed single storey side and rear extension.
8 Upwood Road.**

Approved by majority

0317.10 CEMETERY.

A decision was made to start preparing the extension to the cemetery by planting a horse friendly hedge, probably beech, around the perimeter of the area with the idea that it will have matured in 4-5 years time when the partitioning fence and gate will be removed and the final preparations made to the area to integrate it into the existing cemetery. A quotation has been received for the work from Mr Badcock and it was decided to proceed with this.

0317.11 FOOTPATHS

Cllr Scantlebury's bi-monthly report highlighted the condition of the telephone box. Cllr Hazell will repaint when he can and Cllr Johnston will look at the possibility of brighter lighting.

Cllr Johnston reported that the bins on the playing field had been set light to again. Cllr Brindley is to look at the bench and the bin on the pound as they are in need of some attention.

0317.12 PLAYING FIELDS

The play inspection report has been received. The old slide is earmarked as a moderate risk due to the metal corroding.

Confirmation has been received for a grant of £11,800 from the Ramsey Wind Farm for the purchase of the gym equipment on the large playing field.

Following an in depth discussion about the maintenance contract for the gym equipment and as no decision was made it was decided to call an extraordinary closed council meeting to discuss this in detail and make a final decision. This meeting is to be held on 15th March at 7.30p.m.

0317.13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan has recruited two additional volunteers. Their next meeting will be held on 16th March when Cambridgeshire ACRE will attend.

0317.14 SPEEDING TRAFFIC

D.Cllrs Tavener and Bucknell have received an email from a resident concerned about the speeding vehicles on the B1040. This has been passed onto the Member of Parliament. After much discussion it appears the only way forward is to apply for a Local Highways Initiative Grant next year for putting gates at the entrance to Bury on that road.

0317.15 TUNKERS LANE

It was decided that the letters explaining the options for the green lane area should be sent to all Bury residents. Boxes should be put in place for the replies, possibly in the village store, Bury Cakes and Pies, the Pub and the Garage.

0317.16 SPEEDWATCH

Jo has resigned from the position of co-ordinator. £200 has been received from Woodwalton Parish Council for their share in the Speedwatch equipment. Cllr Tew will chase up the signs that were ordered some months ago and not received.

0317.17 TRANSPARENCY CODE

Cllr Brindley has suggested that we display a Transparency Code on the website. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the Transparency Code for Smaller Councils.

0317.18 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Clerk reported that she had received the following correspondence:

1. Invitation from Huntingdonshire District Council Executive Councillor for Community Resilience to attend a conference in St Ives on 30th March. Cllrs. Tew and Brindley are to attend.
2. Letter from East Cambridgeshire District Council offering Grounds Maintenance services through their trading company East Cambs Trading Company.
3. Youth Work Services in Cambridgeshire offering regular open access youth clubs in one of their bespoke youth buses.
4. Details from CAPALC reference consultation on the Draft Membership Agreement between CAPALC and Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Member Councils.

0317.19 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNATURE

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Power</u>
Cambridgeshire County Council – Streetlighting	£96.23	Parish Councils Act 1957s.3
The Play Inspection Company re play area	£69.00	Open spaces Act 1906 s.9/10
Gala Lights re additional xmas lights	£183.96	Local Govt.Act 1972 s.144
Cambridgeshire ACRE re Neighbourhood Plan	£480.00	T & C Planning Act 1990,S61F
C Johnson reClerk's fees for February	£464.99	Local Govt.Act 1972 s.112
M Badcock re cemetery handyman duties Jan/Feb	£900.00	Local Govt. Act 1972 s.215

0317.20 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

0317.21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Hazell reported that he had received a number of applications for the Clerk's position and that the closing date is 17th March with interviews to be held on 22nd March.

Cllr. Brindley mentioned the positioning of a village sign near Signal Road. D.Cllr. Bucknell reported that the original sign was removed as it was causing confusion, however he will contact Huntingdonshire District Council to try and get it re-instated. Cllr. Tew reported that Councillor training held recently at Wistow went well and suggested that it may be worth running another one.

It was suggested that a working party should be formed to carry out some of the jobs around the village. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

0317.22 PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD

A Member of the Public informed the Council that vehicles are ignoring the waiting time limit on the new bays in Grenfell Road and some cars being parked for days at a time. The Clerk is to contact the PCSO to investigate this for us.

Ms McGlashan explained that despite her best efforts she has been unable to sign up sufficient volunteers to keep Speedwatch going. Mr Large offered to take over as co-ordinator and ideas were suggested for ways to get more volunteers, which would enable Speedwatch to run more often. In the meantime the Council will continue to push the Highways Department to get some sort of speed restriction in place.