

**MINUTES OF the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 7th November 2016**

Opened at 7.40pm

1. Welcome and record attendance

1 Present

Chairman H Brudenell
Council Members P McAndrew, M Kershaw, H Forwood, M Torrance, R Collier, A Lee,

Also present

Clerk C Marshall
District Councillors D Hammond, N Wright
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2. Apologies L Gibbon

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was resolved and accepted that the minutes for the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th September 2016 were an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

The minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 5th September 2016 and the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 3rd October 2016 were received and accepted.

5. Representations from the public

Opened: 7.45pm

(i) An update on the progress of tackling the parking issues in the village was requested as further damage has been done to a resident's car due to the parking problems. It was further requested whether Cheshire West and Chester Council would agree to a traffic island being placed on High Street,

Councillors advised that the regular traffic meeting with Cheshire West and Chester Highways and Cheshire Police is due to take place soon and that the matters raised would be discussed.

(ii) Cllr Wright advised that the Marbury Ward is currently being reviewed and maybe reverted to single wards again.

Closed: 7.50pm

6. Matters Arising

(i) To receive an update on the progress of the restoration work on the Top Pumphouse.

The work is now complete and the final balance of £1020.00 has been paid.

Initial by Chairman:

(ii) To reach a decision on the ‘no parking’ signage for the Top Pumphouse.

It was agreed that the Clerk will re-send the sign images for Councillors to make a final decision.

It was agreed that only one sign was needed for the Top Pumphouse and this would be attached to the railings.

(iii) To receive any update on the progress of the mesh being laid on the Parish Field.

To date the mesh has not been fully laid – Cllr Torrance to monitor and liaise with Bob Wilkinson.

(iv) To confirm the whole council training date.

The date is confirmed for the 13th February from 6pm-9.30pm – venue to be confirmed.

(v) To confirm the 2017 meeting dates for the Parish Council. (Appendices 1)

Proposed dates agreed by all.

7. Financial Report

(i) To receive a financial update from the Clerk (Appendices 2 and 3)

All payments outlined on the Budget 2016/17 (Appendices 2) spreadsheet were approved at the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 7th September 2016.

8. Cheshire West and Chester Local Plan: Draft Oil and Gas Exploration, Production and Distribution SPD Consultation

District Councillors Hammond and Wright advised that Great Budworth would not be subject to fracking due to the large amounts of brine subsidence in the local area generally.

Resolved by all that the Parish Council would make no formal response to the document.

9. Cheshire West and Chester Planning Protocol Consultation

Resolved by all that the Parish Council would make no formal response to the document.

10. ChALC Annual Meeting

Councillor Brudenell updated that there will be no rise in the ChALC Membership fees for 2017/18 and that the possibility of referenda principles being applied to all English parishes in respect of future council tax increases was discussed and debated at the Annual Meeting.

11. Parish Issues

It was agreed that the following will be added to the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda:

(i) Agreement of the budget for 2017/18.

(ii) Proposed projects and their costings (as discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 7th November 2016)

(iii) Funding Streams (as discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 7th November 2016)

(iv) Signage for Farthings Lane (Clerk to contact Cheshire West and Chester Highways)

(v) Road surface problems on Westage Lane (Councillor Collier to send details to the Clerk, the Clerk will then contact Cheshire East Highways)

Closed 8.20pm

Initial by Chairman:

Signed as a true record

Chairman
16th January 2017

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