

MINUTES OF the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 2nd JULY 2018

Opened at 7.30pm

1. Welcome and record attendance

1 Present

Chairman H Brudenell

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

Also present

Clerk R Ollier

District Councillors Cllr D Hammond

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2. Apologies Cllr N Wright, Cllr 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 14th May 2018 were an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 14th May 2018 were accepted as an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

5. Representations from the public

Opened: 7:36pm

A member of the Public expressed concerns regarding the noise levels from members of the Tennis Club when the courts are in use. It was reported that a tennis coach operates during the week and neighbours had politely contacted the coach and tennis club regarding the noise but had yet to receive a response regarding the matter. Residents were also concerned regarding a proposal for lighting on the tennis courts, which would be intrusive to immediate neighbours and on the gardens of properties neighbouring the courts. Another resident suggested the Parish Council should consider lighting on the Parish Field, which could be used in winter to encourage people to park their cars on the field, e.g. the gardening club as temporary lighting had been used in the past.

A member of the public commented that the lease should be agreed between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club. The lease agreement is with the Bowling Club. The Tennis club is not a legal entity and the lease is not legally valid. Planning consent would be required if a person was operating a business at the tennis courts.

A resident expressed concern that dog fouling was prevalent on Westage Lane where it is closed, the bin at the end of The Avenue was also overflowing and had not been emptied. The Clerk confirmed this had been reported to CWAC.

A resident expressed concern that The Avenue between Farthing Lane and Westage Lane is overgrown and difficult to walk down. The Council agreed to arrange for The Avenue to be strimmed.

6. Matters Arising

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

Initial by Chairman:



The Chairman reported that Cheshire East Council had not carried out the badger survey in accordance with the schedule produced in April 2018, due to a higher cost compared with carrying out the survey in the Autumn. This would automatically push back the repair of Westage Lane as no agreement on the survey had been reached. CWAC had been approached to apply planings to the roadside on Heath Lane where two cars are regularly meeting and creating 'passing points'. CWAC were reluctant to complete this and would only resurface the current road area if it met the Highways criteria for repair.

The Council agreed to carry out the following actions:

- To contact Esther McVey MP and raise a formal complaint regarding Westage Lane.
- The Clerk is to draft model letter would be sent to residents, encouraging them to contact Cheshire East regarding Westage Lane.
- The Council to contact CWAC to ascertain if they can provide some funds to improve Heath Lane.
- The Council agreed to contact local media to raise the profile of the lane closure.
- The Council to engage with Pickmere and Aston-by-Budworth Parish Councils to raise a petition

(ii) To receive an update on the Upper and Lower Pumphouses.

The Council received and considered a report on remedial works to the lower pumphouse. It was agreed the Clerk would thank the architect for their work regarding this. The clerk is to arrange for quotations for work and to report back at the next meeting.

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

No update.

(iv) To receive an update on the traffic mirror on Westage Lane.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council indemnity insurance had been provided to the homeowner for their solicitor to review.

(v) To receive an update on the Parish Hall lease renewal.

The Chairman reported that the Parish Hall Committee had been informed of the decision to create a sub committee of the Parish Council. It was agreed that a working party with 3 members each from the Parish Hall Committee and the Parish Council would meet with an aim to incorporate the committee for 1st January 2019. It was agreed Cllr Collier, Cllr Brudenell and Cllr Torrance would represent the Parish Council.

(vi) To receive an update on the website.

The Chairman reported that the Council was meeting with the website designer on 3rd July for a progress review.

(vii) To receive and review the consent form and data privacy notices in accordance with GDPR legislation.

The Clerk presented the privacy notices and consent form to the Council which were subsequently adopted.

(viii) To receive an update regarding the Parish Field soakaway.

The Council agreed to write to the homeowner to enquire if the property was to be connected to the sewage network.

(ix) To receive an update regarding the asset maintenance programme.

The Council agreed to amend the Asset report to document the frequency that each asset should be inspected for repair.

8. Tennis Courts in Great Budworth

The Council reported it has received concerns from residents regarding the noise levels of Tennis Club members at the Tennis Courts. It was also noted that a tennis coach is using the courts 2.5 days per week, which may be a commercial enterprise. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Tennis Club Secretary and report back to the Council.

9. Southbank, Great Budworth

The Clerk reported that the weeds growing in the middle of the highway had been reported to CWAC.

10. Parish Field Gateway

The Clerk reported that the Parish Hall Committee were undertaking work to improve the entrance to the Parish Field and the pedestrian gate would be reinstated. This work would be kindly completed by volunteers this year.

11. The Stile located on The Avenue

The Clerk reported that CWAC were unable to specify when the stile would be fixed, despite reports of injury. It was also noted that CWAC had suggested that a kissing gate would be more appropriate, but the Parish Council would fund the project (subject to landowner consent). It was agreed the Clerk would enquire with the landowner, obtain quotes as appropriate and report back at the next meeting.

12. Manchester Airport Draft Noise Action Plan 2019 – 2023

The Council discussed the questionnaire and agreed to report their concerns regarding the noise pollution of planes landing at Manchester Airport during certain weather conditions, despite Manchester Airport Group stating Great Budworth is outside of the area.

It was also reported that residents can report concerns regarding the noise of an aircraft within 10 minutes of it flying overhead to the Noise Advice Telephone line. It was agreed to report this in the next issue of the Bulletin.

13. Safeguarding Policy

The Council reviewed and agreed to adopt the safeguarding policy. It was also agreed disseminate to associate organisations, the Parish Hall Committee, Bowling Club and Tennis Club with a recommendation for adoption.

14. To propose an order of priority for future projects.

The Council discussed the proposals and agreed that parking was an ongoing issue in the village. It was noted that a previous working party had explored options to improve parking in the village and a consultant would delay a decision on how to proceed, but would be an experienced neutral party in preparing a report on a parking solution. It was reported that the "No Parking" sign outside the Top Pumphouse was less effective than hoped, however CWAC were unable to support the installation of bollards on the roadside as this would push parked vehicles further into the highway. It was expressed that a canopy on the 3 parking spaces by the Top Pumphouse may not represent a benefit to all residents in the village.

Cllr Collier left the meeting at 8.39pm

It was recorded that 3 Councillors each supported the resurfacing of The Avenue between Farthing Lane and Westage Lane and engaging with a parking consultant.

Two Councillors each supported the idea of tasteful bollards in the centre of the village to discourage parked vehicles and the installation of "Great Budworth Residents Only" parking signs for the 3 spaces by the Top pumphouse.

It was agreed the Council would not support the application from the Tennis Club for funds towards a new lighting system, which would require planning consent.

Cllr Hopkinson left the meeting at 8.50pm

The following actions were agreed:

The Clerk would clarify the car parking spaces by the Bowling Green were for the use of all residents in the village.

Councillors agreed to resurface The Avenue between Farthing Lane and Westage Lane, to be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk would arrange for The Avenue to be trimmed between Farthing Lane and Westage Lane.

The Clerk would obtain quotes for a parking consultant, the Lower Pumphouse repairs and report at the next meeting

Closed 8.59pm

Signed as a true record 

Chairman

Initial by Chairman:

