

**MINUTES of the GREAT BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**ORDINARY MEETING**

**Held at the Parish Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Meeting opened at 7.00pm

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Vice-Chairman and Chair of the Meeting: W Anderson (BA)

Parish Councillors: M Torrance (MC), R Wilkinson (BW), A Lee (AL), S Coppel (SA)

Also present: Cllr N Wright (NW), Parish Clerk: H Bashford-Malkie (HBM)

Members of the Public: S Jennings (SJ), J Davies, V Chesworth, H Forwood, L Tottle, P Kordel, S Bootland, P Tours, J Tours, C Wyllie, B Warburton, N Duncalf, J Williamson, S Balfour, J Bowman, R Bowman, C Wise

**2. APOLOGIES**

Chairman: Cllr D Hammond (DH), Cllr J Gill, Cllr J Culver

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**5. UPDATE FROM CWACC COUNCILLORS**

NW: -

Soot Hill works – not much going on. The cost will be high and probably more than 1 year to complete.

Winnington Bridge – There is a proposal to replace it but the Application is in process.

School Fence – NW had sent a letter to CWACC

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was agreed the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were a correct record and they were approved. Proposed BW, Seconded AL.

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

None not covered in the Agenda of this Meeting.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK**

Noted as Helen Bashford-Malkie (The Clerk) from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

**9. BUDGET**

a) b): The Clerk advised this will have to follow as she has only been five days in post and in the process of accessing the Parish Council Bank account and changeover of software etc.

## 10. TOP PUMP HOUSE TREES

BA advised there was to be a contribution from Sally Ball and Viscount Christopher of £500.00 towards the cost of the works. The Clerk to find the original Top Pump House Trees Quotes for BA to confirm which was the preferred quote.

**Action:** BA to contact preferred quote contractor and check price in order to move ahead with the works as soon as possible.

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

The Clerk had contacted Treefellers and work on The Avenue (Quote #2) to commence WC: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011 for 5 days. BA requested The Clerk to also Action the quote with Treefellers for the Bottom Pump House (Quote #1). BA advised after consultation with Treefellers that any epitonic growth can easily be dealt with locally as only very small bits of growth low down, can be removed by hand.

**Action:** The Clerk to contact Treefellers for a date for Quote #1, preferably in the same week as Quote #2

## 12. BOWLING GREEN AND TENNIS CLUB LEASE AGREEMENT

**Action:** S Jennings (SJ) to prepare the Agreement ready for signing within the next 7 days.

## 13. FILMING

Note from DH to BA: There were two lots of filming in Great Budworth village in the last month, which resulted in donations to the Parish Council of £3,300. towards potential village projects.

## 14. CWACC HIGHWAYS

The Clerk had been in contact with CWACC Highways Department by e mail and they have confirmed the cleaning of road signage and cutting back branches but not given a date.

**Action:** The Clerk to keep chasing up for a date.

## 15. SCHOOL FENCING

Some inaccuracies in the Planning Application were noted.

It was noted the school playing field does not belong to the school but to CW&C. Cllr Wright was asked to determine the exact nature of the relationship between CW&C and the school in respect of the field.

Cllr Lynn Gibbon sent a message before the Meeting via the Parish Clerk to confirm she had been in contact with CW&C Planning ascertain the information available via e mail and had discussions with the Officer.

A resident quoted from the Government's DFE Guidance regarding Safeguarding, noting that it advises Safeguarding plans should be 'based on a realistic assessment of the threats' and should 'reflect the balance between maintaining an open and welcoming environment for learners, parents and the wider community....'

Concerns were expressed about the impact of the fence on the natural environment; in particular, on the adjacent Avenue, with its mature lime trees but also on the many species of shrub on the boundary, hawthorn, holly, whitehorn, lime, mulberry and laurel.

Several people pointed out that since time immemorial the field has been regarded as a communal facility, used out of school hours for informal games.

It was noted that Sport England is a statutory consultee in respect of planning applications in which it is proposed to remove a publicly available sports facility. They should therefore be consulted.

Asked how they could register their objections, members of the public were advised to contact CW&C Planning either by e mail: [planning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:planning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

or by post :

Cheshire West and Chester Council, The Portal, Wellington road, Ellesmere Port. CH65 0BA.

It was agreed the Parish Council would write to the Planning Dept., to object to the application on the grounds outlined above.

**Action:** The Parish Council to send a letter covering all points mentioned to CWACC immediately.

Meeting closed at 8pm

**Signed as a true record**.....

**Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council**