

**MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**  
**held at the Parish Hall on MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**ACTION**

Chairman: R. Collier (RC)  
Parish Councillors: A. Lee (AL); M. Torrance (MT); R. Wilkinson (RW); D. Hammond (DH);  
W. Anderson (WA); J. Robins (JA); S. Coppell (SC).  
Also present: G. Ayres (Parish Clerk); and 5 members of the public.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cllr. P. Marshall.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs D. Hammond, R. Wilkinson, W. Anderson and R. Collier in respect of item 12.  
Cllr. R. Wilkinson in respect of item 13.  
Cllr. A. Lee in respect of item 19.

**4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public spoke about plans for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This is dealt with under items 8 and 14.

**5. UPDATE FROM CWAC COUNCILLORS**

There were no CWAC Councillors present.

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 were a correct record and they were approved.

**7. BUDGET 2021 /22**

a) The budget for 2021/22 was reviewed against actual spend to end December and approved by the Parish Council.

b) Payments, as set out in the agenda, were approved, subject to the amendment that the figure of £20.25 should read £13.50. An invoice (£220) from John Eaton for work on the Avenue was also approved. An insurance claim has been submitted for damage to the finial and Cllr. Collier will speak with the member of the public who initially paid for this.

**RC**

**8. BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022 /23**

The draft budget for 22/23 was approved subject to the amendments that "Post Covid Community Event" should now read "Platinum Jubilee Programme of Events" and the sum of £1500 be allocated to it instead of £1000.

**GA**

## 9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) Budworth Lane / A559. It was agreed that the response from CWAC Highways is unhelpful but it was felt that, as responsibility ultimately rests with them, it is difficult to see what else the Parish Council can do to address the problems.

b) School Lane. Similarly, it was felt that there is very little that the Parish Council can do about this, given the stance of CWAC Highways. However, Cllr Robins will speak with the Head of the school and ask for the problems to be brought to the attention of parents, teachers and suppliers who use this route.

JR

c) It was confirmed that it is up to the member of the public who raised the issue of speeding on High St. to provide evidence of this.

d) Damage to cars on Smithy Lane. It was agreed that parking here is at own risk and the provision of CCTV would not be appropriate.

## 10. TOP PUMPHOUSE TREES

The application by the Parish Council for work to the TPO trees has been approved by CWAC subject to conditions about the nature of that work. The Parish Clerk will now seek quotations for the work based on the wording of the approval and conditions.

GA

## 11. QUOTATIONS FOR PRIORITY 2 TREE WORK FOLLOWING TREE RISK ASSESSMENT

The quotation from Treefellers was accepted subject to the removal of all waste arisings; compliance with relevant BS and Ch8 requirements; and omitting tree 3601 on the Parish Field from the schedule of work (with related cost reduction). The Parish Clerk will advise them of this and request an early start date so the work can be done this financial year.

GA

## 12. PARISH HALL AND PARISH FIELD

The Management Agreement was approved and signed by Cllr Collier for the Parish Council and Cllr Hammond for the Parish Hall Charity. This agreement, dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022, replaces all previous agreements concerning the Parish Hall and Parish Field.

## 13. BOWLING GREEN AND TENNIS CLUB AGREEMENT

The draft lease will be amended to provide clarity on insurance arrangements. A plan is needed to accompany the lease when lodged with the Land Registry, and suggestions are welcome on how to get this drawn to a suitable standard.

RW

## 14. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Maggie Blower was thanked for the work she has done, and continues to do, to pull together an excellent programme of events to celebrate the jubilee. She presented a breakdown of likely costs and the Parish Council agreed to contribute up to £1500 towards this. The value of such events in terms of community-building was stressed and so events will be targeted at residents of the village and administrative parish. However, the church service is open to the wider parochial area and attendees are most welcome to come along to the Big Boys' Lunch which follows it. The Parish Clerk will reply to Comberbach Parish Council's email to advise them of this.

GA

## 15. ASSETS

The person who volunteered to update the Asset Report has been instructed about what needs to be done and the matter of his insurance liability in this has been addressed, but it is not known what progress has been made with the work. Cllr Collier will contact him to ascertain this and assist with any queries he may have about the scope of the work.

**RC**

## 16. FINANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

As all financial matters will be dealt with in full Parish Council, there is no longer any need for a Finance Committee. The Parish Clerk will amend the new model Financial Regulations accordingly and bring them to a future meeting for approval.

**GA**

## 17. RISK ASSESSMENT

The revised risk assessment, which now includes reference to procurement fraud, was approved and will be posted on the website.

**GA**

## 18. FIELD DRAIN ON EASTERN SECTION OF AVENUES

It was agreed that a blocked drain could be the cause of the failure of trees and related safety issues. Cllr Hammond will seek to raise the matter with the landowners concerned.

**DH**

## 19. SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION

The sum of £400 was approved for the Budworth Bulletin. Cllr Hammond questioned whether, in future years, the shortfall in the cost of production of the Bulletin (£400 pa out of a total cost of c£1200) should be met by the Parish Council or whether local residents, as individuals, should be invited to meet the shortfall. It was agreed that this idea would be explored.

**GA  
AL**

## 20. HYNET NORTH WEST HYDROGEN PIPELINE

It was agreed that, as proposals are so vague at the moment and cover such a large area, the Parish Council will not respond to the current consultation. However, Cllr Collier will keep a watching brief on future proposals and consultations.

**RC**

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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