

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held remotely at 1915hrs on Thursday 3 June 2021

Present: Cllr E Lancaster (Chair), Cllr I Shaw, Cllr N Bonell, Cllr M Hope, Cllr D Mansell, Cllr A Baddley, Clerk A Serif

1948 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Healey

1949 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 1 April 2021 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1950 Disclosure of interests

None disclosed

1951 Public Forum

Kornelia Adamska had contacted the Clerk and asked her to put forward on her behalf for discussion the placing of a sign near the bus stop to ask drivers waiting there to kindly switch off their engines. The request was discussed at length and it was felt best to seek advice on this type of signage from the Cheshire East Environmental department.

Clerk to contact Cheshire East Environment and report back at the next meeting.

The Clerk had been contacted by a Parishioner regarding overgrowing hedges along the path from Buerton into Audlem. Cllr Baddley mentioned that the hedges had been extensively cut back last year by Cheshire East and that the Parish Council could publish on social media a polite reminder to those whose hedges face onto footpaths to kindly keep them trimmed back to avoid pedestrians having to walk into the road.

Clerk to arrange to publish an post on the Buerton Community Facebook page and on Audlem Online.

1952 Business matters

1952/1 Playground

Cllr Mansell explained that he was still awaiting the quotations for the repairs to the goal posts.

It was agreed to arrange a date for a volunteer cleaning day at the playground. There have been some offers of help from Parishioners and Cllr Lancaster offered to try and source some equipment. Once that was in place, it was agreed that a date could be made and volunteers requested.

The proof for the warning sign to be placed at the adventure trail was approved.

1952/2 **Highways**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken at length to Roy Cooke, the Cheshire East Highways Officer, regarding the replacement of the damaged Cheshire fencing on the Woore Road. As Cheshire East no longer take responsibility for Cheshire fencing, they had no objections to the Parish Council removing and replacing the damaged parts. However, Mr Cooke advised against replacing it with hedging due to visibility and maintenance issues and suggested either new sections of Cheshire fencing or post and rail fencing. It was agreed that quotations should be sought for the best option.

Clerk to start the process of seeking quotations

1952/3 **Parish Council Web link**

The Clerk reported that she now had some current photos of the village that could be used to produce a slideshow on the Parish link on Audlem Online and that she would be arranging a time with the editor to discuss ideas and move this forward.

Clerk to liaise with the editor of Audlem Online

1952/4 **Woore Road Layby**

The proofs for the two Woore Road laybys were approved.

1952/5 **Planting of Christmas Tree in the Playground**

The revised quotation for a larger tree was discussed and it was agreed that as the nursery providing the tree would offer no warranty as the tree would not be under their care, that the tree would need substantial care once planted and that the cost was prohibitive it was agreed to find other ways to make the village more festive at Christmas including lighting the existing trees.

Clerk to source outdoor tree lighting and present ideas at the next meeting.

1952/6 **Footpath Walks**

Cllr Baddley reported that she had been in touch with Peter Hough who is a volunteer member of the Cheshire East Public Rights of Way team and who lives in Buerton. They have agreed to meet and coordinate walks along with those who had previously volunteered to join the walks. Cllr Baddley suggested that it might be nice idea to invite Mr Hough to the next Parish Council meeting so that he could give an update on his work to date and it was agreed that Cllr Baddley should extend an invitation to him.

1952/7 **Works to junction of Longhill Lane and Windmill Lane**

The works have been completed but do not appear to have made a significant difference to the layout of the junction. It was discussed whether further representation to Cheshire East would be appropriate but it was decided that as this was unlikely to result in any further works, this would not be a useful course of action and the matter is now closed.

1952/8 **Improved signage a Windmill Close**

The Clerk reported that this matter is still open but with no date for completion.

1953 Financial Matters

1953/1 The following payments were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk salary April 2021	£231.66
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Clerk expenses April / May 2021	£ 20.00
Zurich Insurance	£520.31
ChALC Annual Subscription	£160.20
SPS Payroll & Admin May 2021	£ 65.40
thenMedia website hosting	£115.20

1953/2 The following invoices were received after publication of the agenda but were presented by the Clerk with permission from the Chair and these were unanimously approved for payment:

A Hassall	£ 60.00
Steve Potter	£590.00
Wendy Lucas	£ 58.40

1953/3 The Risk Register for 2020/2021 was approved unanimously.

1953/4 The AGAR for 2020/2021 was approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

1953/5 The proposal from the internal auditor to make improvements to the cash book and provide training for the Clerk was approved unanimously.

1954 Planning and Development

20/5398N – Maltkiln Farm – the Clerk reported that the consultation process is still in progress.

1955 Any other business

1955/1 Cllr Hope asked for an update on the activity of the Community Speed Watch volunteers coordinated by PC Nick Jarvis. Cllr Lancaster reported that she had seen PC Jarvis on speed watch duty in the village but it was agreed that PC Jarvis and the team should be invited to attend the next meeting to give an update on their activity.

1956 Reports of meetings attended

Cllr Shaw reported that she had attended a meeting of the Audlem Cemetery Burial Committee but that there was nothing to report to the Parish Council.

1957 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 5 August 2021
Thursday 7 October 2021
Thursday 2 December 2021