

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held at Hankelow Church Hall at 1915hrs on Thursday 5 August 2021

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

1958 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Hope

1959 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 3 June 2021 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1960 Disclosure of interests

None disclosed

1961 Public Forum

None present

1962 Business matters

1962/1 **Community Speed Watch**

PC Nicholas Jarvis attended the meeting at the invitation of the Parish Council and gave a report on CSW activities. There are currently 8 trained volunteers who have now resumed activities as lockdown restrictions have eased and the weather improved. The volunteers have been out 8 times during the summer so far and have recorded 22 speeding vehicles. PC Jarvis suggested that the Parish Council might consider CSW or SID signs could be placed on approach roads and the Parish Council agreed to look into the cost of this. The Parish Council thanked PC Jarvis for attending the meeting, for his work with CSW and recorded their thanks to the volunteers.

1962/2 **Playground**

Cllr Mansell explained that he had received verbal quotations for two types of goal posts which were approximately £200 - £300 for both goals. The Parish Council was unanimous in requesting the need for a formal written quotation but that in principle it was happy to authorise this expenditure. Cllr Mansell agreed to press for a written quotation and would authorise the works on receipt.

Cllr Lancaster reported that volunteers had come forward to help with the clean up in the playground but that agreeing on a date was problematic with family, holiday and work commitments to consider. However, once a date was agreed, the event would be post on social media and it was hoped that more parishioners may attend to lend a hand. A water supply for the jet wash had been found but a power supply is an outstanding issue.

1962/3 **Highways**

The Clerk reported that quotations for the repair/replacement of the Woore Road fencing were still outstanding with several companies approached unwilling to conduct site visits. However, two local companies have agreed to carry out site visits with Parish Councillors and these will take place in the coming weeks.

The Clerk explained that grants received by other Parish Councils for the conservation of Cheshire fencing under the Community Clean Up Scheme are no longer available and all grant applications are currently closed. However, the Clerk is in contact with Cheshire East to explore opportunities for funding when applications open again.

The Clerk reported that, following a suggestion at the public forum in June, she had discussed with the Environmental Health Officer at Cheshire East the need for a sign to be placed at the bus stop where car engines are idling when awaiting the arrival of the school bus. The EHO suggested that considering the number of vehicles and time involved that the Parish Council might consider using some posters in the Parish Council notice board to raise awareness of the effect of engine idling and it was agreed that the Cheshire East posters would be used.

1962/4 **Parish Council Web link**

The Clerk reported that due to work and holiday commitments that she had not been able to progress with this but that she had arranged to meet with the Editor of Audlem Online when he returns from holiday in mid-August and hoped to see progress by the next meeting.

1962/5 **Christmas display in the playground**

Cllr Baddley reported that she had met with Chris Quinn from The Christmas Decorators at the playground and that he had been extremely enthusiastic and had given some lovely ideas for a display in the playground. Unfortunately, the quotation was financially unattainable and it was decided unanimously that further investigation into a possible power supply should be undertaken so that the Parish Council could purchase their own lights and possibly purchase a cut tree to decorate with help from parishioners.

1962/6 **Hedge Cutting**

Following a suggestion regarding hedge cutting during the public forum in June, several hedges that are encroaching onto the path on Woore Road causing pedestrians to walk in the road, have been reported to Cheshire East. The Parish Council reminded all those parishioners that have hedges that border paths, especially those on main roads, to kindly not allow the hedges to encroach onto the paths.

1963 Financial Matters

1963/1 The following payments were previously approved by Cllrs Shaw & Baddley and are listed here for the record:

Clerk salary June 2021	£231.66
Davenport Accountants	£ 95.00
Tony Seabridge	£576.00

1963/2 The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk salary July 2021	£231.66
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Clerk expenses June / July

£36.50

1964 Planning and Development

There are no pending planning applications that require discussion or the submission of comments.

1965 Any other business

1965/1 Cllr Lancaster suggested that Councillors should meet on site to discuss the placement of the layby litter signs in order to ensure that these were at a suitable height to avoid issues with hedges and the playground warning sign in order for this to be visible as per the playground risk assessment but also for it not to interfere with the aesthetics of the area and it was unanimously agreed that Cllrs Lancaster, Baddley & Shaw would carry this out.

1965/2 A letter requesting a leave of absence was received from Cllr Gemma Healey. This was considered and unanimously approved.

1966 Reports of meetings attended

None attended.

1967 Dates for future meetings.

To be held on the following dates subject to change. Meetings to commence at 1915hrs:

Thursday 7 October 2021
Thursday 2 December 2021
Thursday, 3 February 2022
Thursday, 7 April 2022
Thursday, 2 June 2022
Thursday, 4 August 2022
Thursday, 6 October 2022
Thursday, 1 December 2022