

## **Buerton Parish Council**

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### Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held at Hankelow Church Hall at 1915hrs on Thursday 2 December 2021

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

**1978 Apologies for absence**

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

**1979 Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting of 21 October 2021 were agreed and signed as correct records.

**1980 Disclosure of interests**

None disclosed

**1981 Public Forum**

Mr Barry Wilkins raised the issue of the water treatment works. Cllr Lancaster explained that as this was an agenda item, this matter could be discussed at greater length later in the meeting. Mr Wilkins and several other parishioners took the opportunity to express their disappointment at the lack of engagement by United Utilities.

Mrs Tricia Haigh asked if any progress had been made with regards to the School. The Clerk explained that she had received an email from Mr MacDonald Milner to say that Cheshire East Highways had asked for the Traffic plan to be submitted but that the planning application was still awaiting the assignment of a planning officer.

**1982 Business matters**

**1982/1 United Utilities Improvements to Waste Water Treatment Plant**

The Clerk confirmed that the comments written by Cllr Baddley on behalf of the Parish Council had been submitted but that only one resident had so far submitted theirs. It was agreed that another reminder should be placed on the Community Facebook page as well as encouraging residents to speak to their neighbours and encourage them to leave their comments.

The Clerk also updated the meeting on her conversation with David Schofield, the Project Manager, who has promised to make arrangements for a public meeting to be held in the New Year.

**1982/2 Playground**

The quotation for the goal posts was presented by Cllr Mansell and this received unanimous approval.

The appointment of a playground caretaker was discussed with responsibility for playground inspections, bin emptying, general maintenance of the

playground equipment. It was agreed that a caretaker should be appointed and an advertisement should be drafted by the Clerk for approval.

Cllr Mansell confirmed that he had spoken to an electrician regarding power in the phone box. However, it was still unclear whether this could be used to power lights in the playground. Mrs Haigh asked to speak and said that Ralph Warburton had offered the services of ADAS to help with lights and installation in 2022 and this offer was gratefully received by the Parish Council.

#### 1982/3 **Co-opting of Parish Councillors**

It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should actively seek new councillors, one or both of which would have specific responsibility for village amenities, either directly or through the formation of a sub-committee. However, it is unclear how many councillors are permitted to sit and clarification of this is to be sought from ChALC by the Clerk.

#### 1982/4 **Brook Cottage**

Cllr Lancaster had received notification from the current owner of Brook Cottage that Cheshire East have informed her that quotations must be sought to reinstate the footpath. Following a structural engineer report they will assess if reinstatement is financially viable. There is a risk that Cheshire East will deem the works too expensive and the footpath may be lost. Cllr Lancaster suggested that advice could be sought from Peter Hough, the area footpath volunteer and his details were requested from the Clerk.

### 1983 **Financial Matters**

1983/1 The following payments were previously approved by Cllrs Lancaster, Shaw,& Baddley and are listed here for the record:

Clerk salary Oct 2021	£ 261.76
Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath	£ 25.00

1983/2 The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk Salary Nov 2021	£ 231.36
Clerk Expenses Oct / Nov 21	£ 61.70

1983/3 The following invoices were received at the meeting and were unanimously approved for payment:

A.J Hassall	£ 60.00
Hankelow Methodist Church Hall Hire	£ 120.00

1983/4 It was unanimously decided that the precept for 2022/2023 should remain at £4,697.

### 1984 **Planning and Development**

None to discuss

### 1985 **Any other business**

1985/1 Cllr Bonell raised the issue of the flooded areas at Chapel End and Kettle Lane due to the drains being blocked with leaves and mud after the recent heavy rain. Cllr Mansell stated that he had reported the matter to Cheshire East Highways as the area was becoming treacherous when the lying water was turning to ice but so far there had been no action. The Clerk requested that Cllr Mansell send her the report number so that she could follow it up and

took the opportunity to remind parishioners that they should use the Cheshire East Highways & Roads portal to report such matters.

1985/2 Cllr Lancaster asked the Clerk to follow up on the installation of the layby litter signs and the playground warning signs now that the quotation had been approved.

**1986 Reports of meetings attended**

None attended.

**1987 Dates for future meetings.**

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

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