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Monthly Meeting of the Full Council

held on Monday 12th July 2017 at 7.30 p.m, at the Community
Centre, Bugbrooke.

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In Attendance

Councillor John Bignell	Councillor David Harries, BEM
Councillor Phil Bignell	Councillor Paul Henson
Councillor Robb Collett	Councillor Alan Kent
Councillor Brian Curtis	Councillor Brian King
Councillor John Curtis, BEM - Chairman	Councillor Mrs Catherine Parry
Councillor Ken Gardner	Councillor Mrs Linda Pope
Councillor Mrs Teresa Garlick	Councillor Terry Ward

Sally Bramley-Brown - Clerk	2 members of the public
Mrs Jo Scott – Deputy Clerk	County Councillor Adam Brown

Absent

<i>Apologies were accepted from:</i>	<i>Reason:</i>	<i>Excluded from 6 month rule</i>
Councillor Des Morris	Personal	Yes

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PC17/07/127 To Receive and Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted as above. The apology from Councillor Des Morris was excluded from the six month rule.

PC17/07/128 Declarations of Interests

Councillor John Curtis, Brian Curtis, Mrs Teresa Garlick, Terry Ward and David Harries all declared an interest in item 18 – application to SNC for grant funding from Bugbrooke Football Club

PC17/07/128A To consider whether the Register of Interests Requires Updating.

No changes were recorded

PC/17/07/129 To Sign and Approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th June were approved, signed and initialled by the Chairman. Minute No 17/06/116 was amended from Georges Place to Georges Close

PC17/07/130 Reports of issues previously raised

There were no reports on issues previously raised.

PC17/07/131 Public question time 7:35-7:43 P.M.

Councillors welcomed County Councillor Adam Brown, the new Councillor for Bugbrooke. Mr Brown stated that he wished to continue the good work done by CC Mrs Kirkbride and he would welcome people wishing to raise any issues.

Mrs Jane Causebrook spoke on behalf of the Fifty Anniversary Committee at Campion School to make a request for financial support for the product of the book on the history of Campion prepared by John Perkins.

PC17/07/132 District Councillors Report and Up Date

Councillors Harries referred to the two rail freight applications that were currently under consideration. These will not be determined by SNC but by central government. The Parish Council agreed to request inclusion in the consultation process.

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PC/17/07/133 Planning Applications and Decisions

A Councillor Phil Bignell and three residents of The Paddocks had raised concerns about the construction of a platform on the bank of the brook adjacent to 14 The Paddocks. Residents and Councillors expressed the view that this could create a flood risk when the brook is in full spate. Whilst it was accepted that the adjacent land owner could probably show title to the centre of the brook, it was felt that the Parish Council should contact the Environment Agency to advise them of the construction, and ascertain whether authorisation had been obtained. The EA had carried out extensive works earlier in the year to try to reduce the flood risk and this could be viewed as adversely affecting their efforts

STAT US	APP NO AND APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	PC COMMENTS OR SNC DECISION
New	S/2017/1529 /FUL Evans	25 The Paddocks	Side extension	No objections – matching materials.
New	S/2017/1601 /FUL Sgoluppi	14 The Paddocks	Variation of condition 2 of PP S/2016/1442/FUL (Garage and studio)	No objections

A. Planning Applications and Decision

PC17/07/134 Police and Neighbourhood watch matters

Councillor Kent advised that Speedwatch had completed one week in the village and 17 drivers had been reported to the police. Two more weeks would follow over the summer.

It had been reported that the current Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator had resigned with effect from 19th July. The Clerk was requested to give notice on the Bugbrooke Facebook page to attempt to find a new co-ordinator to save the village from losing its NW status.

Councillor Morris had met with Inspector Byrne at the end of June to discuss perceived issues with crime in the village. Inspector Byrne's response had been circulated with the agenda and it was agreed to ask Inspector Byrne to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council to give a short presentation with a Q and A session to follow.

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PC17/07/135 Playing fields and Community Centre

The Clerk reported that the new surfacing in the play area had been vandalised with large obscene drawings in yellow spray paint. Wicksteed had advised that due to the composition of the surfacing it was not possible to use chemicals to remove the paint and that the only method of restoration was to cut out and remove the damaged areas and re-install replacement surfacing – the cost of which would be in the region of £1,500. The Clerk advised that she was not proposing to have this work carried out as it would probably be subject to a further graffiti attack. The Clerk and the Deputy Clerk had done what they could to “convert” the graffiti into less offensive drawings as a temporary measure and over the next few weeks would see what other steps might be taken to resolve the issue. An article had been submitted for inclusion in the August Link asking if anyone had any information as to the perpetrators of the vandalism.

PC/17/07/136 Parking Restrictions

The Clerk reported that following the article in the June edition of The Link, she had received 3 responses. One checking to see if the restrictions would affect the person’s property; one in favour and one suggesting that this would only move the problem to elsewhere and that Johns Road should be made a 20MPH and the Speedwatch team deployed.

PC/17/07/137 Disabled Access Around the Village

The item was deferred until the August meeting.

PC/17/07/138 Parking and Traffic Generally Around Champion School.

The Clerk was requested to write to the school to request that the barrier be set back to allow at least two spaces for vehicles awaiting access.

PC/17/07/139 Parking In the Vicinity of the Garage.

Councillor Phil Bignell reported that a resident who used a motorised wheelchair was unable to pass the garage without going out into the road, due to the presence of vehicles parked on the pavement. It was agreed to request the police to attend.

PC/17/07/140 Parish Matters

Monthly Inspection Sheets

Monthly inspections sheets were received for three areas.

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Hedges/Trees.

Overhanging hedges and trees were reported at the following :

9 Butts Hill Crescent – hedge – cut back to boundary. The Clerk was requested to contact NCC Highways as the problem was now creating a serious hazard for pedestrians. Also there was a vehicle parked at 7 Butts Hill Crescent which was adding to the problem.

Land adjacent to Wharf Bridge – Heygates.

The Grange, Great Lane - raise the height of overhanging branches.

23 High Street – Overhanging hedge – cut back to wall.

2 Badgers Close – Overhanging willow.

4 West End – Cut back to wall.

Tibbs Way – overhanging vegetation.

26 Levitts Road – Japanese Knotweed.

Emergency Planning/Pathfinder II Project.

Councillor Collett reported that the Pathfinder 11 Project and the Environment Agency had attended the village fete on 8th July and had a really good day with lots of interest from residents. They are now planning a return visit.

Street Lighting

The Clerk was awaiting a response from Balfour Beatty.

Highways and Transport

The Chairman advised that there had been a fatality on the Litchborough Road under the railway bridge by Unusual Rigging. It was agreed to formally request NCC Highways to install a priority directional scheme with priority given to vehicles leaving the village.

Millennium Green

Nothing to Report

Patient Participation Group

Councillor Mrs Garlick reported that the PPG had finally appointed a Chairman and Secretary – Mr John Shipman and Ms Mel Vernon. A constitution had been formally adopted and it was proposed that there should be a Parish Council representative from each village. The defibrillator at the Doctors surgery was now marked with the postcode and the Clerk was requested to contact the football club to ask them to postcode theirs. The doctors were endeavouring to have Danetree hospital designated as the blood taking unit for the village; another open day was being planned and the next meeting would take place in October.

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PC17/07/141 Building of Community Value - The Bakers Arms.

It was reported that the property would be re-opening in September, following some refurbishment.

PC17/07/142 Village Enhancement Contribution from Persimmon Homes.

The Clerk reported that the hanging baskets had now been erected. She congratulated the Deputy Clerk on an excellent outcome for the project and also for the manner in which she had "held the fort" in the Clerk's absence.

PC17/07/143 New Homes Bonus Fund

An Application had been submitted to SNC by Bugbrooke St Michael's Football Club. The application has been deferred. Unofficially the Parish Council was advised that the application had been deferred. Due to the Chairman having expressed an interest in the item, the Vice-Chairman took the chair. Councillors discussed the application at length and resolved as follows:

Resolution: It was proposed by Councillor Henson and seconded by Councillor Collett that the Parish Council should support the application, but only in part. The part of the application relating to the provision of a new barrier should not be supported by the Parish Council, but the elements relation to soundproof should be supported. The resolution was carried on a vote of 7 in favour, with 4 abstentions.

PC17/07/144 Application For Funding From Champion School

Councillors had generally agreed that some financial support should be offered to Champion School. The Clerk advised that it was not possible to offer a grant under the terms of the Grant Funding Policy and therefore the only options were an interest free loan or a contribution. It was resolved as follows:

Resolution: It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Ward that the HandS charity (the parent teacher association of the school) be offered an interest free loan in the sum of £5,025 to facilitate the printing of the history book. The representatives of the school to be required to enter into a loan agreement with the Parish Council and the loan to be repaid either upon the sale of the first tranche of books or in full by 11th March 2018 at the latest. The resolution was carried unanimously.

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PC/17/07/145 Financial Matters

A financial statement for month ending 30th June had been circulated with the Agenda, and the figures were as follows:-

Current Account as at 31.5.17		£75,932.25
CCLA Deposit Fund as at 31.5.17		£30,000.00
Interest from CCLA		£ 6.09
Total available		£105,938.34
Less June Payments	£19,121.45	
Total funds at 30.6.17		£86,816.89

PC/17/07/146 Accounts for Payment

Moneys must be paid out only in pursuance of statutory powers vested in the Parish Council. The final column on the right details the powers which authorise the payments below:-

Chq no	To whom	Service rendered	Amount £	Vat £	Power used for payment
D.D.	Southern Electric	Unmetered Supply for June	£367.46	58.82	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3; Highways Act 1980 s301
D.D	Information Commissioner	Annual registration fee	£35.00		LGA 1972 S112
385	Mrs R Harries	Plants for village planters – replacement cheque for 382	£49.28		GPoC
I.B	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax - SBB + JS June +NIC (43.71)	£182.31		HMRC requirement
1.B.	Mrs S Bramley-Brown	Clerk's salary– June less tax + expenses mileage	£974.06		Local Gov't Act 1972 S112

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I.B.	Mrs Jo Scott	Deputy Clerk's salary – June + mileage, expenses and overtime	£463.04		Local Gov't Act 1972 S112
I.B.	P W Warden	June Mowing	£636.00	£106.00	LGA 1972 S112
I.B.	R AND G Grounds Maintenance	May mowing and pitch aeration	£847.49	£141.25	Open Spaces Act 1908
I.B.	R and G Grounds Maintenance	June Mowing and weed spray	£1,277.30	£255.46	Open Spaces Act 1908
I.B.	Bell Plantation	Village Hanging Baskets	£560.00	£93.33	GPoC
I.B.	Wicksteed Playgrounds	Playground safety inspections	£162.00	27.00	Open Spaces Act 1906 S9,10
I.B.	PEAC	Purchase of photocopier title	£464.70	£77.45	LGA 1972 S112
I.B.	Dominotes	Website recovery programme	£24.99.		LGA 1972 S112
		ACTION: Clerk			

Date of next meeting

Monday 14th August 2017 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....