Minutes of the Meeting of the Burghwallis Parish Council, 7pm, Tuesday 13 October 2015 at the Burghwallis Public House

In Attendance: Chairman K Walters

B Grimes D Maxwell

Clerk: G Bean

1. Apologies: Apologies received from J Laming, Vice Chair and David Hudson.

- **2. Members of the Public:** In attendance were 25 members of the public. KW welcomed the members of the public and invited them to raise any points at this juncture noting that each member would be allowed a maximum of 5minutes to raise their issues and all issues must be raised through the Chair. Issues raised as follows:
 - a. Member of Staff at the Burghwallis Public House (BPH), Donna, wished to inform the PC that there had been many and various noise pollution complaints from one source which were of concern to BPH. Donna noted that they have requested mediation in order to discuss these matters but that had been refused. Donna confirmed that BPH had complied will all requests made of them by the Environmental Health Department and had gone over and above those requests, carrying out things such as; installation of notices, keeping doors and windows closed at all times, altering doors to ensure they are self closing, closing the beer garden from 7:30pm, turning down the general volume of any music, checking for noise pollution hourly when bands/functions in progress, ensuring that the music licence is strictly adhered to. BPH wanted to inform the PC that they were doing all they could to ensure that there was no noise pollution from BPH however, in spite of this, complaints continued to be made from one particular source.

In response, KW confirmed that this would be noted within the minutes and asked if any other members of the public had points to raise. The following points were raised:

b. Lorraine, representing the Royal British Legion, Burghwallis Branch (RBL) noted that RBL had had BPH as their base for many years. She is a third generation member and had always known the RBL to hold their meetings there. She was concerned that mediation had been refused and asked if there was anything that the PC could do to act as a bridge between the parties to assist.

KW responded that she felt it was unlikely that the PC could be involved but would investigate this with YLCA.

- **c.** Brian noted that on one evening at approximately 11:45pm he left BPH to go home, at the end of the car park, he stopped, knowing that there was live music playing in the pub to assess for himself the noise level and he noted that he could not hear anything.
- **d.** Phil, on behalf of the RBL asked what the PC's view was on the complaints that were being made.

KW responded to note that the PC could not express a view. However, KW noted that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) was in its final stages and in that plan, BPH was noted as an "asset of high community value". KW listed all of the events held at BPH for the members of the public, these include:

- Village fete.
- Civil weddings.
- Summer socials
- RBL meetings
- Remembrance day events
- Luncheon club
- Village/neighbourhood plan and events committee meetings.
- Assistance with planning for the events committee
- Carol concerts
- Christmas events
- Poor's field Christmas dinner
- Snooker tournaments
- Quiz nights
- Autumn Fairs for the Church
- Commemorations
- Flu Vaccinations for the elderly
- Private events
- Polling station
- e. Phil, also asked how the PC can help

KW responded to note that the PC had formulated the NP and within that plan was a policy that BPH be protected. KW noted that the NP was in its final stages and thus far had been accepted as a positive plan and one which is a model for other villages.

DM also noted that the NP was very likely to be largely approved with perhaps some minor amendments and if this occurs then the policy of BPH being protected as "an asset of high community value" would be in force.

- **f.** Brian also noted that the pub provides employment
- g. Another member of the RBL noted that if BPH was to go then RBL would have to amend all of their constitution and standard, all of which would cost significant sums as they would no longer be able to call themselves the Burghwallis branch. He rhetorically asked if the complainant or DMBC would be willing to fund this significant expense.
- **h.** Tony, member of the swing band who practice on a Monday evenings between 7 and 10 pm asked if there had been any other complaints, from any other members of the public about the noise, He confirmed that he had been practising at BPH for 4 years and had never previously heard of any issues.

KW responded to note that as far as she was aware there were no other complaints or complainants.

BG also commented that she lives in a property which backs onto BPH car park and often has her bedroom window open of a night and has not on any occasion heard noise. Kevin seconded this comment.

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- i. Tony asked if there had been other complaints from the same complainant. KW responded to note that she understood that there were other issues raised through the NP.
- **j.** Donna noted that they had received other complaints from the same complainant about the volume of vehicles and noise from people. Donna noted that the pub had installed signs requesting that when leaving, the public were respectful of neighbours.
- **k.** Val noted that she thought it was odd for a property next to a pub to be purchased if the purchaser disliked people and vehicles passing.
- **l.** Brian noted that DMBC had been out to carry out noise inspections at night.
- m. Lorraine asked how far this will go.

KW responded to note that it is an issue between the 2 parties and is not for the PC to become involved, today, members of the public are raising their concerns about the threat to BPH and this will be minuted for future reference.

- n. Donna noted that a complaint had been received about the security lights shining into the complainant's premises. As a result of this, Donna noted that the security lights had been tilted downwards but customers were not happy as this presented a safety hazard for those walking through the car park to their vehicles and to the exit. Craig seconded the health and safety issue.
- **o.** Janet asked if the complainant would be made aware of this meeting and the comments made by way of a copy of the minutes.

KW noted that minutes from PC meetings are available on the website for anyone to see.

p. David queried a potential inside influence being of the belief that the complainant and/or their spouse worked for the Environment Agency.

KW noted that this was not something which the PC could comment upon.

q. Val asked if the PC could employ a solicitor in this respect.

KW responded to note that this is not an issue which the PC can become involved in as it is a private matter however, the PC are, by allowing members of the public in attendance, the opportunity to present their support for BPH doing all they can.

r. David noted that there have been many landlords over the years and finally, the current incumbents are making a success of the pub and so he feels that should be celebrated.

All in attendance echoed this comment and KW confirmed that it was a positive point.

s. Moravian confirmed that she was here to support the present incumbents (echoed by all members of the public in attendance) and wished to make it known that the luncheon club held here is a fabulous event bringing together people from all over the

county, including Swinton, Scunthorpe, Woodlands, Carcroft, Askern, Norton and beyond.

- **t.** Representatives from the RBL wanted it to be noted that they had raised £15,000 last year alone through the poppy appeal at BPH.
- **u.** Janet asked if it would be prudent to get the media involved in this matter.

KW noted that involving the media was an individual choice and the PC could not comment on this.

No further comments were noted and so KW closed this section of the agenda. All members of the public were advised that they were welcome to attend for the remainder of the meeting or could now excuse themselves. All members of the public chose to leave the meeting at that point.

- **3. Disclosures or declarations of interest**: None received.
- **4. Minutes of Previous meetings (15 September 2015)**: KW proposed these were agreed, DM seconded, vote held and all agreed. Minutes signed by Chair, to be signed by Vice Chair when she is next in attendance.

5. Matters arising

a. Flu Jabs – KW noted that Flu Jabs were available at BPH shortly but word did not seem to have permeated much of the village and so KW to request that it is entered into the parish magazine.

Action: KW

6. Financial matters:

- **a. Bank reconciliation to 04.10.15**: All considered, DM proposed, BG seconded that this was approved, vote held and all agreed.
- **b. Invoices received:** One incoming invoice for reimbursement to KW for a new dog fouling sign for the playing field in the sum of £4.87, BG proposed that was paid, DM seconded, vote held and all agreed.
- 7. Audit: GB noted that we'd had the audit returned. They had noted minor non compliance in relation to the depreciation of the fixed assets and grants potentially being in the incorrect sections (which GB rebutted) however, the audit was passed and KW to enter this audit form on to the website.

Action: KW

- **8.** Transparency Code Grants: This section removed as it is dealt with at 19 and is included in error.
- **9. Standing Orders**: KW noted that paragraph 3e ought to say members of the public to "ask/answer" questions. DM noted that Para 16 required clarification as to the Proper Officer acting as the Responsible Financial Officer also. GB to make changes ad to return to next meeting for discussion.

Action: GB

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- **10. Neighbourhood plan**: KW noted that this was at status quo, we are still awaiting the examiners response. To continue to review.
- 11. Plague Well: KW noted that she had sent out all of the info for the plaque and lectern by email and all responses from Councillors had been positive. KW proposed that there be a plaque on the stone with a picture and the basic wording (at a cost of £30 + VAT) and then there be a lectern with more detailed info on (at a cost of £165 + VAT), DM seconded, vote held and all agreed to press ahead with these arrangements. KW to contact Artsign to get the ball rolling.

Action: KW

12. Planning:

- **a. Planning 14/02582/FUL** KW noted that the planning application had been resubmitted and the PC would be made aware when consultation was open. This would be monitored.
- **b.** The Cardinals GB noted that she had chased this matter but no response. GB to chase again, to review at the next meeting.

Action: GB

- **13. Events Committee:** KW noted that there was a meeting due in November with an update to follow after that.
- 14. Playing Field: KW noted that she and DM attended a meeting with David Chadbourne who clarified the items within the quote. The new quote had been received and was £1,400 plus VAT to fix all of the items raised within the safety report. KW proposed that in light of the current financial situation and the concerns raised in the safety report that the quote from DMBC be accepted and the work undertaken, DM seconded, vote held and all agreed. It was noted that in email correspondence DH had expressed his agreement in this respect. KW to contact David Chadbourne at DMBC to accept the quote.

Action: KW

- **15. Poor's Field:** GB noted that she had received confirmation from JL that the date of the senior citizens luncheon had been rearranged to Friday 18 December 2015.
- **16. Aerial on Grange Lane**: KW noted that she had put this on the website and had no response. Peter Lamb, of the Conservation Dept confirmed he was still looking into this and believed it may be to do with traffic monitoring and to be removed shortly but he would confirm in due course. To note for the next meeting.
- 17. Websites: KW noted that there had been 358 hits and 658 page views in September 2015.
- **18. Email correspondence**: BG noted that we had been refused on this occasion for the Woodland Trust Grant. It was agreed to discuss options for pressing forward at the next meeting.
- **19. Good Neighbours Scheme:** GB noted there had been 3 volunteers so far and so at this stage, she had not fully investigated the grants system. It was suggested that we await the next meeting to see if there are any other volunteers. If not, then the scheme may have to be abandoned for the parish.

20. Any other Business:

- **a. Revisit Questionnaires:** BG confirmed that she had revisited the questionnaires from the time of the NP and there were a few issues that had been raised including living landscape, social events, annual gala and seating. It was agreed that social events and the annual gala had been fulfilled, the seating had been investigated relatively recently and rebutted and so at the next meeting the issue of living landscape would be considered.
- **b.** Christmas Tree Event: KW noted that this was fast approaching on 5 December and so she would press on to have the event published in the church magazine, entered on to the website and would re-draft leaflets for the event. Diane Ezard was to complete the carol sheets. All agreed that at the next meeting the issue of refreshments would be discussed.
- **c. Public Rule Book:** KW noted that in light of the significant number of members of the public in attendance at today's meeting she felt it would be appropriate for the PC to have a rule sheet for the participation of members of the public at meetings. KW had requested guidance in this respect from Sheena Spence of YLCA and the PC would formulate a policy for review at the next meeting.
- **21.** Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 10 November 2015 at 7pm at the Burghwallis Public House.

Signed:	
Chair	Vice-Chair