

## **Buerton Parish Council**

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### Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held at Hankelow Church Hall at 1915hrs on Thursday, 6 October 2022

**Present: Cllr A Baddley (Chair), Cllr G Farrealey (vice-Chair), Cllr E Lancaster, Cllr I Shaw, Cllr N Bonell, Cllr M Hope, Cllr K Mort, Clerk A Serif**

**2029 Apologies for absence**

Received from Cllr Mansell

**2030 Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting on 4 August 2022 were agreed and signed as correct records.

**2031 Disclosure of interests**

None disclosed

**2032 Introduction by the Chair**

Cllr Baddley introduced herself and Cllr Farrealey as the newly elected as Chair, and vice-Chair, welcomed Cllr Mort to the Parish Council and expressed the Parish Council's thanks to the outgoing Chair and vice-Chair.

**2033 Public Forum**

2033/1 Mrs Patricia Haigh requested that the Parish Council consider the reinstatement of the entrance gate to the playground from Woore Road. She explained that this would not only provide easier access to those in Woore Road but that it would prevent school children who, when alighting from the school bus in Windmill Lane, were using the playground as a short cut home and climbing the fence onto the road. It was agreed that the reinstatement of the gate should be made an agenda item for the next meeting but that a risk assessment, that had recommended the removal of the previous gate, be undertaken to assess if reinstatement was an option.

There being no other items for discussion, the Public Forum was closed.

**2034 Business matters**

**2034/1 Playground**

In his absence Cllr Mansell had sent a quotation for new nets to the Clerk and the purchase was approved.

Cllr Lancaster reported that the tree survey has been instructed and is due to take place on or around 1 November.

Cllr Lancaster explained that as quotes for the installation of the playground furniture were still pending, there was no further progress on this matter.

Cllr Lancaster explained that Cllr Rachel Bailey had intervened on behalf of the Parish Council to resolve the matter of the playground covenants to obtain permission for both tree planting and additional furniture. Cllr Bailey has had no response to any of her enquiries and advised that the Parish Council should regard this as acquiescence especially in the light of the efforts made to resolve the matter and that both projects should go ahead. The planting of the Jubilee Tree is therefore scheduled to take place on 30 October.

The servicing of the outdoor gym equipment was discussed and although it is inspected each year as part of the risk assessment, it was felt that based on its age, a more thorough service might be appropriate. The Clerk agreed to contact Sunshine Gym to ascertain whether an annual service was necessary and the likely cost of this.

2034/2 **Christmas Lights**

Cllr Baddley reported that as all efforts to establish a power supply had failed and permissions had been refused, the matter was no further forward. It was agreed to look at the purchase of some battery powered outdoor lights to be placed in the planted troughs with some winter planting and possibly strings of battery powered lights for an area of fencing.

2034/3 **Woore Road Fencing**

The Clerk reported that it had become clear from discussions with Cllr Bailey that there would be no help financial or otherwise from Cheshire East and that any removal/repair/replacement would have to be either community led or funded from the Parish Council precept. The Parish Council agreed to leave this item pending on future agendas in the case of any further development.

2034/4 **Windmill Lane / Windmill Close**

The Clerk reported that for some reason Buerton was not being swept by Streetscape as often as it should be that she was assured that this had been rectified. However, it appears that no street cleansing had taken place since the last time that Streetscape had swept half of Windmill Lane. The Clerk agreed to follow this up.

The Clerk also report that Cheshire East Highways are responsible for the removal of weeds and other debris from the gullies and drains and although this had been report, no action had been taken. It was agreed that as many residents as possible should report the state of the road to Cheshire East and Cllr Mort offered to post a link to the Highways reporting portal on the community Facebook page.

The Clerk reported that the street name sign at Windmill Close had been reported but was still a pending issue.

2034/5 **Speeding Vehicles**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Bailey had been in touch with Cheshire East Highways on behalf of the Parish Council to attempt to resolve the issue of the damaged signs and the possible relocation of the 30mph signs away from the village to prevent cars entering it at speed. It appears that the damaged sign has been repaired and is facing in the correct direction. However, the request to move the 30mph limit would not be considered until after the adoption of the new Speed Management Strategy and that, looking at the existing location of the signs, the new strategy may result in them being moved further forward towards to the village. The Clerk agreed to arrange a meeting on site with the Highways Traffic Team, the Parish Council and Cllr Bailey to assess the situation and attempt to come up with a solution.

The Clerk reported that there had been no response to the poster placed on Audlem Online, the notice board or on social media for CSW volunteers. It was indicated that there were residents who are interested in joining CSW and these were encouraged to get in touch with PC Nick Jarvis.

2034/6 **Owl Boxes**

As Shropshire Owl Trust had been in touch to confirm if the Parish Council wanted to go ahead this year with the project, it was agreed that in the light of ongoing construction work, that this project should definitely be deferred until next year.

**2035 Financial Matters**

2035/1 The following payments were previously approved by Cllrs Lancaster, Shaw & Baddley and are listed here for the record:

Clerk Salary August 2022	£ 216.66
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**2036 Planning and Development**

There are currently no applications requiring discussion.

**2037 Any other business**

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**2038 Reports of meetings attended**

2038/1 Cllr Baddley reported that she and Cllrs Lancaster and Mort had attended a meeting with Patricia Haigh and Carol Pailin to discuss activities to be held in the playground. It was confirmed that the Parish Council has no objection to these events being held provided that they are properly organised and insured and it is confident that this is the case. It was agreed that the Parish Council would re-examine its own insurance policy to ensure that it is adequately protected during one of these events. It was confirmed that the organising group of residents prefer to remain as a community-based group as opposed to becoming a sub-committee of the Parish Council.

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