

**MINUTES OF the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

**Opened at 7.30pm**

**1. Welcome and record attendance**

**1 Present**

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

**Also present**

Clerk R Ollier  
District Councillors Cllr N Wright, Cllr L Gibbon  
Public 7

**2. Apologies** H Brudenell, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 were an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

The minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 were accepted as an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

**5. Representations from the public**

*Opened: 7:33pm*

A member of the public requested an update on the current position of the Parish Hall lease between the Parish Hall Committee and the Parish Council. It was noted that this would be discussed under item 6.iii

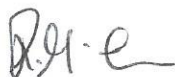
A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council considered converting the bowling green into a car park and moving the bowling green to the parish field. The Council confirmed that it was not the intention to convert the bowling green and the current lease would need renewal soon.

Mobile phone signal in the village was very poor, across all networks and several residents in the village relied on mobile phone signal to run businesses. A booster had helped some residents however some networks charged up to £50 for a box. Cllr Lynn Gibbon stated that Connecting Cheshire should be contacted to identify "not spots". A new mast had recently been installed in Comberbach.

Cllr Lynn Gibbon reported that TATA steel had applied to double the height of the chimney for burning waste. An independent consultancy had been sought but turned down.

CWAC were currently installing parking meters on car parks in Northwich with an anticipated start date of 12<sup>th</sup> December. A current petition to remove the parking charges had 3,500 signatures and residents were encouraged to sign the petition if they opposed the charges

Initial by Chairman:



The Chief Executive was visiting the village on 22<sup>nd</sup> November and it was agreed to draw attention to the crossroads between A559 and High Street, in particular the trees which reduced visibility.

## **6. Matters Arising**

### **(i) To receive an update on Westage Lane and Heath Lane.**

The Clerk reported that Natural England had granted a licence to install one way opening gates to rehome the badgers from their current setts. This would run for a period of three weeks until 21<sup>st</sup> November, after which an ecologist would survey the area to ascertain if the badgers had left. The badger setts would then be destroyed, which may result in further damage to the road, from which repairs can begin.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cheshire East Highways after 21<sup>st</sup> November for an update.

### **(ii) To receive an update on the traffic mirror on Westage Lane.**

It was agreed the Clerk and Cllr A Lee would contact Mr Guy Potter to discuss the appropriate insurance and location of the mirror.

### **(iii) To receive an update on the Parish Hall lease renewal.**

The Parish Council noted that the lease had expired and was under review, a proposal to begin discussions with the Parish Hall Committee with an agreement to becoming a sub-committee of the Parish Council.

It was queried if all income from the Parish Hall was held with the Parish Hall Committee, would the parish precept be increased in future years to meet expenditure requirements, including the Parish Council's heritage responsibilities.

It was agreed that due to the good governance of the Parish Hall Committee had significant reserves, which would remain with the committee and could only be utilised on the Parish Hall. It was queried if the future income of the Parish Hall Committee exceeded the Parish Hall expenditure requirements whether funds could be transferred to the Parish Council for projects. It was confirmed that the Committee's current constitution does not allow this.

The Council discussed future funds of the Parish Hall would be received by the Parish Council and transferred to the Committee as required.

Cllr Torrence requested that the Parish Hall Committee be given another opportunity to reorganise their affairs and finances, the Parish Hall has no ongoing evolving program and neighbouring Halls had benefited from kitchen upgrades. The Parish Hall Committee should have first refusal of the annual income of the Parish Hall.

The Council agreed that discussions would be held with the Parish Hall Committee regarding finances. It was also agreed that the draft letter of 25<sup>th</sup> September would be sent to the Parish Hall Committee via the Clerk.

### **(iv) To receive an update on the website.**

The Clerk reported that a provisional update on the website design had been distributed to the Council. It was noted that the Council was satisfied with the current design proposal.

### **(v) To receive an update regarding the Stile located on The Avenue**

The Clerk reported that a meeting was arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> November with the adjoining landowner and subject to approval, quotations for a kissing gate would be sought.

### **(vi) To receive an update on the Tennis Courts in the village.**

The Clerk reported that no update had been received from the Tennis Club regarding insurance for the tennis coach and adoption of the safeguarding policy. It was agreed the Tennis Club representative would contact the Tennis Club.

### **(vii) To receive recommendations from the Finance Committee on the Lime Trees on High Street**

The Council reported that advice had been sought on the Lime Trees and two trees should be replaced with trees with a significant root ball, the trees should be pleached regularly to maintain the structure and the tree on the far-right hand side was leaning due to the previous tension of the wires. The Clerk reported quotations for the work were being obtained.



## **7. Planning Applications**

### **(i) To discuss new Planning Applications**

(a) Site Address: - 23 High Street, Great Budworth Northwich Cheshire CW9 6HF

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension

**Reference Number:** 18/03774/LBC

(see attached Item 9a)

No comments.

## **8. Financial Report**

(i) To receive and agree the recommendations from the Finance Committee Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

It was agreed by the Council to appoint Mallets Stonemasonry to begin remedial works to the Lower Pumphouse

## **9. The Lime Trees on The Avenue**

(i) To receive an update on the scheduled works to the Lime trees situated on The Avenue.

The Clerk reported that Treefellers were working on the lime trees on The Avenue and the wood chippings were being removed from the site.

## **10. Cheshire West and Chesters Review of Polling districts and stations 2018**

The Council reported that there were no changes to the polling arrangements in the village.

## **11. HS2 consultation on draft environmental statement**

No comments.

## **12. ChALC AGM**

The Clerk reported that ChALC would not increase the subscription for Council's for the coming year.

## **13. Parish Council Meeting Dates**

The Parish Council agreed to liaise with neighbouring Marbury Parish Councils to ascertain if an alternative Monday meeting date for District Councillor attendance.

**Closed 8.43pm**

Signed as a true record ..... 

**Chairman**

Initial by Chairman:

