

BURMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

On Tuesday 18th January 2022 starting at 7:30 pm in All Saints Church, Burmarsh

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

1. **Minutes** - minutes of the last meeting on 2nd November 2021 were agreed and signed.
2. **Church Hall** – the Chairman gave a detailed report on the current progress of works to refurbish the Church Hall, past and present fundraising initiatives and the next steps. Noted the clerk's report on ways in which the parish council could support the project and considered possible future developments. Agreed to defer a decision until the future financial position is clearer. The Chairman will be attending further meetings of the working party with the PCC and it was agreed to keep matters under close review.
3. **Financial matters**
 - (A) confirmed approval of payment of £120 to Stratford's for playing field rent for 2022;
 - (B) authorised payment of £36 inc. VAT to Aubergine 262 Ltd for annual website domain registration;
 - (C) approved a budget for 2022/23, maintaining the precept at its current level plus 5% inflation and using general reserves to address the deficit;
 - (D) approved a precept demand for 2022/23 of £4,354. The parish council has been avoiding an increase for some years by using its reserves, but these are now depleted and there are also additional costs including the website and grass cutting;
 - (E) received from Cllr. Mrs. Cottington a receipt and thanks from the RBL Poppy Appeal.
4. **Planning matters** – noted approval under delegated powers of application no. 21/1841/FH - Owl Cottage, Eastbridge Road for Change of Use of domestic residential art sales studio out building to self-contained holiday let.
5. **Highways matters**
 - (A) Cllr. Burgess requested an update on the replacement barrier in Thorndike Road;
 - (B) Cllr. Wimble reported that the salt bin in Church Road has been cleared of brambles.
6. **External Meetings**
 - (A) received from Cllr. Burgess a report on the KALC Shepway Area Committee on 16th December 2021, including the charges made by the district council for running elections. Noted that the parish council's reserves include provision for the cost of a contested election;
 - (B) received from Cllr. Wimble a report on the last meeting of the F&GP committee of the RM Internal Drainage Board, including possible changes to the tax arrangements for red diesel.
7. **Correspondence** – noted correspondence received.
8. **Next meeting** – Tuesday 22nd March 2022.