

**MINUTES OF the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2017**

Opened at 7.35pm

1. Welcome and record attendance

1 Present

Chairman H Brudenell

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

Also present

Clerk R Ollier

District Councillors L Gibbon

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2. Apologies Cllr N Wright, Cllr D Hammond

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 4th September 2017 were an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

The minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 4th September 2017 were accepted as an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

5. Representations from the public

Opened: 7:36pm

1. District Councillor Lynn Gibbon detailed the following:

- An application has been received to designate a neighbourhood area for Marston & Wincham, for the purposes of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for that area. A consultation is currently open for the public and surrounding parishes to comment on the plans.
- Government funding is currently available for parishes to develop a neighbourhood area plan.
- The Northwich Transport Strategy consultation is currently open for comment, there are several proposals for new roads to ease traffic through Winnington bridge. The crossroads onto the A559 at Great Budworth has also been noted as a dangerous junction, Cllr Gibbon advised the Council to write again to CWAC regarding this issue. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should comment on this item to support the view that the crossroads at the end of High Street were extremely dangerous particularly to pedestrians.

2. A member of the public commented that part of the Parish Council noticeboard had not been updated recently. The Council confirmed that the agendas and relevant information had been advertised on the boards, but would review this.

Initial by Chairman:

Part 2

6. Matters Arising

(i) To receive an update on the No Dog Fouling signage on The Avenue.

Laminated posters were presented to the Council for review, which will be affixed down The Avenue in the coming week

(ii) To receive and approve the updated Asset Register. (Appendix 5ii)

The updated register was accepted by the Council. Thanks were made to the Councillors involved with this.

(iii) To discuss and agree on a course of action regarding the Fields in Trust application.

The Chairman updated the Council regarding the renewal of the lease between the Parish Hall Committee and the Parish Council. It was noted that until the new lease was in place, it was prudent to postpone the application decision until the field maintenance had been agreed.

New concerns were raised regarding the devolved responsibility of the Parish Field. It was also noted that from a review of previous minutes, the Council appeared to have agreed to the application in January 2015.

It was agreed by the Council that an article would be placed in the next Budworth Bulletin, which would include a “for and against” to allow residents to comment on the application. The Chairman noted that a draft lease would be in place for the January 2018 meeting and a final decision on the Fields in Trust application would be made.

(iv) To receive an update regarding the parking strategy in the village and parking strategies outside the Church.

The Council commented that St Mary’s PCC were meeting to discuss the proposal of parking restrictions around the Church and were yet to feedback to the Council.

It was also noted that the Council were meeting with Highways and the Police on 8th November, it was requested the surface of Farthing Lane, the Westage Lane closure and subsequent damage to Heath Lane were to be raised as issues at this meeting.

(v) To receive an update from the Clerk regarding a grant application to Manchester Airport for The Avenue.

The Clerk noted that advice from the grant team had been received and pathways have previously been awarded grants. It was noted that a Working Party could be set up to clear the ground for the works to begin to demonstrate community involvement in the project.

The Clerk commented that the grant would need submitting by 24th November for the next grant review in early January 2018.

(vi) To receive an update regarding the maintenance of the Lime Trees in Noah’s Ark.

Deferred until the January 2018 meeting

(vii) To receive an update from the Clerk regarding a Section 215 application on waste land in the village.

CWAC have visited the site and commented that no action can be taken at this time. However, if any fly tipping occurs, the Council should obtain photographic evidence and inform CWAC at the earliest.

7. Financial Report

(i) To receive and agree the recommendations from the Finance Committee Meeting on the 6th November 2017.

The recommendations were agreed and accepted by the Council

(ii) To receive and note the External Auditors Report for 2016/17. (deferred until the January 2018 meeting)

(iii) To review and amend the Parish Council’s current Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

The revised Financial Regulations and Standing Orders were accepted by the Council.

8. ChALC AGM

The Chairman noted the report circulated amongst the Council. It was resolved to accept that the affiliation fee to CHALC should rise from 35p per elector to 36p, with a minimum fee being no less than £36.00.

9.a To receive the Planning Application:

Site Address: Sandicroft Cock Lane Great Budworth Northwich Cheshire CW9 6HP

Proposal: Increase flue height to biomass boilers - retrospective

Reference Number: 17/04517/FUL

(Appendix 9a)

9b. To receive comments from the public on the new planning application.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the removal of mature trees which had provided screening from the biomass boiler. They requested that the Council support a recommendation that sufficient screening be reinstated and the CWAC tree officer be involved in this process.

9c. To agree a response from the Parish Council to this application

The Council agreed to recommend sufficient screening be reinstated and the CWAC tree officer be involved in this process. It was also noted that existing mature trees should be retained.

10. Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Review 2018

The Council had no objection to the Boundary Review, which would result in Great Budworth becoming part of Weaver Vale constituency.

The Council also agreed the Local Boundary Review response would state the Council are happy to keep three Councillors and take on three additional similar rural wards thereby keeping Marbury ward.

11. CWAC Budget Consultation

It was agreed by the Council that all aspects of the CWAC budget were important and therefore the Clerk would respond to the consultation to reflect this. The response would also detail that no further funding cuts should be made to schools.

12. Defibrillator at The George and Dragon Pub.

The Council had been able to contact with the relevant company and a new battery would arrive within the next 7 days.

13. Neighbourhood Area application - Marston & Wincham

The Council agree to the application proposal, but noted there was little information available on the CWAC website regarding this. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no comment to make on the application to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Marston and Wincham. The Parish Council was reminded that it had been previously agreed that GBPC would not pursue the production of a Neighbourhood Plan; sufficient safeguards were in place to preserve the village ie – green belt, conservation area, listed buildings.

14. Bridgewater Hall Concert Tickets

It was agreed to donate the tickets to the school as a raffle prize for the Christmas Fayre.

15.AOB

Filming in Great Budworth - "The War Of The Worlds"

It was noted a filming company had approached the Council regarding the above project. It was agreed the Clerk would liaise with the company directly and keep the Council informed of proceedings. The Council agreed that a fee of £700 per day be suggested.

HS2 Meeting

The Council noted a representative had attended the meeting in October 2017. The HS2 representative failed to attend the meeting and therefore yielded no new information.

Part 2 Personnel Matters

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 100l of the Local Government Act 1972.

(i) Review of salaries in accordance with Financial Regulations section 4.4
Deferred until May 2018.

Closed 8.47pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman
8th January 2018

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