

MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING

held at the Parish Hall on MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2021

Meeting opened at 7.40pm

1. ATTENDANCE

ACTION

Chairman: R. Collier (RC)

Parish Councillors: A. Lee (AL); M. Torrance (MT); R. Wilkinson (RW); D. Hammond (DH); J. Robins (JR); S. Coppell (SC)

Also present: G. Ayres (Parish Clerk); Cllr N. Wright (CWAC); Cllr P. Marshall (CWAC); Cllr L. Gibbon (CWAC) and 11 members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None, but all representations and comments made in the Annual Parish Meeting which immediately preceded this meeting will be considered by the Parish Council.

5. UPDATE FROM CWAC COUNCILLORS

- A new Head of Highways has been appointed and restructuring of the Department is underway.
- The deadline for applications for Remembrance Sunday road closures is fast approaching.
- Decisions on planning applications are taking a long time due to backlog of work.
- Parish Councils are urged to contribute to the current consultation on whether to review the Local Plan.
- There are three proposals for Winnington Bridge but no decision on the preferred one and no costings so a bid cannot be submitted to the Levelling Up Fund yet.
- Cllr Gibbon suggested it would be a good idea to nominate Parish Councillors to have responsibility for checking and reporting highways and flooding issues in specific parts of the Parish. This works well in other Parish Councils.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2021 were a correct record and they were approved.

7. BUDGET 2021 /22

The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed against actual spend to end July and approved by the Parish Council. Clerk salary and pension payments were approved. Approval was also given for the purchase of new defibrillator pads (£108.12 + delivery) and renewal of the Parish Council insurance policy (£1148.38).

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Clerk will amend the Terms of Reference to reflect decisions at the last meeting and circulate them.

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9. LOWER PUMPHOUSE

Cllr Lee will meet a representative from CWAC at the Pumphouse on 16th September when a sample of spring water will be taken for analysis. At that meeting she will raise issues with the risk assessment she has been sent for completion since it does not seem relevant to the Parish Council. She also commented that the "health warning" notice in the Pumphouse is not very prominent but no consensus was reached on whether to move it. Councillors will visit the Pumphouse before the next meeting to assess this.

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10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

These were discussed in the earlier Annual Parish Meeting.

11. TOP PUMPHOUSE TREES

No further submission has been made by the neighbouring landowner. While this is awaited the Clerk will seek quotations for all necessary works identified in the tree survey and approved by CWAC, apart from the Top Pumphouse trees.

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12. PARISH HALL AND PARISH FIELD AGREEMENT

Transfer of assets to the new CIO has been approved. CIO trustees have met and work is in hand to deal with administrative matters such as changing the bank account and policy matters such as Fire Policy. The Parish Hall has now been added to the Parish Council insurance policy and Councillors have confirmed that all related conditions can be satisfied.

13. BOWLING GREEN AND TENNIS CLUB AGREEMENT

A meeting has been arranged for 27th September to discuss this. As well as the Agreement, the meeting will also consider insurance matters in the light of "insurable interest" considerations.

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14. KISSING GATE

Cllr Wilkinson was thanked for his work to remove rails from the new gate to ease access for pushchairs etc.

15. THE AVENUE

It is not clear whether it is beneficial to the lime trees to remove the epicormic growth so maintenance will continue as at present with the existing contract to simply trim and strim the undergrowth.

16. POST COVID EVENT

This will be combined with any celebrations of the Queen's Jubilee.

17. QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Cllr Robins is looking into suggestions following the article in the Budworth Bulletin and will report back to the next meeting.

JR

18. ASSETS

There are two dimensions to this.

- a) To update and possibly re-value the assets in the Parish Asset Report to ensure we have appropriate insurance cover, especially for the Parish Hall;
- b) To revise the Report so that it includes the values required by the AGAR. These reflect original purchase costs and the fact that many are community assets.

To date there has been no response to the What's App and Budworth Bulletin requests for a volunteer to help with this. This may be due to issues of professional indemnity so it may be necessary to pay for this work.

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19. CASUAL VACANCY / CO-OPTION

Three candidates were proposed and seconded at the meeting. A vote was held with two candidates receiving two votes each and Bill Anderson receiving three. He was, therefore, duly co-opted onto the Parish Council. Bill has 35 years of previous experience as a Councillor.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed as a true record
Chairman of the Parish Council