

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held at Hankelow Church Hall at 1915hrs on Thursday 21 October 2021

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

1968 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Mansell. Cllr Healey on leave of absence.

1969 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 5 August 2021 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1970 Disclosure of interests

None disclosed

1971 Public Forum

As members of the Parish were present, Cllr Lancaster took the opportunity to remind those present of the Standing Orders.

Tracy Myers asked the Parish Council whether it intended to make any representation to United Utilities regarding the proposed new water treatment plant. Cllr Baddley answered by saying that as soon as the planning application was submitted that a response would be submitted. Mrs Myers went on to say that she had asked multiple questions regarding noise during and after construction, impact on the neighbourhood once the works are completed, access regarding dousing vehicles, to those that were working on the preparation of the site but so far had not received any answers. Cllr Baddley replied that she had also written to United Utilities as a parishioner but had so far not received any answers. Kornelia Adamska raised her concerns about the safety of using Festival Avenue as the main access to the site saying that heavy machinery that had already used the road had caused houses to shake, concerns about the access of emergency vehicles as well as significant damage to the road itself. Mrs Myers mentioned that she had seen that a public meeting had been proposed in Audlem but so far no date had been set for this. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact United Utilities to expedite this.

1972 Business matters

1972/1 **Quilter's Trading Post / The Old School**

Tommy MacDonald Milner, Chief Executive and Leo Guy, Director of Education from Edison Young People attended to brief the Parish Council and those parishioners present on their proposals for the old school building.

Some background information was given on the activities of Edison Young people and their current facilities providing residential care for looked after children and education facilities for those children for whom mainstream education has failed. The plan for the old school is to provide education

following the national curriculum to a maximum of 24 children phased over 3 years after the first year of opening. It is anticipated that there will be 1 teacher and 1 TA per 6 pupils with pastoral care and that transitioning the child back to mainstream education would be a priority. It is anticipated that children will come from an area within a 1.5 hour radius of the school and that the children will be brought to and from school by transport provided by the Local Authority with, where possible, 2 to 3 children per vehicle with staggered arrival and departure times to minimise traffic congestion. An outline traffic management plan has been submitted to Cheshire East and a response is awaited. School hours and holidays will be as per other schools in Cheshire East. Both Mr MacDonald-Milner and Mr Guy emphasised that their ethos is to not only engage with the local community during the planning process but also to be involved in local projects and where possible, employ local people. Going forward, plans will be shared with the community at every stage and it is anticipated that the school will be open by January 2023. A power point presentation is available from the Clerk for those who were unable to attend the meeting.

1972/2 **United Utilities Improvement to Waste Water Treatment Plant**

As this matter was discussed during the Public Forum, there was nothing more to add and the Clerk confirmed that she would contact United Utilities to expedite a public meeting.

1972/3 **Playground**

As Cllr Mansell was unable to attend the meeting, there was no update to the matter of the goal posts and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

The cleaning of the playground slide, swings and tunnel was discussed again and it was agreed that a request for volunteers should be put on the Buerton Community Facebook page and the Clerk is to follow this up.

1972/4 **Highways**

The Clerk reported that to date she had received only one quotation for the removal and replacement of the Woore Road fencing and that the impression was that companies approached did not want to provide a quotation knowing that the cost would be prohibitive. The quotation received from Suddenstrike was just under £10,000 to remove and replace 100m of the fencing which is the portion from the mileage stone to the gate.

Cllr Baddley has been investigating the possibility of grants or funding but there would be nothing forthcoming from Cheshire East and that as Lottery Funding projects are community led, it would be difficult to justify fencing as a community project. This means that at present, this project is at an impasse and cannot move forward.

Cllr Baddley took the opportunity to suggest the formation of a community group like those that exist in Audlem to undertake community projects and tasks.

1972/5 **Parish Council Web link**

The Clerk reported that the Buerton link on Audlem Online had been updated and improved with a home page and an easier to navigate format. The Parish Council would like to record its thanks to John Tilling who has been extremely helpful and put a lot of time into helping with the improvements.

1972/6 **Christmas display in the playground**

As Cllr Mansell was unable to attend, there was no update regarding his discussions with a local electrician. In an effort to expedite the matter, the Clerk was asked to contact Gilks Nantwich and arrange a possible site visit.

1972/7 **Layby and Playground Signage.**

Cllrs Lancaster, Baddley & Shaw met with Mark Preece and discussed the location of the signage. A quote is being prepared and sent to the Clerk who will follow this up.

1973 Financial Matters

1973/1 The following payments were previously approved by Cllrs Lancaster, Shaw, Healey & Baddley and are listed here for the record:

Clerk salary August 2021	£231.66
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Clerk Expenses August/September	£ 39.20
The Flower Divas	£ 37.00
SPS Payroll	£ 39.60
Davenport Accountants	£129.45

1973/2 The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:

Tony Seabridge Q2	£576.00
HMRC	£ 7.60
Wendy Lucas	£ 23.45
Ade Hassall	£ 60.00

1974 Planning and Development

1974/1 21/4334N – the change of use of Buerton Old School was discussed in minute 1972/1

1975 Any other business

1975/1 Cllr Lancaster reported that she had been approached by the owners of Brook Cottage regarding the permissive right of way that was granted due to the erosion of the original foot path. Cheshire East has suggested that if the permissive right of way was revoked then Cheshire East would not reinstate the footpath and the question has been asked that could Cheshire East close a right of way based upon the poor maintenance of the original footpath? A report is being prepared by Cheshire East for the property owners and a copy will be forwarded to the Parish Council for further discussion.

1975/2 Cllr Hope asked if it was possible to have the mile posts repainted having seen that Audlem ones having been restored. It was decided that this matter should be deferred.

1976 Reports of meetings attended

Cllr Shaw reported that she had attended the meeting of the Burial Board and that 44 new trees had been planted in an avenue of which 42 had been “sponsored” in the name of loved ones. She also reported that Oxley’s had offered to donate an obelisk type memorial in memory of those who had passed as a consequence of COVID and this had been accepted.

1977 **Dates for future meetings.**

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

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