

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held under closed session due to COVID-19 restrictions at Hankelow Church Hall on Thursday 10 December 2020

Present: Cllr E Lancaster, Cllr I Shaw, Cllr M Hope, Cllr D Mansell, Cllr N Bonell, Cllr A Baddley

1918 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr G Healey.

1919 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 1 October 2020 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1920 Disclosure of interests

Cllrs Lancaster and Bonell, being related to the tenant, declared a personal interest in agenda item 5.2.2

1921 Public Forum

None present

1922 Business matters

1922/1 **Playground**

There has been no progress to date with regards to the goals or replacement nets.

Cllr Mansell to liaise with Cllr Healey to expedite this matter.

1922/2 **Farm Business Tenancy**

1922/2/1 The Clerk reported that the tenancy had now been signed by both parties.
This matter is now concluded

1922/2/2 Cllrs Baddley, Shaw, Hope & Mansell voted in favour of the proposal that a contribution of 50% of the outstanding invoices should be made by the Parish Council in respect of extensive works carried out on land owned by the Parish. As they had previously disclosed personal interest in this item, Cllrs Lancaster and Bonell abstained.

This matter is now concluded

1922/3 **Highways**

1922/3/1 The works carried out by United Utilities have been completed but it unclear if the verge has been reseeded. It was agreed unanimously to wait until the spring at which time the Parish Council could assess the state of the verge and arrange the reseeded of the area if necessary.

No further action required at this time

1922/3/2 The Clerk reported that no progress has been made in contacting the landowner with regards to replacing the damaged fencing on Woore Road. However, an address has now been located.

Clerk to contact landowner

1922/3/3 The Clerk reported that Cheshire East Highways has scheduled repairs to the bridge on Windmill Lane to be completed by the end of this financial year.

No further action necessary at this time

1922/4 **Social Media & Newsletter**

Cllr Baddley reported that she has considered using social media but favours a bi-annual newsletter to be circulated to all households and it was unanimously agreed that this was the best way forward. Cllr Baddley suggested that the first issue of the newsletter could be published in the first quarter of the new year. The matter of circulation was discussed and it was mentioned that the Post Office will circulate this type of material.

Clerk to contact the Post Office to investigate the cost of circulation to Buerton households.

1922/5 **Parking at Festival Avenue**

The Clerk reported that following the last meeting, she had several discussions with Cheshire East regarding the state of Festival Avenue. A report was created and the promise of a telephone call or email from a Highways Officer was made. The Clerk has had no contact from an officer and the report has now been logged on the Cheshire East Highways report service as "resolved" Cllr Shaw confirmed that this is not the case.

Clerk to contact Cheshire East Highways to investigate further

1923 Financial matters

1923/1 The following payments have been made by BACS transfer following approval from Cllrs Lancaster, Baddley and Shaw and are listed here for formal record:

Tony Seabridge Playground Maintenance	£ 576.00
Steve Potter Phone Box	£ 55.00
Shires Pay Services	£ 41.40
Rostons Ltd	£ 308.40
Clerk salary October 2020	£ 231.66
Clerk salary November 2020	£ 231.66
A.J Hassall Playground Maintenance	£ 120.00
Broxap Grass Mats Playground	£ 900.00

1923/2 The following payment to be made by cheque was approved by Cllrs Lancaster and Shaw

Wendy Lucas bedding & outdoor plants	£ 35.40
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1923/3 The precept amount for 2021/2022 was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that this should remain the same as the 2019/2020 precept amount.

1924 Planning and Development

None received.

1925 Any other business

1925/1 Cllr Baddley raised the issue of the gate entrance to the playground next to the old school as this is now in a state of disrepair. It was unanimously agreed

that this entrance should be removed and fenced and that entrance to the playground should be the via the two existing ones in Windmill Lane.

Clerk to arrange a quotation for the removal and replacement of the gate with fencing in keeping with the existing fence

1925/2 Cllr Baddley asked the Parish Council to consider the purchase of a Christmas tree with a view to having this planted and ready to decorate for next Christmas. The issue of lighting the tree was discussed and various options put forward.

Clerk to start initial investigation into the cost for discussion at the next meeting

1925/3 Cllr Hope asked for an update on the community speed watch following the purchase and handover of equipment to the team of volunteers via PC Nick Jarvis.

Clerk to contact PC Jarvis for an update

1925/4 Cllr Hope also raised the issue of a tree planning initiative in the village. This has been carried out in the past resulting in planting being made in inappropriate spaces and so it was unanimously agreed that this could be carried out as a household initiative and could be included as an article in the first issue of the Parish newsletter.

1926 Reports of meetings attended

None to report.

1927 Dates for future meetings.

At Hankelow Church Hall commencing at 1915hrs

Thursday 4 February 2021

Thursday 1 April 2021

Thursday 3 June 2021

Thursday 5 August 2021

Thursday 7 October 2021

Thursday 2 December 2021