

BURN PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BURN PARISH COUNCIL, THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2012

The meeting started at 7.30pm after the parish council's meeting with a representative from the company designing the proposed extension to the travellers' site

Present:

- Councillors: C. Phillipson, Chairman; P. Storr, Vice-chairman; D. Bellamy; E. Boldan; S. Hearld; Wm. Hearld; A. Phillipson; B Phillipson. Clerk – M Farman
- Public: one member of the public

011301. Welcome:

- Chairman welcomed all to the meeting

011302. Public session:

- The elector present had no comments to make at this point

011303. Apologies:

- Apologies received from County Councillor C Pearson and District Councillor C Lunn. Members expressed their disappointment at the councillors' non-attendance

011304. Minutes of 6 December Meeting:

- Council **resolved** to accept 6 Dec minutes as an accurate record

011305. Signing of Minutes:

- The Chairman signed the accepted minutes

011306. Reports:

- Council to receive reports from: -
 - i. Chair – covered in the agenda
 - ii. County Councillor – no report
 - iii. District Councillor – no report
 - iv. Other Officers – no report
 - v. Other representatives – Burial Board: Cllr D Bellamy reported that Burn's contribution would be increasing by 6%, around £17, for the financial year 2013-14

0113207. Proposed extension to Travellers' site at Burn:

- Appears that Selby District Council intends to go ahead with the proposal and a planning application will be submitted. Also appears that this is now classed as a new site, not an extension to the existing site
- A public consultation is to be arranged

011308. RFO's report on closing balances and payments:

- a) Current balances

- i. Community Account - £2,837.91 as per 4 January statement
- ii. Reserve Account - £4,344.75
- b) Payments made since last meeting
 - i. £ 47.40 – HMRC; clerk's PAYE; 3rd payment
- c) Payments to be made

	Cheque No.
i. £ 35.00 – Clerk; 7 weeks use of home as office @ £5 per week	100769
ii. £277.44 – S Hearld; final Snowbirds settlement	100770

(The event broke even, so no cost to the parish council. Thanks expressed to Cllr S Hearld)
Total payments at meeting: - £312.44
- d) Payments received and not shown on bank statement:
 - i. £ 50.00 – Donation to fighting fund
 - ii. £ 50.00 – Donation to fighting fund
 - iii. £100.00 – Donation for Christmas lights

Total payments received: - £200.00
- e) Acceptance of report: Council **resolved** to accept the report and payments
- f) Information from SDC re precept
 - Councils will receive the amount they ask for this year, but there is likely to be a threshold of between 1% and 2% on any rise in 2013-14
 - It is unlikely that there will be any grant in 2014-15; there may have to be a cut in the precept
 - A lively discussion re the implications followed. Clerk explained the need to keep a minimum carry forward figure of at least half the precept in the current/community account. Council discussed the forecast spending for 2013-14, looked at possible savings and **resolved**, after much heated debate, to re-submit a precept request of £6,050.00

011309. Planning

- i. planning applications received: - none received
- ii. Planning decisions received: - none received

011310. Correspondence received since last meeting; (For information only unless stated otherwise)

- i. ICQ – confirmation of renewal of registration
- ii. Rural Action Yorkshire – keeping warm. healthy and safe over winter meeting
- iii. Autela Payroll Services – no price increase for 2013-14
- iv. Clerks and Councils Direct – news magazine; passed to vice-chairman
- v. Cost of joining the Yorkshire Local Councils Association - £207 for the next financial year. Council **resolved** to leave paying until the end of March
- vi. Letter from handyman – also a parish councillor on another parish council. **Resolved** that the clerk writes to thank him

011311. Action taken since last meeting. (For information only)

- a) Traveller's site proposals – dealt with at 011307
- b) Other action covered in reports

011312. Minor items:

- Query re cost to council of Christmas festivities and other such events: - only the cost of putting up and taking down the lights because of health and safety issues. Lights covered by grants and donations. Lively and heated discussion. Cllr Bellamy expressed his appreciation of the work done by councillors in organising the Big Lunch and the Christmas festivities.

- Cllr Boldan reported seeing needles at the bridge; told by police to ignore it, and hare coursing

011313. Items for the next agenda:

- Field value and rent level
- Appointment of internal auditor
- Standing Orders and Financial Regulations review

011314. Further comments from public present:

- Interesting meeting; more information about the travellers' site proposals; police unhappy about a large site – tend to cause problems; SDC now saying it is a new site, not an extension; the site is being offered for sale – should this not be by public tender? Travellers pay rent to SDC for the first 6 years.
- Chairman to pass on website links to the member of the public.

011315. Date, time and place of next meeting

- Thursday 28 February; 7.00pm; Burn chapel room

011316. Closure of meeting

- The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed



Chris Phillipson, Chairman

Date 28 February 2013

Action points from meeting

- Cllr C Phillipson – Send links re travellers' site to member of public
- Clerk – E-mail councillors re response to send to Dieter plus dates/letters to residents for public consultation
- Clerk – Submit revised precept to SDC
- Clerk – Write to Julia Mulligan re police response to needles