

BURMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

On Tuesday 3rd August starting at 7:30 pm in the Church Room

Present: Cllr. Mrs. P. Argar (Chairman) and Cllrs. B. Ashdown, A. Burgess, Mrs. L. Cottington, D. Wimble & clerk J. Rich plus 1 member of the public & Chair of Trustees of Burmarsh Children's Fund

Coronavirus precautions – hand sanitiser was available; seating was socially distanced, and an attendance record was kept for tracking purposes.

1. **Minutes** - minutes of the last meeting on 8th June 2021 were agreed and signed.
2. **Financial Matters:**
(A) approved payment of £336 inc. VAT to M. Coleman for grass cutting in June & July.
(B) noted that Cllr. Mrs. Cottington will not become a bank signatory
3. **Burmarsh Children's Fund**
(A) ratified the actions of the clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Children's Fund Trustees, to urgently restore grass cutting following the withdrawal of support by F&HDC;
(B) approved payment from the parish council reserves of £240 inc. VAT to M. Coleman for urgent cutting of overgrown grass in the children's playground;
(C) agreed to accept on behalf of the Children's Fund, M. Coleman's quotation of £96 inc. VAT per cut to be carried out alongside the cutting of the parish council's playing field for the remainder of the growing season;
(D) considered future financial arrangements in consultation with the Chair of Trustees of the Burmarsh Children's Fund. Agreed that the cost of the initial cut would be borne by the parish council and noted with appreciation that Mrs. Fehr has offered to assist the Children's Fund in meeting initial costs. The clerk will confirm to the Trustees an estimate of future costs and will arrange for the work to be invoiced separately.
4. **Defibrillator** – agreed to invite participation in awareness training for the community and that arrangements should take account of the availability of those interested.
5. **Litter bin** – considered the relocation of the litter bin in Church Road and adjourned to view various options. Agreed to request that the bin be sited on the opposite verge in Church Road, between the information board and power supply pole.
6. **2022-3 Budget & Precept** – in case of future restrictions on physical meetings, gave initial consideration to a proposed budget for 2022-3 and the precept requirement for 2022-3. Discussed particularly the costs and uses of the playing field and agreed that residents should be consulted before finalising next year's budget.
7. **External Meetings** - received reports on meetings at which the Council has been represented:
(A) the Chairman reported on her attendance at a F&HDC Housing Service inspection visit;
(B) Cllr. Burgess reported on a KALC Shepway Area Committee Microsoft Teams meeting.
8. **Correspondence** – noted correspondence received. Declined to participate in an online information event by Kent Community Speedwatch and did not consider there are any suitable sites in the village for the Marsh Vintage Amusements.
9. **Highways** – discussed concerns raised by Cllr. Burgess, including overgrown road verges and a leaning barrier along Thorndike Road between Painesfield Close and Shearway.
10. **Next meeting** – to be arranged following the consultation about the playing field.