

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held remotely at 1915hrs on Thursday 1 April 2021

Present: Cllr I Shaw, Cllr M Hope, Cllr D Mansell, Cllr A Baddley, Clerk A Serif

1938 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr E Lancaster, Cllr N Bonell

1939 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 18 March 2021 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1940 Disclosure of interests

None disclosed

1941 Public Forum

None present

1942 Business matters

1942/1 **Playground**

Cllr Mansell explained that two quotations to modify the existing goal posts had been requested and explained to the Cllrs the two options that will be quoted for.

It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for the warning signage on the Adventure Trail.

Clerk to arrange for proofs for approval.

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress in obtaining quotations for the cleaning of the playground equipment.

Clerk to place advertisement on Audlem Online

1942/2 **Highways**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Land Registry with regard to ownership of the fencing on Woore Road and after some investigation it was established that the fence sits on unregistered and untitled land and that there is no documentation pertaining to the ownership of the fence. Cllrs discussed the best way forward and it was decided that an approach to Cheshire East should be made in the first instance advising again of the danger posed by the fence in its current state and of the intention of the Parish Council to remove and potentially replace it.

Clerk to contact Cheshire East Highways

1942/3 **Social Media & Newsletter**

Cllr Baddley presented the first issue of the Parish newsletter and it was agreed that this should be published on Audlem Online in the first instance with a copy on the Parish notice board.

Cllr Baddley suggested asking the admin of the Buerton Community Facebook page if the newsletter might be published there and it was agreed that this was a good idea.

Clerk to contact the admin of the Buerton Community Facebook page

The Clerk reported that Audlem Online are happy to give the Buerton link a "facelift" and some ideas were discussed including a slideshow of photos and more obvious links to documents such as the agenda and meeting minutes.

Clerk to liaise with the editor of Audlem Online to discuss these ideas

1942/4 **Woore Road Layby**

The Clerk presented the quotations received for the layby signage and it was agreed unanimously to accept this.

Clerk to arrange proofs for approval

1942/5 **Planting of Christmas Tree in the Playground**

Cllr Shaw reported on her visit with Cllr Lancaster to Heathwood Nurseries and said that they both felt that the size of the tree quoted was too small and that as the trees had a very slow growth rate, it would perhaps be several years before the tree would be of a suitable size to make the desired impact. It was decided to seek a quotation for a larger tree. Cllr Mansell then asked if there was a possibility of asking the growers to sponsor the tree in some way and it was agreed that this could be put to them. The possibility of a cut tree was discounted as the point of planting a tree was to encourage the tree planting initiative in the village. The possibility of lighting the existing trees in the playground was then discussed and this was agreed to be a good idea and one that should be discussed again

Clerk to arrange quotation of a larger tree and to discuss possible sponsorship of the tree with the growers.

1942/6 **Community Speed Watch**

The Clerk reported that she had been in touch again with PC Jarvis regarding the Speed Watch and that the go ahead had been given to commence CSW activities from 29 March. He also said that more volunteers will be sought.

1942/7 **United Utilities**

The representation made to United Utilities regarding the unscheduled closure of Longhill Lane in January was discussed and it was decided that as United Utilities had responded with an apology, that this matter was now closed.

1942/8 **Footpath Walks**

Cllr Baddley explained that she intended to start the Footpath Walks again in May and that volunteers should be sought.

Clerk to ask Audlem Online to publish a request for volunteers

1943 Financial Matters

1943/1 The following payments were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk salary March 2021

£ 231.66

Clerk expenses Feb 2021 / March 2021	£ 20.00
Tony Seabridge Playground Maintenance Q4	£576.00
Suddenstrike Ltd	£1783.20

1944 Planning and Development

21/ 1097N – Orchard Barn – no comments or objections

1945 Any other business

1945/1 Cllr Hope asked for an update on the proposed new layout for the junction of Longhill Lane and Windmill Lane that had been approved by Cheshire East.
Clerk to contact Cllr Rachel Baily for an update

1945/2 Cllr Hope also asked if there had been any progress with regard to improved signage of Windmill Close. The Clerk responded and said that Cheshire East had programmed these works but that she would check again for progress.
Clerk to check on the progress

1945/3 Cllr Baddley commented that the planning application for Maltkiln Farm 20/5938 has now no decision date and appears to have come to a standstill. It was agreed that Cheshire East should be contacted to find out the reason for this.
Clerk to contact Cheshire East Planning department

1945/4 The Parish Council would like to record its thanks to Chris for seeding the damaged verge near the phone box.

1946 Reports of meetings attended

None attended

1947 Dates for future meetings.

To be held in accordance with Government guidelines on COVID-19 restrictions on the following dates subject to change. Meetings to commence at 1915hrs:

Thursday 3 June 2021
Thursday 5 August 2021
Thursday 7 October 2021
Thursday 2 December 2021