

Buerton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 12th August 2014 at Hankelow Church Hall

Present: Cllr E Green (chair) Cllr N Bonell Cllr I Shaw Cllr E Lancaster Cllr A Baddley

Parishoners 3

In attendance: J Kemble Clerk

1412 Apologies Cllr O Bonell

1413 Minutes The minutes of the Annual Council meeting and the Buerton Village meeting of 03/06/2014 were signed as correct records.

1414 Disclosure of interests none

1415 Public Forum The following points were raised by parishoners:-

a) The planters round the war memorial do not appear to have been as well planted as in past years and the request was made to bring them up to their previous standard. Councillors cited some vandalism over the year as being detrimental to the appearance of the troughs but in principle accepted the comments and assured the meeting that plans were in hand to improve things.

b) Concern was raised as to the difficult and dangerous state of the footpath along the A525 from the Windmill Lane junction towards Audlem and on into Audlem itself. Grass has encroached onto the asphalt footway, tree roots are making the surface uneven and the hedges are obstructing the passageway. This makes it difficult for walking and children's buggies and wheelchairs have to take to the carriageway to pass. This is dangerous for all concerned on this A road where speeds are often excessive. The Council agreed to bring this to the attention of CEC Roads yet again and request some action to make this length of roadway safe for all.

c) Concern was also raised concerning the state of the road in Windmill Close. Pot holes and associated debris plus rundown curbs and pavements make it look like the third world and can make driving difficult. Again Council agreed to bring this yet again to the attention of CEC.

1416 Business Matters

1416/1 Playing Field

Railing painting and repair . Clerk to get this started again now funds are accessible.

The signage for the field including the emergency phone number can also proceed.

Clerk will contact the CEC dog warden yet again and chase the promised leaflets.

1416/3 Defibrillator

Placed on order, delivery arranged for 26/08/2014.

BT Payphones have been advised and require notification of the actual date of installation to arrange for the continuation of the power supply.

Electrician for the installation to be arranged when electrical details gained from delivery paperwork.

Clerk to try and find a "Defibrillator" sign for the kiosk.

1416/4 Notice Board

Order placed on MRP Construction with completion by end of August.

1416/5 Cllr Baddley advised the Council that environmental officers from CEC have found the probable source of the obnoxious smell that has plagued Buerton residents for so long. It seems to come from a slurry lagoon on a local farm where tea waste has been mixed with slurry. Conditions have been placed on the farmer, who is co-operating fully, to get the mixture extracted and to avoid this practice in future. Further checks will be made by CEC.

Apparently recently 40 complaints were received by CEC in just 4 days .
1416/6 Cllr Green expressed concerns that Buerton is being marginalised by the efforts of CEC and Audlem Parish Council to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Green should contact Cheshire Community Action to seek advice on the subject.

1417 Financial Matters

1417/1 Clerk confirmed that the current account with the Co-op Bank is now in place.
1417/2 The following payments were approved :-

A J Davenport	Audit Services	£60.00
Cheshire County Playingfields Assn	Annual subscription	£18.00
Dave Espley	Playing field inspections May/June/July	£75.00
Tony Seabridge	Grounds maintenance	£460.00
Thenmedia	Web services	£115.20
CVSCEC	Payroll services	£96.00
ChALC	Annual subscription	£122.10
Mid Cheshire Footpath Socty	annual subscription	£8.00
Cheshire Community Action	annual subscription	£20.00
Hankelow Chapel	Room hire 2013/2014 t0 date	£210.00
J Kemble	Salary February to July	£671.90
J Kemble	Expenses February to July	£83.95

1417/3 Clerk confirmed that the accounts for 2013/14 have been approved by both the internal auditor and the Audit Commission auditors (BDO).

1417/4 Clerk stated that the rent for the parish land has been received in the form of 4 cheques, 3 of which are forward dated. It has been done this way as it was not possible to arrange for a direct debit arrangement as agreed with Mr Bonell last year due to the problems with the RBS account. Clerk was requested to check the date of the next rent review.

1417/5 Cllr Baddley was confirmed as a further signatory to the Co-op current account.

1417/6 It was agreed that as Parish Councils are now legally able to use bank transfer to pay bills, the financial regulations will need to be updated. Clerk to make proposals for discussion.

1418 Planning and Development.

The following were noted:-

14/1883N Erection of rural dwelling. Hankins Heys Farm. rejected
14/0108N Buerton Hall Farm Change of land use , agricultural to domestic. approved

1419 Any other business

1419/1 Concerns were raised by Councillors as to the range of the 30m.p.h speed limit specified in Windmill Lane by the Redacres development.

1419/2 Councillors raised the issue of asbestos being removed from the buildings being demolished on the Reacres site by apparently unqualified operatives. Cllr Baddley is investigating.

1419/3 The football nets and posts on the playing field need replacing. Clerk to get prices.

1420 Councillors reports of meetings attended

None

1421 Dates of next meetings.

07/10/2014

02/12/2014

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.

