

**MINUTES OF the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 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, P McAndrew

Also present

Clerk                        C Marshall  
Public                        3

**2. Apologies**            L Hopkinson, D Hammond, N Wright. 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

The minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and the Traffic Meeting held with Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire Police on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were received and accepted.

**5. Representations from the public**

*Opened: 7:35pm*

**(i) Birds Fouling in the trees near the Top Pumphouse**

It was suggested that netting maybe installed over the trees or jars of ammonia placed in them to stop birds roosting and subsequently fouling that area.

*Action:*

*It was agreed that Councillor Kershaw will speak to a Pest Control company about possible solutions and the Clerk will contact the Pest Control department at Cheshire West and Chester Council and the RSPB for advice.*

**(ii) Banner on Top Pumphouse**

It was stated that the banner currently in place advertising Cransley School is unsightly and that its installation on the Top Pumphouse railings is illegal (under Section 224 (3) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) and technically fly posting as permission had not been sought from the Parish Council the owner of the Top Pumphouse.

*Action:*

*Agreed that the Clerk will send a letter to Cransley school asking for its immediate removal and advising that no subsequent banners or signs should be placed there.*

Initial by Chairman:

### **(iii) Parking Notices being attached to cars in the village**

Cllr Wright (via Cllr Torrance in his absence) asked it to be noted that he was concerned about the wording on the Parish Council Parking Warning Notices after one was left on his wife's car.

Cllr Wright's comments were noted, but no further action to be taken regarding the wording as this was approved by Cheshire West and Chester Highways and the Cheshire Police.

*Action:*

*Clerk to add to the May Parish Council meeting agenda an item to discuss which areas of the village are classed as problem parking areas.*

*Councillors to continue using current parking notices.*

*Closed: 7.55pm*

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **(i) To reach a decision on the 'no parking' signage for the Top Pumphouse.**

*Action:*

*Agreed by all that Clerk will order the No Parking sign sized 39.5cm x 6cm. at a price of £40 inc VAT and that once received Cllrs Collier and McAndrew will organise its erection.*

### **(ii) To receive an update on the dog fouling signage.**

Cllr Kershaw advised that the signage will be received in the next week.

*Action:*

*Cllrs Kershaw and Brudenell to arrange the erection of a sign on one of the trees in the Avenue.  
Cllr Kershaw to provide the Clerk with an invoice as soon as possible.*

### **(iii) To receive any update on the recent HS2 meeting attended by Cllr Lee.**

Cllr Lee provided update (Appendices 1)

### **(iv) To receive an update on the current Fields in Trust application including the named Councillors that will be included on the deeds and the final cost.**

Clerk advised that the application is nearly complete and that the application will cost approximately £80 and that Fields in Trust provide a plaque free of charge but that the Parish Council will need to fund a plinth for it to be attached to.

Agreed by all that Cllrs Brudenell and McAndrew will be the named Councillors on the deeds.

### **(v) To receive information on the Bike Chester Event and agree any issues/matters that the Parish Council would like to raise with the event planners.**

It was noted that the fact that Bike Cheshire have contacted the Council should be applauded.

*Action:*

*Clerk to contact Bike Cheshire and request that:*

- *Marshalls are put in place through the village and in particular by the finials on Westage Lane, on the bend by the Top Pumphouse and at the bottom of High Street to ensure peoples safety.*
- *Stewards check after the event that all rubbish is tidied away.*

Initial by Chairman:

- *They contact the Church and the George and Dragon pub to advise them of the race.*

**(vi) To receive and note the briefing paper on the electoral review of Cheshire West and Chester Council being carried out by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England and agree its inclusion on the May 2017 Parish Council Meeting Agenda.**

Agreed by all that this will be added to the May Parish Council meeting agenda, noted that as a result of the review the ward of Marbury may have its District Councillors number reduced from 3 to 2.

**(vii) To receive an update from the recent Highways and Police Traffic meeting.**

Noted that to date there have been no further developments on the requested change to the width and height restriction for vehicles travelling through the village.

Also noted that the licences for 2 additional planters in the village have not yet been provided.

*Action:*

*Clerk to contact Jamie Barron at Cheshire West and Chester Highways about these matters.*

Cllr Lee reported that she has received no response from Cheshire West and Chester Highways about the Farthings Lane signage. She also highlighted the need for a mirror at the bottom of Heath Lane. Advised that Guy Potter who owns the land has agreed for a mirror to be installed.

*Action:*

*Cllr Kershaw to confirm the costings for such a mirror and its installation.*

Cllr McAndrew confirmed that he has been in touch with the resident that reported the issues with the parking on Cock Lane and provided an update on the outcome of the Traffic meeting.

## **7. Financial Report To receive a financial update from the Clerk**

2016/17 budget (Appendices 2) and current bank reconciliation (Appendices 3) received and noted by all.

Clerk updated in £220 donation received from Big Boys Breakfast for the Kissing Gates repairs

*Action:*

*Clerk to send letter of thanks.*

Clerk confirmed that £3000 Members Grant for additional repairs to the parish hall have now been received as has the £1 peppercorn rent from the Parish Hall committee for 2017/18.

Clerk reported that the Section 137 permitted spend for 2017/18 is £2255.86.

## **8. Parking by the bench on High Street**

Noted that Mr and Mrs Kordel have kindly agreed to pay for planters to be installed by the bench to address the issue of cars being parked in this part of the village.

## 9. Condition of the roads within Great Budworth

It was noted that the potholes on Westage Lane have still not been repaired.

*Action:*

*Clerk to contact Cheshire East Council about the potholes.*

## 10. Top Pumphouse

This matter was resolved under Item 5 on the agenda.

## 11. Parish Issue

### (i) Land adjacent to the Avenue

Cllr McAndrew highlighted a query about the land adjacent to the school field and extending from the first section of the Avenue to the limits of the current building line of School Lane.

He advised that when Hields House Farm was sold this section of land was retained by the previous owner, Mr John Williamson, and has been left fallow and not cultivated as part of the remainder of the field.

He stated that at present it is classed as agricultural land but that the Parish Council may wish to clarify that if the land is left unused for a period of time would its classification be changed due to it not being used as agricultural land to land that would then be easier to gain planning permission for development on?

He suggested that the Parish Council may wish to clarify what action they may need to take to ensure that the land remains classified as agricultural.

*Action:*

*Agreed by all that Cllr McAndrew would send map details of this plot of land to the Clerk and that she would then contact Cheshire West and Chester Planning department about this query and report back at the May Parish Council meeting.*

**Closed 8.30pm**

**Signed as a true record .....**

**Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**