

MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

held at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2019

Meeting opened at 7.30pm

1. ATTENDANCE

ACTION

Chairman: R. Collier

Council Members: A. Lee (AL); M. Torrance (MT); J. Bowman (JB); R. Wilkinson (RW);
D. Hammond (DH); J. Robins (JR).

Also present: G. Ayres (Parish Clerk); 4 members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. S. Coppell, L. Gibbon, P. Marshall, N. Wright.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Bowman and Lee declared interests in tree works and Farthing Lane respectively.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19th August 2019 were a correct record and they were approved.
- b) It was agreed that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 19th August 2019 were a correct record and they were approved.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Representations were received regarding an application by BT to erect six telecom poles in the vicinity of Westage Lane. A notice to this effect has appeared on Westage Lane but it does not give details of the proposal, or the Local Authority which BT intends to notify, or a contact email address. Concern was raised about the possible impact on the conservation area, and also about danger to traffic if poles are erected between the hedge and the road on the narrow part of Westage Lane.

The Clerk has contacted both CWAC and Cheshire East about this. The former is not aware of any application and the latter has not replied. The member of public raising the issue has written to BT at the postal address given but has not yet received a reply. The Chairman will contact BT for further information.

RC

6. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Given the response from the CWAC Principal Engineer there does not appear to be any potential for additional parking signage. He has also advised that planters to discourage parking would require permission from Highways which is unlikely to be forthcoming. He has been similarly dismissive about proposals to create a footpath along Budworth Lane, but CWAC will install warning signs to highlight the presence of pedestrians in the road. This leaves:

- a) H Bar makings on High St.** These will no longer be installed where there is a clear dropped access but elsewhere will be considered by CWAC at the cost of £80 for installation. The Clerk will contact the Principal Engineer to discuss possible locations. **GA**
- b) Farthing Lane.** Following earlier discussions at Finance Committee, there will be insufficient funds available to engage a contractor to do any clearing and surfacing work. However, considerable interest was expressed in getting a volunteer working party together to do the work and Cllr. Wilkinson offered to arrange this. Before this can be actioned it will be necessary to agree exactly what improvements the Council is seeking and what works are necessary. With this in mind, discussions will be held with the School and Diocese. Cllr. Robins will facilitate these discussions. **RW**
JR
- c) Parking for weddings and funerals.** Following discussions between the Vicar and Cllrs. Bowman and Lee, it has been agreed that:
- information on the Church website about parking will be amended to clarify matters; **Vicar**
 - the Vicar will raise parking matters when he talks with couples and families about wedding and funeral arrangements; **Vicar**
 - the Church will consider the use of marshals to direct vehicles for weddings, but suggested better signage for the Parish Field would help; **Vicar**
 - Cllrs. Bowman and Lee will include in the Budworth Bulletin a list of forthcoming weddings in the village. These are currently advertised in advance on a board at the back of the Church. **JB; AL**

7. OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- a) Parish Hall electricity and water bills.** The Parish Hall Committee will send the Parish Clerk copies of the last two bills for these utilities so they can be circulated to Parish Cllrs. For information, a three-year contract has recently been entered into that will reduce the net cost of electricity by 15%. **DH**
GA
- b) Gutter draining road on Westage Lane.** Work has been completed.
- c) Parish Field Gate and storage container.** Cllr. Wilkinson has not yet been able to prepare an inventory of items requiring storage. He will do this before the next Parish Council meeting. It was agreed that it would be helpful if this could include an indication of the age / condition of the items. **RW**
- d) Tree Survey.** The Clerk confirmed that the last survey was undertaken in 2015. It was agreed that she will seek quotations to have this updated. **GA**
- e) Tennis Club Lease.** When comments on the draft lease are received from the Tennis Club, the Clerk will forward them to Cllr. Lee who will seek advice on any possible amendments and the inclusion of a clause about who will arrange insurance. It was agreed that the possibility of a joint lease for both the Tennis and Bowling Clubs should be investigated. **AL**
- f) Tree on Heath Lane.** Cllr. Wilkinson indicated he is not willing to raise the matter with the landowner so no further action will be taken at this time.

8. PARISH HALL

a) Insurance

Cllr. Hammond advised that this has now been arranged as per the minute of the last meeting and the interest of the Parish Council has been noted in the documentation.

b) Working Party Meeting

Cllr. Hammond confirmed that changes to the name and constitution of the “Charity known as the Village Hall & Bowling Green” are being investigated. He also tabled some information about possible charity structures, namely, an association Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) or foundation CIO. Cllrs. will send comments on this and views on the most appropriate structure to Cllr. Hammond before the next Parish Council Meeting.

DH
ALL

9. LOWER PUMPHOUSE

Confirmation of acceptance of their quotation has been issued to Trinity Renovations but no reply has yet been received to this order. The Clerk will continue to chase this as a matter of urgency before winter sets in and the structure deteriorates further.

GA

10. AIRPORT

a) Noise monitor

Cllr. Hammond confirmed that this has now been installed, although after the summer schedules and the collapse of Thomas Cook which will have reduced the number of flights. He will advise the Council in due course of the results of the monitoring. In the meantime, he offered to supply anyone interested with material about airport operations that he received at the last Airport Town/Parish Council meeting he attended.

DH

b) Airspace modernisation

Cllrs. were advised of the review of future airspace that is currently underway across the whole country. The next opportunity to comment will be after options for changes to flight paths are put forward by Manchester Airport in late 2020.

11. PLANNING

It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objection to, and no comment to make on, application no. 19/03682/FUL for a garage with dormer windows and external stairs to upper storage area at Southbank House.

12. PLEACHED LIME TREES

The two new trees recently planted are not thriving despite regular watering. The Clerk will seek quotations for a soil analysis to better understand the reasons for this.

GA

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

The proposed dates for meetings in 2020 were accepted and will be posted on the website.

GA

14. BULB PLANTING

The Clerk will advise CWAC that the bulbs should be delivered to Cllr. Lee. Further thought will be given outside of the meeting to the locations and process for planting. Ideally they should be in the ground before the end of November.

AL

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed as a true record
Chairman of the Parish Council