

MINUTES of GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 7th March 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

District Councillors N Wright, L Gibbon

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2. Apologies D Hammond

3. Declarations of Interest

All members of the Parish Council regarding Item 10a (i) – a planning application submitted on behalf of the Parish Council.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Resolved that the meeting minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 11th January 2016, the Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held on the 1st February 2016, the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the on the 22nd February 2016 be agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr McAndrew and agreed by all.

5. To hear representation from the public

Opened: 7.35

District Cllr Wright:

- Updated on building works currently being undertaken in Northwich.
- Requested that District Cllrs be invited to the meeting to be held with the CWAC Highways Department and Cheshire Constabulary regarding parking proposals for the village.
- Advised that if further funds are required for the work to be undertaken on the parish field to request assistance from the District Councillors fund.
- Further advised that any the mesh being laid on the parish field is in line with the planning consent given by CWAC in 2005.
- Updated that there is now only one Planning Committee at CWAC, if the Parish Council has a concern about a planning application they can still raise this with a District Councillor but a meeting will not automatically be called as was previously.

Clerk to ensure that CWAC Planning Department give consent for the area that the mesh is to be laid in.

District Cllr Gibbon:

- Advised that there is to be an open forum at the Lion Salt Works in the 27th April 2016 at 6.30pm to discuss neighbourhood plans and update on the development being undertaken in Northwich.
- Advised that Great Budworth has been defined as a Service Centre in the Local Plan – meaning that applications for infill planning, or new houses in keeping with the area on the outskirts of the village would be viewed positively. She further stressed that a neighbourhood plan would assist with this.

The Parish Council expressed their disappointment to the District Councillors that the New Homes Bonus fund has been withdrawn and the significant effect it will have on the income of the Parish Council.

Closed: 7.50pm

6. Correspondence (Appendices 1)

It was noted that the National Village Hall forum is to be disbanded.

Clerk to check any implication for the Parish Council regarding the Parish Hall in relation to this.

7. Progress Reports:

a. Clerk

- I. A gritting bin has now been installed on High Street.
- II. New dog fouling bins have been installed at either end of The Avenue.
- III. As per the January 2016 Parish Council Meeting all grids causing drainage issues in the village were reported to CWAC Highways Department – significant improvement work having been undertaken by CWAC Highways to improve drainage at the bottom of High Street.
- IV. Northwich Town Council have made contact to regarding providing a quotation for the installation of the village Christmas Tree – agreed by all not to proceed any further with this matter.
- V. The Parish Council Twitter account now has 18 followers and the Facebook page has reached 179 people.
- VI. The domain greatbudworth.com has now been transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council.
- VII. The Parish Council Grant Application letters have now been sent to all local groups – no responses to date – deadline is the 31st March 2016
- VIII. Contact has been made with all the Parish Councils in the Marbury Ward regarding a joint neighbourhood plan – no take up to date.
- IX. The Concert Tickets the Parish Council were awarded have still not been allocated.
- X. The Parish Council VAT return has been submitted – and for £65.00 more than estimated.
- XI. Clerk to attend Finance and CiLCA training in the next few weeks.
- XII. Updated that the New Homes Bonus has been formally withdrawn.
- XIII. The Sapling on The Avenue has now been replaced.
- XIV. A sample of the celebratory coin for the Queen's birthday has been received

Clerk to contact Highways to request that a mesh is placed on the drainage pipe at the bottom of High Street.

Clerk to re-send grant application letter to Anna Lee for the Budworth Bulletin.

Cllrs to contact Clerk with suggestions for the complimentary Concert Tickets received.

Cllr Kershaw to send Clerk the bill for the Sapling.

Clerk to contact Bob Wilkinson for name and address of the farmer who has agreed to pay for the replacement Sapling.

Cllrs to contact the Clerk if they wish to discuss at the May Parish Council Meeting the ordering of any of the Queen's Celebratory Birthday Coins.

b. Chairman

Red Productions will be filming in the village on the 23rd March 2016 and will be paying the Parish Council the rate of £500.00 per day as per the previous filming rate agreed for the village.

Stretton Parish Council have not yet organised a meeting date to discuss the issues with the A559.

8. Financial Report:

(i) To receive a financial update from the Clerk

Clerk advised that the end of year bank balance for 2015/16 should be as forecast in the 2016/17 Budget.

Clerk reviewed the 2015/16 Budget (Appendices 2) and the Bank Reconciliation (Appendices 3)

(ii) To discuss the quotation received for the mesh on the Parish Field

Cllr Torrance advised that he has negotiated a reduction of £600.00 for the cost of the mesh for the parish field, meaning the total cost is: £7086.00 (£5905.00 minus VAT) which falls within the budget set of £6300.00.

Agreed by all for Cllr Torrance to proceed (once it is confirmed that the CWAC Planning Department give consent for the area to be covered).

(ii) To agree and approve payments

All payments outlined and highlighted in the 2015/16 Budget (Appendices 2) agreed and approved by all.

9. Parking in Great Budworth

Agree by all that a meeting will be held with the CWAC Highways Department, Cheshire Constabulary, representatives from the District Council and representatives from the Parish Council to discuss the actions agreed at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting (Appendices 4)

Agreed by all that Cllr Brudenell will open a dialogue with the school regarding what further assistance they can give with the village parking issues.

10. Planning Applications

New Applications:

(i) Application Number: 16/00511/CAT

Proposal: G2 - 31 X Lime Trees - Reduce and shape by approximately 10%, removing any deadwood and epicormic growth.

G1 - 13 X Lime Trees - Reduce and shape by approximately 10%, removing any deadwood and epicormic growth.

G4 - 12 X Lime Trees - Reduce and shape by approximately 2 metres, removing any deadwood and epicormic growth.

G3 - 30 X Lime Trees - Reduce and shape by approximately 2 metres, crown lift to approximately 5 metres, removing any deadwood and epicormic growth.

All the work required among the Lime trees listed above is necessary work to keep the trees amenable and in a healthy condition.

Location: Great Budworth Church Of England Primary School , School Lane, Great Budworth, Northwich, CW9 6HQ

Agreed by all that no comment or objection to be made.

(ii) Application Number: 16/00801/TPO

Proposal: Pruning and crown reduction of 2m max on T1, T2 and T3 cherry trees

Location: 35 Westage Lane Great Budworth Northwich Cheshire

Agreed by all that no comment or objection to be made.

(b) Caradoc

The land registry application for registering rights of drainage has been withdrawn by the owners of Caradoc.

Thanks noted to Stephen Jennings and the owners of Caradoc in relation to this matter.

8.25pm Cllrs Gibbon and Wright left the meeting.

11. The Queen's Birthday Celebrations

It was noted that the Parish Council are grateful to those members of the community that are organising an event.

The Parish Council have no identified budget for the event.

Agreed by all that the Parish Council will provide pump prime funding if necessary.

12. Parish Field Update

The Clerk has received an email from the CWAC Planning Department advising that they see no issue with a Fields in Trust Award in relation to the current planning status of the Parish Field. But they could not comment on whether it would affect future planning applications.

Agreed by all for Clerk to proceed with the Fields in Trust application.

13. The Top Pumphouse

Turners have still not commenced work on the Top Pumphouse

Cllr Torrance to contact Turners.

14. Finials

Finials complete and delivered.

Thanks for Cllr Hopkinson for her involvement with the Finials.

Agreed by all that Cllr McAndrew will arrange for the poles on which they are to be installed to be reduced in size and then for the Finials subsequent installation.

15. Parish Council Deeds and Legal Paperwork Report

Report has now been completed and recently received.

Thanks to Stephen Jennings for his work on the report.

Update on the report to be given at the May Parish Council Meeting.

16. Parish Issues

- I. Dog Signs – Cllr Kershaw awaiting confirmation on the details of the price for 36 small signs and 6 A5 signs

Cllr Kershaw will forward the price to the Clerk once received.

- II. The Avenue – the current state of the walkway needs addressing.

Clerk to add to the May Parish Council Meeting agenda.

17. Dates of Meetings:

4th April 2016 – 7pm Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting.

4th April 2016 – 8pm Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting.

9th May 2016 – 7.30pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Part 2

Items of a “confidential or other special nature” during which it is likely that the meeting will not be open to the public and press as there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Closed 8.50pm

Signed as a true record

**Chairman
16th May 2016**

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