



Minutes of the Meeting of Billingshurst Parish Council

Wednesday 1 September 2021

7.30pm

Present

Cllrs Paul Berry (Chairman), Graeme Acraman, Barry Barnes, Edna Bengler, Garry Commins, Sandy Duck, Phillip Day, Craig Gale, Dave Homer, James Marchant, Roy Margetts, Ken Peters, Caroline Beresford Pratt, Doug Waller and Sarah Wilson.

In attendance

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

County Cllr Amanda Jupp

1 Members of the Public

84/21 Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman commented:

1. That Cllrs wishing to speak should raise their hand and speak clearly and loudly as the meeting was being streamed to the internet.
2. *I am sure that I speak on behalf of us all when I say how sorry I was to recently hear of the passing of Jim Burroughs.*

Jim was, quite simply, one of the most community-minded people I have ever met. There have been many tributes paid to Jim by those who came into contact with him through his love of local sports, particularly cricket. Although not a parish councillor, Jim was a great friend to the council and assisted it many times.

When the sports facilities were being moved from Station Road to Jubilee Fields, Jim formed half of the dynamic duo which really pushed the project forward and helped create the sports facilities we have now, the other half of that duo of course being our own Cllr Barry Barnes.

In Jim's own words, the process of setting up Jubilee Fields was at times arduous but I certainly never saw Jim act anything other than completely calmly, professionally and with great care and kindness. I myself often found his wise counsel very reassuring and Jim was someone I looked up to and admired enormously.

I am sure you will all join me in offering our condolences to Jim's family.

85/21 Apologies for Absence.

None

86/21 To Receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for a dispensation.

None

Adjournment for

87/21 Public Session (Members of the Public may speak for up to 3 minutes at the discretion of the Chairman).

None

88/21 Reports from:

- a. County Councillor Mrs Amanda Jupp reported that West Sussex County Council (WSSC) was inviting views on a new Bus Strategy; a consultation would commence this autumn about services delivered by the County Council in the future. She would send to the Clerk, details about a solar domestic energy offer; WSSC had agreed to find homes for some Afghan refugees; she was pleased to hear from Cllr Paul Berry that the *I Love West Sussex* app was now easier and convenient to use.
- b. All three District Cllrs had tendered apologies as they were at a Horsham District Council (HDC) meeting.
- c. Council Representatives on Outside Bodies.
Cllr Graeme Acraman reported that Horsham Association of Local Councils (HALC) were continuing to work with HDC on getting more recognition and involvement for parishes in not only the new Local Plan but other issues.
Cllr Sandy Duck advised that another Community Gardening Day at Station Road Community Gardens (SRCG) was planned for Sat 18th Sept - all welcome!

Resume Meeting

89/21 Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2021.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2021, previously circulated were taken as read. On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Ken Peters, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record accordingly.

90/21 Matters Arising – that are not separate agenda items

None

91/21 To receive Minutes as approved by the following Committees:

- a) On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer seconded by Cllr Doug Waller, **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meetings of 8 and 29 July 2021 be received.
- b) On the proposal of Cllr Ken Peters seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the F&GP Committee meeting of 23 June 2021 be received.

92/21 To review appointments to committees etc.

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** the appointments as set out in Appendix A.

93/21 To agree the meeting schedule for 2022

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Berry, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** the meeting schedule for 2022 as tabled.

94/21 Neighbourhood Wardens - to receive Wardens' Report for July.

NOTED

95/21 Any other matters for information only.

None.

96/21 Date of Next Meeting – 1 September 2021

Meeting finished at 7.44pm

BILLINGSHURST PARISH COUNCIL	
COMMITTEES, WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES	
2021-22	
(The Council has set the max. membership for Committees to 10 members.)	
COMMITTEES	
Planning & Environment	EB, GC, DH , JM, CBP, SW, DW
Property	GA , BB, PB, SD , DH, RM, CG
Finance & General Purposes	GA, BB, EB, PB, DH, RM, KP , CG , PD
Working Practices	PB, DH, RM, DW , SW, CG
Billingshurst Centre	GA, KP , SW , SD, CG, RM
Complaints (5 members Max)	PB, SD, RM
Complaints Chairman	SD
WORKING PARTIES	
Neighbourhood Plan	GA, SD
Emergency Planning	GA, EB, SD
Internal Audit	GA, DH, RM, PD
East St Traffic Calming	PB, GA
Youth Liaison	RM, SW, CG
Jubilee Skatepark WP	BB, PB, DH, CG
Local Plan	DH, BB, GA, DW
Traffic Calming	

Bold indicates Chairman/Vice Chairman

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES	
Allotments Society	EB
B'hurst Sports & Recn. Assn. (BSRA)	CG
Friends of Station Road Gardens x1	BB, SD
HALC (H'ham Assn Local Ccls)	GA + SD
N'hood Warden Steering Group x2	GA, SD, PB, Clerk
Public Art Steering Group	Clerk
SPD Working Group	SD + Clerk
Trustee of Adversane Hall x1	SD
Trustee of Dauxwood Pre-School x1	SD
West Sussex Association Local Councils (WSALC) AGM x2	SD, GA
Youth Council	
B'hurst Flood Action Group	GA

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