

MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

held by Zoom Video at 7.00pm on MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2020

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

1. ATTENDANCE

ACTION

Chairman: Cllr. R. Collier (RC)

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

Also present: G. Ayres (GA - Parish Clerk) + one member of the public.

2. APOLOGIES Cllr. L. Gibbon

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J. Bowman with regard to item 8 tree survey.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September were a correct record and they were approved.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None but Cllr. Robins asked about maintenance of the Avenue. The Clerk will circulate a copy of the existing contract for this work.

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6. BUDGET 2020/21

The budget for 2020/21 was reviewed against actual spend and approved by the Council.

Payment of £120 to All Able for the website accessibility audit was approved and it was agreed that the Parish Council will pay for paint for the railings at the Bottom Pumphouse. Cllr Robins has volunteered to do the painting and clear the undergrowth. The Parish Council thanks her for this and is grateful for her initiative in getting the work done.

7. PARKING

It was agreed that the Parish Council

- **will not** support the installation of yellow lines at three of the pinch points, namely outside the Vicarage & the Hollies; along the Church wall and in front of the Top Pumphouse;
- **will** support yellow lines at Bakery Cottage. CWAC's preference is for lines on both sides of the road here so this is what the Parish Council will request. The next step will then be for CWAC to conduct a 21 day consultation on the proposal but this may not happen for a while due to Covid-19;
- **will** investigate the potential for a turning circle and parking at the end of Farthing Lane, but this will only be feasible if additional land becomes available;

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- **will** support improvements to the surface of the Parish Field as indicated in the minutes of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting on March 2nd 2020. The Parish Hall Committee will lead on this, convening a working party and instructing the works;
- **will not** contact Dent Parish Council (as suggested in one of the consultation responses) for parking advice as it was felt little of value could be learned due to the different circumstances there.

RW

8. TREE SURVEY

Before quotations can be sought for work on the trees identified as Priority 2 in the survey, the Parish Council will need to seek approval from CWAC. The Clerk will complete and submit the necessary paperwork and CWAC will respond in 8 weeks for trees with TPOs and in 6 weeks for all other trees in the Conservation Area.

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Only one tree at the Top Pumphouse falls into Priority 2 but, in response to the concerns of neighbouring property owners, it was agreed that the Parish Council will also consider work to the other two trees there. The Clerk will contact a local tree surgeon for advice on exactly what work might be required to these other trees. She will then include these in the paperwork submitted to CWAC.

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9. LOWER PUMPHOUSE

a) Trinity Renovations still have not replaced the roof slate or re-laid the floor. The former is part of the contract specification so the Chairman will continue to chase this. However, the issue with the floor arose because of a water leak. As the floor is now very uneven and a potential hazard, Cllr Lee will approach another contractor for advice on the work needed to the floor. If the quotation is below the threshold (£250) the Clerk will then instruct the work. In the meantime, there is little point in locking the Pumphouse because access can be gained through the open sides.

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b) CWAC have advised that the spring may fall under Regulation 9 of the Private Water Supplies Regulations and, if the water is intended for public consumption, then samples must be regularly monitored and analysed. The Parish Council agreed that, even if not actually intended for public consumption, the water is used in this way so it is important that it is tested.

CWAC are responsible for risk assessing the water supply and monitoring the quality. They make a charge for this work which could be £500+ per year. It used to be done free of charge by Vale Royal so Cllr Hammond will approach Marbury Ward Councillors to ask if CWAC would consider waiving the fee.

DH

Most private water sources are for the benefit of a private householder, hence the CWAC charge, but it is the general public and not the Parish Council who benefit in this instance. If CWAC will not waive the fee, he will investigate whether a grant might be available to cover the cost each year.

DH

10. WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The quotation of £250 from the website developer to address the issues identified in the accessibility audit was accepted. The Clerk will instruct him to carry out the work.

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Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed as a true record
Chairman of the Parish Council