



# Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Town Council

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## Town Projects Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea

**Present:** Cllrs: Michael Clarke (Chair), Andy Brewer Peter Clayton, Martin Cox, Janet Keen and Nick Tolley.

**In attendance:** Tatiana Cant: Town Clerk, Lorna Brewer: Admin Officer, 6 members of the public, 1 representative from the press

### 01/18/TPC Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from:  
Cllr. Lawson (family), Cllr Matthews (work)

Cllr Weavell was not present

### 02/18/TPC Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Brewer on item 3 on the agenda, about the request for a sign at Lundy Drive for Burnham Holiday Village. Also a dispensation had been granted in the case of a vote.

### Public Speaking

There were no speakers registered.

### 03/18/TPC Signage at Lundy Drive

Mrs Kidner a resident of Atlantic Crescent requested the following:

- A sign be placed at the end of Lundy Drive to inform motorists there was no access to Burnham Holiday Village.
- Drivers are directed by their SAT NAVs into Atlantic Crescent which is a Cul-de-sac and has a completely different post code from Burnham Holiday Village.
- Often the cars are in groups, playing loud music or towing caravans which then have to reverse back out.
- It has been known for up to 20 to 30 vehicles to be misdirected into the wrong road on a single Friday evening.
- Delivery lorries also make this mistake as they sometimes only have a post code for the delivery.

Cllr Brewer, also a resident of Atlantic Crescent supported Mrs Kidner's comments. It was noted that a similar problem arises with people destined for Berrow and Brean being directed along a narrow, circuitous route.

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Members considered the following:

- Request a sign from County Highways
- Contact SAT NAV / Mapping companies to report the problem
- To attempt to install a sign before the Holiday Village opens again
- If the sign needed to be paid for the Holiday Village would be asked to pay

**ACTION** The Clerk to write to County Highways to request a sign and research the SAT NAV and Mapping companies to report the problem.

**04/18/TPC Action List**

The Clerk gave a verbal update to members on several ongoing actions:

- **S106 List requested from Sedgemoor District Council** (124/17/TPC)
- **Junior Awards** (128/17/TPC) Cllr Tolley reported that King Alfred School had offered use of the school's theatre. Colin Rufus (Lions) and Burnham-on-Sea.com had offered sponsorship and the RNLI had offered a trip on a lifeboat.
- **Parking arrangements for emergency services** (116/17/TPC)

**ACTION** The Clerk to follow up

**05/18/TPC Potential Project relating to Mulberry Blocks on Burnham Beach**

Chris Howlett spoke to provide historical background information. The blocks on Burnham beach were 'Baker Fenders' that were hung on the sides of the harbour pier heads to enable 'Landing Ship Tank' to berth alongside, creating floating harbours.

Used for the D Day landings in WW2.

Chris Howlett was considering recovering 3 of the fenders with a view to refurbishing them and donating them for museum display, possibly in the Imperial War Museum at Duxford.

Members considered the following:

- Following WW2 the blocks had been deposited on Britain's beaches possibly for coastal erosion defence.
- There were up to 30 blocks on Burnham beach from Allandale Road to just before the Lighthouse.
- The blocks were on the tidal zone of the beach and the sand often moved around them revealing more or sinking them deeper.
- The environmental impact would have to be investigated
- Ownership to be investigated and permission to remove them sought.
- Members AGREED to support the project and Chris Howlett would carry out the necessary investigations.

**06/18/TPC Proposal to install a Railway Signal Box on Old Station Approach**

Mrs Popham, representing the Railway Heritage Group requested support from the Town Council for the project to:

- Position a railway signal box on Old Station Approach by the Burnham-on-Sea platform sign by the RNLI building.
- SPARK funding had been applied for and the group had been successful in getting through the first round. They hoped to be successful at the Funding Den event at the end of January.
- The Railway opened in 1858. This year would mark the 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- The Excursion platform was still in place, under the grassed area.
- Would possibly need Planning Permission.

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- The signal box would have a flag pole, some furnishings and could be used by groups eg. Sea Cadets
  - Could be used for selling crafts, tickets, etc.
  - The Group would pass ownership and maintenance to the Town Council
- Members voted to support the project, six in favour Cllr Keen abstained.

**07/18/TPC Footfall Statistics**

Members NOTED the latest Footfall statistics for Burnham-on-Sea.

**08/18/TPC Correspondence**

None

**09/18/TPC Date of next meeting**

Members NOTED the next meeting date for this committee: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March to start at **6.30pm**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 19.45hrs.

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