

BISHOP BURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 October commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr David Oxtoby (Chairman); Cllr Mrs Sue Ellerington (Vice-Chairman);
Cllr Leonard Byass; Cllr Martin Gray; Cllr Andrew Oxtoby;
Cllr Ms Hilary Swann; Cllr Trevor Thomas; Cllr Jack Wray

Ward Cllr Mrs Phyllis Pollard

10.330 Mr Philip Silk and Mr Jonathan Foster re Crawberry Hill – Rathlin Energy – oil exploration

Mr Silk and Mr Foster gave a detailed outline programme of the proposed development. Briefly, a seismic study had been carried out which enables identification of a target within a local area. The next step is to explore the site and drill a well. Environmental surveys regarding the environmental impact on the area are carried out prior to a planning application being submitted. There were concerns regarding the noise, archaeological, physical, landscape and environmental impact on the area. However, independent reports had been produced. The estimated timetable is (1) preparing the site – 5 weeks, (2) drilling – 24 hours a day – 6 weeks, (3) testing – 90 days, restoration – 5 weeks. The initial application is to enable the Company to ensure that there is either/or oil and gas. If there is, then a further application would be made. There were concerns regarding the transport of whatever resource was found – oil is transported by tanker, gas by pipeline.

Members were very concerned regarding the impact of the increased heavy traffic movements.

10.331 Apologies for absence

Cllr David Jolliffe

10.332 Declaration of Members' Interests

Cllr Andrew Oxtoby – prejudicial interest – Crawberry Hill oil exploration.

10.333 Open Forum

No issues raised.

10.334 Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July, having been previously circulated, were approved as an accurate record of events and duly signed by the Chairman.

10.335 Matters Arising:

- a) Flashing speed limit signs – an update on this long running issue was given by Cllr Mrs Pollard, who informed the meeting that the cost of purchasing a flashing sign would be in the region of £2,000.00. It was hoped, in the new financial year, that a 'used' flashing sign would be available.

It was agreed to see if this was the case. Cllr Pollard promised she would keep Members informed.

- b) Litter bins – it was reported that the litter bins are waiting to be installed.
- c) Johnsons pond – Cllr Wray and Cllr Thomas stated that this was still a work in progress. It was agreed a meeting to look at the work needed should take place on Sunday 9 October at 10.30.
The partial removal of weeds from all but the west end of the pond was agreed – the fence would be removed in readiness for the installation of the new fence.
- d) Bus shelter – it was reported that the shelter had been professionally power washed and cleaned. Cllr Jolliffe had painted the seat, fascia board and guttering. The Parish Council recorded their grateful thanks and appreciation for this work. It was agreed to have the bus shelter power washed every six months – this action was approved by all present.
- e) Street lights – it was reported that the Church light had been completed but the lights on York Road are still waiting to be installed.
- f) Notice board – it was reported that the notice-board had been refurbished by Cllr Jolliffe
- g) Play area – this was still a project in progress. Cllr Mrs Ellerington stated that she would be enquire about enlisting the assistance of Mandy Tomlinson to see if it would be possible to get the project up and running.
- h) War memorial – it was agreed that, through the website, volunteers be asked to give assistance. The date to be Saturday 29 October. Cllr Gray reported that the majority of the tree felling had been done – the area needed tidying up.
- i) Grass cutting on the highway – junctions – Mill Lane, Joby, Finchcroft plus Garth End Road – this work had been carried out.
- j) Cold Harbour View railings and hand rails in Puddingate – Steve Charlton (ref call 468227) – the Clerk reported that to date there had been no feedback – it was agreed that further action should be requested.

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Planning

11/03331/PLB – Erection of two storey extension, No. 2 porch canopies, installation of No. 5 velux windows, alterations to roof and external alterations to rear and external alterations to front with associated internal alterations and erection of a wall to rear following demolition of existing wall – Lings Farm, York Road, Bishop Burton. The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

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Lings Farm, York Road, Bishop Burton. The Parish Council have no objections to this application.

Approved by ERYC planning:

11/02132/PLF – Retention of gazebo - Altisidora, York Road

To Appeal

11/02107/STPLF – erection of 1 no. Meteorological mast with a maximum height of 60m for a temporary period of 36 months, Land south of Cow Wold Farm, Bishop Burton – application refused.

Application now to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate

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Finance

To be approved:

R S Cleaning – bus shelter	£100.00
BB Village Hall	£611.00
BB Parochial Church Council	£349.00
BB Parochial Church Council	£31.00
Bishop Burton News	£311.00
Ralph Hansby Charity	£311.00
Bishop Burton Darby & Joan	£216.00
Bishop Burton Bowls Club	£105.00
Bonfire Night donation – Cllr Wray	£25.00
J R Turnbull – grass cutting	£696.75
Clerks quarterly salary	£249.84

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council Insurance covers the bonfire event as long as there is a member of the Parish Council present.

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Any other business

None

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Correspondence

ERYC Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations
Footway lighting maintenance – schedule of lighting and an inventory of lighting stock
Parish News – September 2011

CPRE – Field Work

CE Electric survey

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Any other issues of concern

Rathlin Energy – oil exploration – it was agreed that, prior to any decision being made there should be a public meeting to ensure that all parishioners are aware of the proposed development and its impact on the community. The Clerk was asked to arrange this with the developers.

Replacement trees – it was reported that the Parish appeared to be losing quite a few well established trees . Cllr Oxtoby stated that there was a re-planting programme in place and the trees that had been lost would be replaced with Sweet Chestnut trees.

Dalegate Cottages – Cllr Wray stated that there were issues regarding visitors, etc knowing where the cottages are. It was agreed that the present signage should be looked at to see if anything could be done to improve the situation.

Noise from Bishop Burton College – Cllr Mrs Ellerington stated that during fresher’s week there had been numerous complaints to the police regarding the noise levels coming from The College. There was supposed to be an agreement where the College inform Cllr Mrs Ellerington of any such event to ensure that residents are aware. It was agreed that the ‘out of hours’ telephone number for Noise Pollution should be publicised.

Litter – it was reported that the volume of litter had increased over the past few months. Cllr Mrs Ellerington had arranged for equipment – gloves, bags etc – to be provided – this had been done by ERYC.

It was reported that dog fouling was again on the increase – it was agreed that something should be placed in the Village magazine asking dog walkers to be more considerate and to clean up after their pets.

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Date of next meeting – Monday 5 December 2011

Chairman.....

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