

BURMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

On Tuesday 22nd March 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

1. **Minutes** - minutes of the last meeting on 18th January 2022 were agreed and signed.
2. **Financial matters**
 - (A) agreed to implement the National Salary Award for Local Government Services for 2021/22, which increases the clerk's hourly pay at SCP 12 to £11.73 wef 1.4.21
 - (B) approved payment to the clerk of £2,611.60, comprising net annual salary of £2,252.20 and £359.40 office expenses, as detailed in invoice;
 - (C) approved payment of £563 to HMRC for PAYE on clerk's salary;
 - (D) agreed to provide support for the monthly village newsletter by supplying paper and reimbursing the editor for the cost of printer ink;
 - (E) noted receipt of £563.97 VAT reclaimed from HMRC;
 - (F) as required by the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015 and in readiness for completing the Annual Governance Statement, carried out an annual review of the effectiveness of the parish council's system of internal control, specifically its banking practices, and agreed to continue current arrangements without introducing online banking;
 - (G) approved the Asset Register, Statement of Internal Controls & Risk Assessment.
3. **Planning matters** – noted that planning application 22/0106/FH/PA, Chapel Cottage Farm, Eastbridge Road - for change of use of agricultural storage building to dwelling – has been withdrawn.
4. **Church Hall** – the Chairman gave a detailed report on the current progress of works to refurbish the Church Hall and a consultation with village residents to determine how much support exists for efforts to retain this community resource. The Chairman will be attending further meetings of the working party with the PCC and will keep matters under close review.
5. **External Meetings** – Cllr. Burgess had sent apologies for absence from the last meeting of the KALC Shepway Area Committee due to a work commitment; and Cllr. Wimble will be attending a meeting of the F&GP Committee of the Romney Marsh Area Internal Drainage Board tomorrow.
6. **Correspondence** – noted correspondence received including a consultation on revised Dog Control Orders. The clerk confirmed that the children's playground is included.
7. **Playing Field** – thanked Cllr. Wimble for repairing fencing and Cllr. Mrs. Cottington for arranging the removal of obsolete play equipment.
8. **Highways matters** – Kent Highways are to be requested to refix the speed limit sign in Thorndike Road.
9. **Power Cut** – Cllr. Burgess raised the matter of claiming compensation for the loss of electricity supply in recent storms.
10. **West Hythe car park** – Cllr. Burgess drew attention to the traffic implications of F&HDC's proposals to start charging for this car park and explained that objections can be made via the F&HDC website.
11. **Next meeting** – Tuesday 26th April 2022.