

MINUTES OF the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at the PARISH HALL at 7.30 PM on MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2017

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, M Kershaw

Also present

Clerk R Ollier

District Councillors Cllr N Wright

Public 8

2. Apologies Cllr D Hammond, 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 8th January 2018 were an accurate record. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

The minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 8th January 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 queried the effectiveness of the "No Parking" signage which had been attached to the Top Pump House and if parking notices were being placed on cars who had parked inconsiderately in the village. The Council confirmed that the sign size was sensitive to the Pump House and not to the detriment of the listed building. Parking notices were periodically placed on cars and were available at the George and Dragon Pub.

A representative from the Great Budworth Heritage Society noted that a white deposit required removal from the upright supports on the Top Pump House. The conservation officer had been consulted and it was agreed that volunteers would remove the deposit water and a strong brush. It was also reported that the Bottom Pump House required attention and a meeting with the conservation officer was being arranged. The Council agreed that it would attend the meeting and report back as appropriate.

Part 2

6. Matters Arising

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

The Council reported that new signs would be erected in the Spring to replace the current signage and the situation would continue to be monitored in the future.

Initial by Chairman: 

(ii) To receive an update regarding the parking strategy in the village and parking strategies outside the Church.
The Council noted that following the Budworth survey, there was no solution that resolved the parking problems in the village. It was agreed to advertise the use of parking notices in the Budworth Bulletin and enclose a sample notice for residents to use in the next issue.

(iii) To receive an update from the Clerk regarding a grant application to Manchester Airport for The Avenue.
The Clerk reported that the Council had been unsuccessful in their application, however it was being appealed at the April Trustees meeting and an update would be provided at the next meeting.

(iv) To receive an update regarding the maintenance of the Lime Trees in Noah's Ark.
Deferred until the next meeting

(v) To receive an update on the tree surgery to be carried out to the Holm Oaks.
The Clerk reported that the planning approval was anticipated within the next few days and the tree surgeon had been contacted to arrange a schedule subject to approval.

(vi) To receive an update on the Westage Lane closure/ Heath Lane.
It was reported that Cllr L Gibbon had secured a meeting with Cheshire East Council and details would be circulated shortly. The Council expressed frustration at not receiving information from Cheshire East regarding the reinstatement of the road since the closure in October 2017 and a formal complaints procedure would be instigated.

(vii) To receive an update on the traffic mirror on Westage Lane.
The Council confirmed that the insurers Came & Company, would provide cover for the traffic mirror on Mr Potter's land under the existing policy and had advised that periodic inspections of the mirror should be recorded. The Council was in the process of preparing a suitable legal document to establish liabilities with Mr Potter.

(viii) To receive an update on the Parish Hall lease renewal.
The next Parish Hall Committee Meeting is to be held on 11th April 2018 and the lease clauses would be discussed at this meeting. The Council asked for members nominated as members of the Parish Hall Committee to attend the meeting.

(ix) To report on the works carried out to The Avenue.
The Council agreed the recent works carried out was of a suitable standard. It was agreed to arrange clearing of the leaves to The Avenue in the Autumn.
The Clerk reported that £500 was expected to be received from the District Councillors towards the renewal of the footpath.

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

The Council agreed to advertise the Parish Council Grant Application in accordance with the 2018/19 budget.
The Council discussed the option to complete the renewal of The Avenue between Farthing Lane and Westage Lane and a turning circle to be installed at the bottom of Farthing Lane. It was agreed that additional "no parking" signs would be purchased and "residents only" parking signs by the Holm Oak tree car parking spaces.
The Council also discussed a sinking fund for the War of The Worlds filming fee for a future significant project. As the feedback from the Bulletin survey had been mixed any project would require popular approval.

8. Great Budworth Website

(i) To consider a proposal to update the website (appendix to follow)
The Clerk reported that a proposal to update the website to allow a more user-friendly access for tablets and mobile phones had been suggested by the website host. An update would include a 'new look' and facilitate easier uploads and a review of all the pages on the website. The Council agreed to obtain a detailed plan for the website and report back at the next meeting.

9. Public Space Protection Orders - Dog Control Consultation

(i) To determine a response to the Council (appendix 8)
The Council noted the Consultation and expressed concern on the effectiveness of enforcing a policy. It was agreed to respond to the Consultation.

10. Parish Council Meetings 2018/19

(i) To receive the list of Parish Council meeting dates for 2018/19 (appendix 9)
The Council noted that the January 2019 date would require the year amending from 2018. The dates were agreed.

11. War of the Worlds Filming

(i) To receive an update to the War of the Worlds filming

The Council reported that Mammoth had offered a fee of £15,000 to the Parish Council for the filming. The Council had secured an additional £5,000 in respect of use of the Parish Field and this would be ring fenced for future expenditure on the Field. Research confirmed that the fee was similar to other filming fees that were offered in the UK. The Council agreed to accept the offer.

The Council confirmed that the Mammoth security team would provide marshals to assist residents from the Parish Field to their homes and a golf buggy or similar vehicle would be in use. The Council agreed to contact Mammoth regarding access for carers, if the traffic lights at the junction of Heath Lane and Westage Lane would be responsive to prevent queues and if residents of Southbank had been consulted

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 100I of the Local Government Act 1972.

(i) ICO Correspondence

The Council noted the correspondence received from the Information Commission.

(ii) To receive and review the unacceptable behaviour policy (appendix 2ii)

It was resolved by a vote of 7-1 (Cllr A Lee voted against) to adopt the unacceptable behaviour policy.

Closed 8.32pm

Signed as a true record *W. B. Deed*

Chairman 14-5-2018