

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT CLOCK BARN HALL, HAMBLEDON ROAD, BUSBRIDGE
ON TUESDAY 17th May 2016**

The meeting was opened at 6.15pm

Present:

Mr John Graves , Chairman
Mrs Pippa English, Vice Chairman
Mrs Maxine Long
Dr Alison Martin
Mrs Hilary Westwood

Mr Richard Seaborne – Waverley Borough Councillor

Mr Martin Read

Mr Michael Dennett , Parish Clerk

1	PUBLIC DEBATE Martin Read attended and presented a proposal for a Neighbourhood plan for Busbridge.
2	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE None
3	DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS No Member declared any pecuniary interest in any agenda item.
4	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th April 2016 The minutes of the last meeting held on 12 th April 2016 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
5	MATTERS ARISING All matters arising are dealt with as agenda items
6	ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DEBATE 10 MINUTES See Minute 9
7	FINANCE The parish clerk informed the meeting that the current bank balance was £18495.51. Estimated expenditure to 31 March 2017 amounts to £9500. This excludes any costs to be incurred regarding the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The following payments were approved and cheques signed: Clerk's salary 312.00 Clerk's expenses to 10 May 46.63 Throwers Signs 100.80 SSALC 42.00 Clock Barn Hall room hire 36.00 It was agreed that the Clerk should compile a list of subscriptions and donations incurred over the last two years so that a budget can be agreed. To be added to the next meeting's agenda on 6 th September 2016

	<p>REVIEW OF BANKING ARRANGEMENTS Maxine Long and Hilary Westwood signed the Lloyds online banking application form for submission to Lloyds.</p>
8	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>WA/2016/0710 : Homewood House, Hambledon Road GU8 4AY Alterations to proposed landscaping. No Objection</p> <p>WA/2016/0772 : Nuthatches, 1 New Road, Godalming GU8 4DJ Alterations to roof to form living accommodation No Objection</p> <p>WA/2016/0786: Busbridge Copse Farm, Salt Lane, Hydestile GU8 4DH Change of use from an agricultural building to a dwelling with alterations to elevations, erection of ancillary outbuildings and amenity space.</p> <p>The following comments were submitted to WBC :</p> <p><u>Busbridge Copse Farm : WA/2016/0786</u> The site is situated in green belt and the Surrey Hills AONB. Given that there are no special circumstances this application is therefore inappropriate in planning terms.</p> <p><u>Agricultural re-use.</u> Busbridge Copse Farm is a farm in name only, now with only three acres of land. We consider the statement that the applicant is within their rights to restart the agricultural use of the chicken shed, although true, to be an empty threat and therefore not a material consideration.</p> <p><u>Design /Aesthetics.</u> The building is an old chicken shed, not a barn in the conventional meaning of the word. The applicant concedes that it is not attractive but then goes on to say that they aim to preserve its character and that "the overall appearance of the building will be similar to the existing". There is no doubt that the existing chicken shed is not an attractive building but it does have the benefit of having slightly faded into its background over the years. We are concerned that with the current proposal it will be simply converted into a shiny new looking version of itself which will be equally inappropriate in the AONB.</p> <p><u>Access</u> The access to this site is down a very narrow, badly made up drive which exits onto the worst double bend on Salt Lane with no visibility to the east and very little to the west. Surrey Highways merely state that visibility is restricted and that passing traffic is travelling at less than 60 mph. This speed would be very difficult to achieve on this section of Salt Lane and this does not stop it being an extremely dangerous junction.</p> <p>They then go on to say that the proposed new dwelling will generate no more traffic than would the theoretical working farm (which we know will not happen) and that therefore there will be no material impact on the number of vehicle movements. This is obviously complete nonsense as common sense dictates that an extra dwelling will inevitably create extra vehicle movements.</p> <p>Since no sight line drawings have been submitted we suggest that this application is particularly appropriate for officers/councillors to make a site visit to see these access problems for themselves before determining this application.</p>

9	<p>BUSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROPOSAL</p> <p>Martin Read addressed the Councillors concerning the benefits of developing a NP for Busbridge.</p> <p>He suggested that Busbridge should be seen as a leisure facility for Godalming and that this should be reflected in the NP.</p> <p>BPC expressed concern, through the Chairman, that the NP group would be able to generate enough resident interest to undertake the work needed as BPC itself simply does not have the manpower.</p> <p>Martin Read assured the Council that he does not think this will be a problem.</p> <p>After further discussion, the Chairman proposed that the Council should support the NP and this was seconded by Hilary Westwood and agreed.</p> <p>As a first step, the Clerk must seek approval from WBC for the development of a NP in writing and the Clerk will liaise with Martin Read regarding an approach to WBC.</p>
10	<p>NEW WEBSITE</p> <p>It was agreed that in order to progress the development of the new website for BPC that individual Councillors should write some text on particular places of interest in the parish.</p> <p>The work was divided up as follows:</p> <p>Winkworth and Munstead Wood – Alison Martin Leonard Cheshire – Maxine Long Joint Burial Committee - Hilary Westwood Milford Hospital – John Graves Footpaths , and other leisure activities - Philippa English</p> <p>Text should be 150-200 words and should be “to the point”</p> <p>Text to be completed by the end of June and emailed to the Clerk.</p> <p>Any related images/ photos to the text would be much appreciated</p>
11	<p>GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
12	<p>HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS</p> <p>BW163</p> <p>Before the meeting, the Clerk circulated a draft letter to be signed by both The Clerk and Ian Wilks.</p> <p>The wording of the draft was agreed and that the Parish Clerk should liaise with Ian Wilks, the local footpath secretary of the Ramblers Association.</p>
13	<p>TUESLEY FARM</p> <p>The chairman updated the meeting on the Tuesley Farm planning application and the public speaking planning meeting to be held at the Borough Hall on the 18th May.</p> <p>The Chairman's speech was read and agreed.</p>

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 28th June 2016 at Clockbarn Hall