

MINUTES of GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 22nd February 2016

Opened at 7.30pm

Part1

1. Welcome and record attendance

1 Present

Chairman P McAndrew

Council Members A Lee, R Collier, H Brudenell, M Kershaw, H Forwood, M Torrance, L Hopkinson

Also present

Clerk C Marshall

Public 17

2. Apologies None

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. To hear representation from the public

Opened 7.40 pm

Cllr McAndrew provided a brief overview regarding the reason for the meeting in terms of the parking concerns raised in the parish plan, the subsequent working party report and the request made by members of the public at the last Parish Council meeting for a further opportunity to comment.

He advised that a formal decision on the next steps regarding the parking issues would be made at this meeting and that now was the opportunity to provide any additional feedback to the Parish Council.

The following points were raised by members of the public:

- Concerns for the impact of a formal plan being published highlighting where parking is available within the village if a restricted parking scheme was implemented.
- That the location of the bowling and tennis club is ideal for the provision of additional parking (this was disputed by other members of the public in attendance)
- That the use of cones on High Street have been very effective – particularly in allowing gritters to travel through the village.
- The use of parking marshals to direct people towards the Parish Field and the use of cones have been very effective during well attended church events to ease parking difficulties.
- The Parish Field would benefit from the installation of an all-weather surface improved signage and some additional lighting (the latter 2 points were disputed by other members of the public in attendance)
- General concerns raised about how the width of Smithy Lane is reduced to a single track when there are cars parked outside the village hall and Bowling Green.
- Concerns about the fact that people have been parking on the verges of Smithy Lane.

- The need for absolute enforcement if yellow lines and studs were implemented to stop people parking carelessly.
- A general concern about cars parking on the pavements and blocking them for pedestrians.
- Concerns about the wider use of permanent signage for the Parish Field in regards to the possible use of the field by travellers.
- Concerns about security for residents of Smithy Lane if the parish field is signposted as a car park.
- A suggestion that the parking problem within the village is not as great as is being suggested.
- The health and safety concerns that a fire engine would not presently be able to get through the village at certain times of day.
- A request that any signage used is temporary and not installed permanently.
- The possibility of using the school park (Cllr Brudenell responded to this as the Chair of Governors at Great Budworth Primary School. She advised that the car park is available for use from approx. 6.30pm to 7.30am nightly. She also advised that it was available during weekends and school holidays)
- It was suggested that car parking available on the edge of the village (such as on Westage Lane) is not used.

Closed 8.40pm

5. The way forward regarding the Parking issues within the village

Chairman Cllr McAndrew formally thanked the working party for the completion of the parking report.

It was acknowledged that the school, church and George and Dragon Pub have been very responsive in addressing the parking issues that are created by their users.

The following resolutions were made and agreed by all:

- I. For the Parish Council to continue discussions with the school, church and the George and Dragon Pub regarding how they can help to improve the parking situation within the village.
- II. To install the new surface on the Parish Field to allow for the parking of 25 cars.
- III. To continue to consider appropriate areas for additional parking in particular the area near Farthings Lane (and to consider resurfacing this area and clearing away shrubs in order to improve the walkway and make it easier for cars to manoeuvre)
- IV. To improve the surface of the land adjacent to the village hall in order to allow parking for 6-8 cars.
- V. It was agreed that at this time the Parish Council would not go ahead with exploring any further options for residents without parking.
- VI. To explore further the introduction of formal restrictive parking arrangements (the details of which to be defined at a later date) in the centre of the village (outside the church and the Top Pumphouse)
- VII. To discuss with Cheshire West and Chester Highways a design solution in keeping with a conservation area for signage regarding concealed access/egress on High Street.
- VIII. To explore further the introduction of formal restrictive parking arrangements (the details of which to be defined at a later date) on Church Street in order to make it safer.
- IX. Not to have any formal permanent signage in place signposting the Parish Field for car parking.

- X. To in principle introduce in consultation with the Police and Highways department parking notices to be issued in response to inconsiderate parking.
- XI. That the moving of the bowling green is not a viable option, nor is the use of the bowling green/tennis club as a car park.
- XII. That the Parish Council do not wish to pursue the purchase of Mr Williamsons's land at the bottom of Farthings Lane for car parking.
- XIII. That a letter will be sent to all households outlining the decisions that have been made and urging those that have off road parking to actively use it.

6. Dates of Meeting – *7th March 2016 at 7.30pm.*

Closed 9.10 pm

Signed as a true record

**P McAndrew
Chairman
7th March 2016**

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