

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held at Hankelow Church Hall at 1915hrs on Thursday 3 February 2022

Present: Cllr I Shaw (Acting Chair), Cllr A Baddley, Cllr G Healey Cllr N Bonell, Cllr M Hope, Cllr D Mansell, Clerk A Serif

1988 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr E Lancaster

1989 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting on 2 Deember 2021 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1990 Disclosure of interests

None disclosed

1991 Public Forum

Linda Hough asked if the cracked access mirror at the junction of Windmill Lane and Woore Road at Buerton Old House could be replaced. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the property owner and/or Cheshire East to have the matter rectified.

There was also a request to have an access mirror installed at the junction of Longhill Lane and the A529 at Hankelow. As this area is outside of the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, it was suggested that a report could be submitted by the parishioner to Cheshire East highways portal or that the matter could be raised with Hankelow Parish Council.

1992 Business matters

1992/1 The Old School House

Tommy MacDonald-Milner and Leo Guy from Edison Young People presented an update on the progress of the planning application. Completion on the purchase of the building is still pending but it is anticipated that the school will be open for the 2023 academic year. Cheshire East Highways has asked for an updated traffic plan as there is some concern that the existing footprint is not sufficient to contain the proposed one way system for entrance and exit, sufficient parking for teachers and support staff as well as providing a safe and enclosed play area. Two options to be considered are to extend the school boundary into the playing field by purchasing some 2-3m of this land or by purchasing a piece of the adjacent agricultural land. It was suggested that a meeting should take place at the site to consider both options and discuss the best way forward and it was agreed that arrangements should be made for this to take place.

1992/2 United Utilities Improvements to Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Clerk updated on a telephone conversation with David Schofield, Project Manager who had informed her that plans were underway to hold a public meeting. As a case officer had now been appointed to the planning application it was felt that Cheshire East should conduct a site meeting with the Parish

Council and it was agreed that the case officer should be contacted for this to be arranged.

1992/3 **Playground**

Cllr Mansell confirmed that the repairs and alterations to the goal posts would be completed in the next two to three weeks.

As a playground caretaker had not yet been appointed it was agreed that this should be readvertised by the Clerk.

1992/4 **Co-opting of Parish Councillors**

The Clerk reported that there had been no clarification on the number of Councillors permitted to sit. ChALC had referred her to Cheshire East who are conducting a Governance Review and so far emails and phone calls had gone unanswered and unreturned. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to pursue this matter with Cheshire East.

1992/5 **Brook Cottage**

In her absence Cllr Lancaster had sent an update received from Peter Hough, the Cheshire East volunteer footpath inspector regarding the reinstatement of the footpath. The engineers report is still pending and once this has been received and reviewed, a decision will be made about whether reinstatement will be possible or whether the right of passage will cease to exist. Mr Hough has kindly agreed to inform the Parish Council of any updates.

1992/6 **Defibrillator**

Cllr Shaw reported that she had been approached to register the defibrillator on the new national defibrillator network, The Circuit and it was agreed that She should go ahead and do this.

1993 Financial Matters

1993/1 The following payments were previously approved by Cllrs Lancaster, Shaw, & Baddley and are listed here for the record:

Clerk salary Dec 2021	£ 231.66
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1993/2 The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:

Clerk Salary Jan 2022	£ 231.36
Clerk Expenses Dec 21/Jan22	£ 20.00
Tony Seabridge Q4 – maintenance & tree works	£ 912.00
Shires Payroll Oct-Dec 21	£ 41.40

1994 Planning and Development

None to discuss

1995 Any other business

1995/1 Cllr Baddley had been requested by a parishioner to ask if there was a possibility to install owl boxes in the playing field trees as owls had recently returned to the village. It was agreed that this should be investigated further and Cllr Baddley agreed to look into the cost of this.

- 1995/2 Cllr Healey reported that there had been significant damage to the bark of the Oak tree and that it was suspected that this may have been caused by squirrels. The Clerk agreed to contact Tony Seabridge to see if netting could be installed around the tree to prevent further damage.
- 1995/3 Cllr Healey raised the matter of significant amounts of rubbish being left in one of the laybys. She agreed to register this as a fly-tip with Cheshire East but it was suggested that the Clerk should contact Cheshire East to find out about the possibility of placing bins in the laybys that could be emptied by the trucks on their regular bin days.
- 1995/4 Cllr Healey also asked if the Clerk could contact Cheshire East to investigate the possibility of installing a dog waste bin at the bridge on Windmill Lane.
- 1995/5 Cllr Bonell asked about the Woore Road fencing. The cost of replacing the Cheshire fencing had so far proved prohibitive and as no funding had been available to assist with the cost and attempts to contact the landowner had proved fruitless, the project had been put on hold. However, Cllr Shaw and Cllr Healey suggested that they contact local tradesmen to ask about the possibility of erecting post and rail fencing in front of the existing fence line. Cllr Baddley agreed to continue to investigate the possibility of some funding.

1996 Reports of meetings attended

Cllr Shaw reported that she had attended the latest Burial Board meeting and that burial fees are to be increased. The living memory trees have all been planted and the plaques put in place.

1997 Dates for future meetings.

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

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