

MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

held at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2020

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); Cllr N. Wright (CWAC) and 4 members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

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

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 4th November 2019 were a correct record and they were approved.

b) It was agreed that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 4th November 2019 were a correct record and they were approved.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A question was raised about Parish Hall utility bills. This is addressed under item 6b below.

Concern was raised about the deteriorating fabric and environment of the village. Specific reference was made to potholes; broken and distorted paving stones; setts that have been covered with tarmac in recent patching repair work to the road; overflowing waste bins; epicormic growth on the lime trees and excessive leaf debris on the Avenue. Members of the public were encouraged to report issues concerning the streets directly to CWAC via their on-line reporting system <http://westcheshireyourstreets.co.uk/>. The Chairman will log the issues raised at the meeting on this system. The Clerk will write to Mr Jamie Barron, CWAC Highways Engineer, copying Councillor Wright, to arrange a meeting about these issues and a walk around the village with Councillors to see the problems first hand.

**RC
GA**

All

A working party will be set up to tidy up the environment along the Avenue and to undertake clearance work on Farthing Lane. To this end, an item will be placed in the Budworth Bulletin to invite volunteers. The Clerk will investigate what arrangement already exists with John Eaton to trim and maintain the Avenue.

**AL
GA**

Matters were also raised about the Lower Pumphouse. These are dealt with under item 6f.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a) **H Bars** The potential for H bar markings will be raised at the meeting with Jamie Barron mentioned above.

b) Parish Hall Councillor Hammond will send the last two Parish Hall utility bills to the Clerk for circulation. He will also suggest dates for the next joint Parish Council / Parish Hall Committee meeting which will discuss matters such as the model structure for the Charity, trusteeships and the Heads of Terms. **DH**
GA

c) Parish Field Councillor Wilkinson circulated a list of items requiring storage in the proposed container. The Parish Hall Committee will discuss this inventory with a view to deciding which essential items need to be retained. **RW**
DH

The poor condition of the Parish Field was noted and a clearer indication on the ground of where cars might safely park was suggested. It was agreed that the gate should be shut when conditions are so bad that cars may become stuck. **RW**
DH

See also item 10 below.

d) Tree Survey The specification for the Tree Survey was approved subject to an amendment to make it clear that the Parish Council does not own the land on which the yew and oak stand close to the Lower Pumphouse. **GA**

e) Tennis Club Lease Councillor Wilkinson reported that The Tennis and Bowling Clubs are keen to discuss a joint lease and he will arrange a meeting in the Bowling Club to this end. The evenings of Monday 27th and Thursday 30th were suggested and Steven Jennings will be invited for his legal input. **RW**

f) Lower Pumphouse Progress on the Lower Pumphouse renovation has been slow and intermittent. The Clerk will arrange a meeting between the Chairman, reps from the Heritage Society and the contractor to discuss outstanding issues and to request that the roof be covered to stop water ingress pending replacement of the stone roof tiles. **GA**
RC

The condition of the Pumphouse has not been helped by the recent water main burst on High St. Water and silt covered the floor and collected in a depression in the paving slabs at the front of the building. The state of this paving and the need to raise the kerb will be brought to the attention of Mr Jamie Barron at the meeting outlined in item 5 above. **RC**

g) Soil Analysis for Lime Trees at Noah's Ark It was agreed that two samples would be desirable – one from a thriving and one from a dying tree. However, it was acknowledged that without specialist knowledge it would be difficult for the Parish Council to specify the exact nature of the soil analysis from the long lists supplied by contractors. Furthermore, it would be difficult to interpret the results, suggesting that the more comprehensive (and more expensive) analytical package would be more appropriate than a simple test by post. The Clerk will contact Reaseheath College to ask if they might be able to help and perhaps even carry out the analysis as part of an educational project. **GA**

h) Bulb Planting The bulbs were delivered to Councillor Lee and planted by Councillor Torrance around the Parish Hall and Great Budworth signs.

i) Farthing Lane As agreed at the last Parish Council meeting Councillor Robins will facilitate a meeting between the school, the Diocese and the Parish Council to discuss the potential for parking and a turning circle at the end of Farthing Lane. **JR**

7. BT POLES ON WESTGATE LANE

The BT poles are permitted development and have now been installed. However, the lines will still need to be taken underground through the village and the Parish Council will remain alert for any damage to the road surface and cobbles that this might cause.

8. COMMEMORATING THE QUEEN’S REIGN 2022

An item will be placed in the Budworth Bulletin asking for suggestions as to a suitable way of commemorating the Queen’s reign in 2022. This might be an event (as with the Jubilee) or a more lasting feature such as improvements to the Quiet Garden.

**AL
JR**

9. CWAC CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Councillors will comment individually on the Plan and the Clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council as a whole, will also do so to raise the issues of the permissive footpath along Budworth Mere and the lack of a footpath along Budworth Lane to Comberbach.

**ALL
GA**

10. PARISH FIELD

The Parish Hall Committee will consider what steps need to be taken to ensure that the risk of damage to the Parish Field is avoided or at least mitigated during events planned by the High Sheriff on neighbouring land.

DH

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**Signed as a true record
Chairman of the Parish Council**