

**Minutes of the Burford Town Council meeting held in the Council  
Chamber 1 February 2017 at 7.00pm**

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**Present:** Cllr J White, Mayor. Cllr J Tunnel-Westmacott Deputy Mayor, Cllr D Cohen, Cllr A Temple-Bruce, Cllr P Bush, Cllr N Mills, Cllr D Cotterill, Cllr D Walker, Cllr I Brown, Cllr N Owen – OCC, Maggie Andrews - Town Clerk. John Yeatman – Treasurer. Mr N Field-Johnson. Four members of the public.

Mr Marr addressed the meeting regarding the Shilton Road appeal decision stressing that SRRA wished to continue to be part of Burford and enquired about the possibility of a representative on the Council.

The Mayor replied that Municipal elections will take place in May 2018 when the constitution of a new Council will be decided by the electorate.

**1. MINUTES. Resolved:** That the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 December 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**2. MATTERS ARISING.** None

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Lofthouse & Taubenheim.

**4. OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.**

One Oxfordshire. It was felt that the Burford Council should have a settled policy of their own regarding the proposals of a single County based Unitary Council. It was decided to wait and to see what the District comes up with before making representation. However it was noted that we will formally send in our comments in due course.

Civic Voice. After brief discussion Council agreed to support the application for the Civic Voice Awards nominating the Warwick Hall as an example of high quality community project in an historic setting.

Taynton Bell. Taynton Church are having new bells and a request to house one of the redundant bells in the Tolsey was discussed. The proposal went to a vote – five for and 3 against, therefore the motion was carried.

**5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following Councillors declared a personal interest because they represent the Council as Chairmen of the following committees:-

Cllr White – Chairman of Traffic Committee. Cllr White is to receive a cheque for £501.32 as reimbursement for the purchase of wine for both the Civic Carol service reception and Christmas party.

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott – Cemetery & Environment. Cllr Tunnell will receive a cheque to the value of £120 being payment for supplying canapés.

Cllr D Walker – Chairman of Planning

Cllr I Brown – Chairman Recreation Ground.

**6. TREASURERS REPORT.**

The Treasurer has submitted the 2017/18 precept.

The Fireworks and Christmas lights payments were completed in December.

Donations were received from the Chamber of Trade (£1500 fireworks & £6600 Christmas lights)

Payments for approval:-

**Council account:**

**January.**

Mrs Andrews	877. 80
Christmas Decorators	5976.00
Lamps & Tubes	1680. 00
Viking Office Supplies	20. 94
Inland Revenue	411. 67
J Yeatman	238. 40
Nest Pension (D/D)	13. 10
Mr & Mrs K Dadge	97. 50
David Buckland	1083.36
Petty Cash	50. 00
A K Timms	58. 84
The Flying Press (printing)	202. 99
Mr & Mrs Schotten (use of clubhouse)	50. 00

**February**

Mrs M Andrews	721. 20
Inland Revenue	325. 52
John Yeatman `	161. 60
David Buckland	1083.36
Nest Pension	13. 10
Mr & Mrs Dadge	97. 50
Petty Cash	50. 00
BT	106. 79
Castle Water	8. 47
Mr & Mrs Dadge (cleaning materials)	28. 20
John White	501. 32
A K Timms	44. 90
BT Business	134. 40
Jane Tunnell	120. 00
Talkingout loud (Jan & Feb website)	50. 00

The above were passed for payment.

**7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Cllr White said he had attended the annual WODC Mayors & Chairs annual meeting and the annual Council Christmas party. Most of his time was taken up with notifying the residents of the Cole's Field proposals and organizing representations.

**8. WODC REPORT Cllr D Cotterill**

Cllr Cotterill reported that WODC is currently wrestling with the annual budget.

The 2020 project features prominently as a means of saving money but is in sharp conflict with any OCC plans for a unitary council.

The WODC car parking strategy does not allocate funds to provide car parks but merely identifies a need. The business case written by WODC a couple of years ago stating that WODC could not justify nor find a funding stream to expand Buford's car park, is still valid.

### **9. OCC REPORT Cllr N Owen**

Unitary update. OCC has launched a 'Fresh Start for Oxfordshire', a draft of OCC's intended proposal for DCLG on how and why a single unitary authority for Oxfordshire could work. An online survey will enable OCC to engage with the wider public.

Adult social care temporary funding. Proposals for how £3.4m of temporary funding can be spent were discussed at Cabinet. The money would come from OCC being allowed by Government to set a 5% council tax rise in 2017/18 and 2018/19 – with 3% intended to be spent on adult social care. The proposals are for the temporary funding in three key areas:-

1. £1.01m to grow develop and build resilience in the external workforce
2. £1.485m to transform delivery
3. Daytime support (£650,000)

### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Planning.**

The following were discussed and Councils comments sent to WODC planning department.

16/04255/FUL & 16/04256/FUL. The Old Brewery, Priory Lane. Remove existing building and erection of 8 flats and associated works.

The Council have consistently objected to this development on scale and mass and our views have not changed. This is over-development, too high and too visible. The proposed 'balconies' are totally inappropriate.

17/00132/LBC. Tudor Cottage, 40 Witney Street. Internal and external alterations to include changes to openings. No objection.

#### **Recreation Ground/Pavilion**

Scouts. The Scouts have sent in a request for building a fire pit. Cllr Brown will meet with leaders to discuss.

Trim Trail. Cllr Brown will arrange a meeting with interested parties together with Cllrs Cohen, Lofthouse & Temple-Bruce to discuss the way forward. Some funding has been applied for.

#### **Environment & Cemetery**

Cllr Tunnell-Westmacott reported several potholes on the Bridge. The Clerk has already advised OCC and the reference number is 776871 should anyone feel inclined to chase this up. The more who do, the better response we get!

Burford House. A letter will be sent to the Proprietor about water coming across the pavement from their cellar. Should this freeze it could be dangerous for the public.

It was noted that a waste bin is permanently outside Maison Blanc.  
The Clerk will advise WODC waste department.

**Traffic.**

Demarcation lanes on the roundabout are imminent.

It was noted that some Traffic Wardens are being heavy handed when issuing tickets.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The town Annual General Meeting will be held in the Warwick Hall on Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

Cllr Walker felt the town needed to know our comments on what we see for Burford's future and our local plan. The Mayor suggested that Cllr Walker put his thoughts together and bring to the table for discussion at the next council meeting

John Yeatman asked us to consider lighting a beacon commemorating the 11.11.2018 – 100 years armistice. In principle, Council agreed.

**13. CHARITY MATTERS.**

The Charity Commission returns were completed on 14.12.2016 for the Tolsey & Colliers Charities.

A request has been received for an artist to trade under the Tolsey. Since Rupert Acker is no longer trading Council agreed we could replace like with like. The commencement date to be advised.