MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

held by Zoom Video at 7.00pm on MONDAY 13th JULY 2020

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. ATTENDANCE

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Chairman: Cllr. R. Collier (RC) Council Members: Cllrs. A. Lee (AL); M. Torrance (MT); J. Bowman (JB); S. Coppell (SC); J. Robins (JR); D. Hammond (DH). Also present: G. Ayres (Parish Clerk)

2. APOLOGIES Cllr.R. Wilkinson.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public were invited to the meeting but none attended. Cllrs. reported that the following matters had been raised with them:

a) Lower Pumphouse. On-going issues about the spout cover plate and general stability of the structure due to possible sand base and water erosion. Cllr. Collier will make enquiries and, if necessary, seek the advice of a structural engineer.

b) Abandoned car near the Church. It was reported that CWAC will do a site visit to check and if it conforms to the criteria will issue a 7day notice for it to be removed. Cllr. Lee will keep the Council advised of progress.

c) Tree fall on Farthing Lane. Cllr. Robins will maintain a dialogue with the landowner about JR the potential for improvement works as previously discussed by the Council.

5. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2019-20

- a) The Council approved the end of year budget / accounts.
- b) The Council received the internal audit report prepared by JDH Business Services.
- c) The Council approved the Parish Council response to the internal audit report.
- d) The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement.
- e) The Council approved the Accounting Statements including explanation of variances and bank reconciliation.
- f) The Council approved the Certificate of Exemption Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) Part 2. The Clerk will submit this to the external auditor and publish the Notice of Public Rights.

6. MEETING ATTENDANCE

For the purposes of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Council approved the absence of Cllrs Hammond, Robins and Wilkinson from meetings for more than 6 months due to the on-going Covid 19 outbreak and associated lockdown restrictions.

7. PETER McANDREW

Councillors expressed their sincere condolences on the death of past Chairman Peter McAndrew and asked that an item be placed in the Budworth Bulletin in grateful memory of his work for the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 7.23pm.

Signed as a true record Chairman of the Parish Council