**MINUTES OF THE BURTON JOYCE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held Tuesday 4th February 2014**

**Carnarvon Rooms, Burton Joyce at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs, Cluff, Fife, Hazard, Hutt (Chair), Hyde, Potter & Wells

**In Attendance:** Jackie Dawn (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Sarah Tomlinson (GBC)

**14/716 Apologies:** Cllrs C Blandamer, P Blandamer, Greenfield & Johnson

**14/717 Declarations of Interest:** None received

**14/718 Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January 2014**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th January 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**14/719 Open Session for the Public – *meeting adjourned at 7.32pm***

Cllr Sarah Tomlinson advised that a report had been made to Notts County Council’s Highways Department regarding potholes on Main Street and Padley’s Lane. It noted that the United Reform Church in Lambley Lane was amalgamating with the Methodist Church and it had been suggested that the building may be suitable for a youth service provision. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Communities Committee.

**14/720 Budget Performance & Bank Reconciliation**

It was ***resolved*** to approve the schedule of cheque payments for January/February which had been previously circulated. The bank reconciliation and financial report to the end of January was noted.

**14/721 Correspondence**

It was ***resolved*** to note the correspondence detailed as an attachment to the agenda.

**14/722 Budget 2014/15**

It was acknowledged that the Parish Council had approved a provisional precept figure at its January meeting. Three options were tabled for discussion. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council had minimised the impact to residents of the complete loss of funding from Gedling Borough Council in the previous year by committing £10,000 of funds from its reserves and that this situation was not sustainable. After considering the level of services to be provided; the projected outcome for the current financial year and taking into consideration required items of capital expenditure and potential professional fees for 2014/15 it was ***resolved*** to formally approve option B as the Parish Council’s budget for 2014/15 and to set the ‘Band D’ (Precept) figure at £75.76

**14/723 Public Toilets**

It was noted that Gedling Borough Council had completed the registration for absolute freehold title with the Land Registry. Financial arrangements for demolition and indemnity insurance were yet to be confirmed but it was anticipated that Gedling Borough Council would meet these costs. It was advised that Gedling Borough Council solicitors were currently drawing up a draft contract for the transfer of ownership of the public toilets for to Burton Joyce Parish Council, subject to formal consent of the Parish Council for the transaction to proceed. It was noted that the Parish Council would have to appoint a solicitor to deal with the purchase. It was ***resolved*** that the Parish Council formally approve the purchase of the Public Toilets on Church Road, Burton Joyce from Gedling Borough Council for the sum of £1. It was ***resolved*** to allow the Parish Clerk to appoint a suitable solicitor on behalf of the Parish Council and on receipt of 3 quotes. It was noted that the Public Toilet working group would meet on Tuesday 25th February at 6.30pm in the Parish Office to consider all options.

**14/724 Village Centre Improvement – LIS Bid**

Following the formal notification of withdrawal of funds previously granted by Notts County Council, a meeting had been held with Groundworks to look at whether the village centre improvement scheme could be saved. It was understood that a number of options had been considered and all property owners notified. The Chairman advised that he had written to Notts County Council to ask them to reverse the decision but it was unlikely that this would happen. The Parish Clerk advised that a claim for costs incurred to date by the Parish Council had been submitted to Notts County Council. It was noted that contact had been made with the Officer at Notts County Council regarding the new funding scheme for 2014/15 to identify the required criteria and to establish the bidding process and an update would be provided at the next meeting. The Parish Clerk also advised that representatives of the Village Plan Committee had requested a meeting to discuss instigating a local fund raising campaign.

**14/725 Village Events**

The Parish Council ***resolved*** to approve the following dates for 2014:

1. Bonfire & Fireworks Display – Saturday 1st November 2014
2. Christmas Fair & Festive Light Switch on – Saturday 29th November 2014

**14/726 War Memorial**

It was noted that Gedling Borough Council had received a request from a resident to install disabled access to the War Memorial. The Parish Clerk confirmed that it had been established that the Parish Council had previously acted as custodians for the War Memorial and that Gedling Borough Council had passed on the enquiry re disabled access. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would look at options available for the provision of temporary disabled access to the site and report back to the next meeting. It was noted that, as the memorial was a grade 2 listed structure, listed building and planning consent would be required for any works. It was ***resolved*** to approve the submission of listed building and planning consent for works relating to the War Memorial

**14/727 Poplars Furniture**

Cllr Cluff briefed the meeting on the outstanding situation regarding the lounge chairs at the Poplars Sports Ground. Following a brief discussion it was ***resolved*** to keep the existing chairs, accept responsibility for the stacking issue and to accept the delivery of 4 upholstered bar stools at no charge as final settlement.

**14/728 Meeting Schedule 2014/15**

It was ***resolved*** to approvethe meeting schedule for 2014/15 as presented.

**14/729 Committees**

1. **Amenities**: It was ***resolved*** to receive minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2014 and to consider the following recommendations contained therein:
2. **14/311 Allotments:** The development of the former muck plot, with the assistance of Notts Wildlife Trust, for conversion to a conservation area was agreed in principle and referred back to the Amenities Committee
3. **14/315 The Grove:** It was ***resolved*** to approve the Three Villages Gala complimentary use of the Grove for the 2014 May Fair
4. **Planning:** It was noted that there had been no formal meeting held in January
5. **Poplars Sports Ground**: It was noted that there had been no formal meeting held in January
6. **Community Engagement:** It was noted that there had been no formal meeting held in January
7. **Finance & General Purposes**: It was noted that there had been no formal meeting held in January

**14/730 Information Update**

Cllr Hyde advised that improvement work was underway at Lee Road level crossing.

***Meeting closed at 8.30pm***

***Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 4th March 2014***