

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 8.00pm on THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020 VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Cllrs: Mrs S Patel (Chairman)
Miss G Reynolds (Vice Chairman)
Mr J Barkham
Mrs J Forker-Clark
Mr B Nagpal
Mr S Neville
Miss S Watson
Mr K Williamson
Mr N Wright

Also present: Cty Cllr V Metcalfe
Mr M Richardson EFDC

Press: Mr D Jackman

In attendance: Mrs E P Petyt-Start (Clerk)
Mrs K Lumb (RFO and Deputy Clerk)

023/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Mrs J Share-Bernia and District Cllr A Patel.

024/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

025/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

026/20 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR PARTICIPATION

Cty Cllr Metcalfe provided an update of the work streams of the County Council noting the additional £75m expenditure which had occurred due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Currently discussions are focussed on the economic recovery of the county and investments which may come forward following the loss of tax revenue.

Specific projects which are progressing to note are:

- footway defects actioned, notably opposite St John's Church/School on the High Road and along Brook Road
- highways issues – those that sit with Local Highways Panel
 - i) Church Road
 - ii) Roebuck Lane speed humps
- Resident parking schemes – Princes Road, Amberley/Scotland Road, Westbury Lane, to be implemented 10th August
- ECC Locality Fund – ideas are requested for new schemes

027/20 MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 14 May 2020 were agreed as a correct record and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

028/20 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The minutes of the following committee meetings were noted:

- **Accommodation:** 4 June

- **Finance and Establishment:** 18 June
- **Personnel:** 2 July
- **Planning & Environment:** 4, 18 June, 2 July
- **Recreation & Community:** 2 July

029/20 CHAIRMAN’S AND CLERK’S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair gave thanks to the parish office for the management of and re-opening of the Playgrounds under the Government guidance

030/20 REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Neville provided an update on the work of the Passenger Transport Committee, specifically noting there may be funding for the extension of the 20 and 167 bus routes.

031/20 FINANCE

a) The RFO summarised the financial position of Central Funds and Personnel as at 30th May 2020, as circulated.
The financial position was as expected for this period. The Ear Marked Reserves for the Halls Development, Community Safety and Playground was highlighted.

032/20 FORWARD PLAN

The Clerk presented the forward plan and there were no questions or queries on the plan. A member requested the street lighting action to be followed up. Cty Cllr Metcalfe confirmed this item was still in progress.

033/20 POLICE REPORT

In the absence of a formal report, advice was received, the new PCSO Adam Dixon Peters is now ‘live’ within the parish, he had a meeting with the Clerk and Chairman earlier in the week. It was agreed the Clerk will collate and provide a list of priority issues and areas for the PCSO to focus his patrols around.

034/20 FLY TIPPING

A report was received from the District Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer. He explained the processes and procedures for handling, managing and clearing fly tipping. Plus, how and when enforcement is possible.

	Fly-tipping reports	Fly-tipping Investigations (where evidence was found)	Enforcement investigations (duty of care, etc)	Action Taken Prosecutions	FPN	Caution	Noise complaints
June 2018-2019	2679	202	455	5	24 ¹	1	1543
June 2019-June 2020	2578 ²	106	333	3	11 ³		1690

¹ Includes 3 littering FPNS and 1 FPN for failing to produce Waste Transfer Note

² reduction due to fly tipping on housing land now initially reported to the Estates & Land team in housing, and they arrange for clearance – passing evidence to EEO to pursue if found. If these figures are included, there have been 2722 fly tipping incidents reported to the Council.

³ Includes 4 FPNs for commercial properties not presenting waste for collection in a prescribed manner, under S.47 of the EPA 1990.

If Councillors and members of the public want to report particular fly tipping issues, can they please do so via our website at <https://www.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/crime-and-safety/report-fly-tipping/>.

035/20 FULL COUNCIL ITEMS OF CONCERN

- a) There were no items of concern
Cty Cllr Metcalfe gave praise and thanks for the work of the officers and members of the Parish Council
- b) Carried over from Annual Council the following were suggested as future agenda items:-
 - Services and information to go onto website (Recreation and Community)
 - Bicycle Initiatives (Full Council/Planning and Environment)
 - Climate Change Emergency (Full Council)
 - Bikeability Scheme support (Recreation and Community)
 - Increase the profile of the Council (Recreation and Community)
 - Planning and Environment Committee members
 - Finance update – Impact of COVID 19

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 21.04PM.

Chairman

Date