**Buerton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at Hankelow Church Hall

**Present:** Cllr E Green (chair) Cllr N Bonell Cllr E Lancaster Cllr A Baddley Cllr A Goodwin Cllr O Bonell

Parishoners 2

Hankelow Parish Councillors 3

**In attendance**: J Kemble Clerk

Tom Evans CEC Planning

**1433 Apologies**  Cllr I Shaw

**1434 Minutes** The minutes of the Council meeting of 16/10/2014 were signed as correctrecords.

**1435 Disclosure of interests** none

**1436 Concerning a Buerton Neighbourhood Plan**

1436/1 Councillors from both Buerton and Hankelow discussed with and put questions to Tom Evans and after much detail and discussion the following points were established :-

1. The Buerton application for Neighbourhood status has been submitted and is under consideration by CEC.
2. Next step will be to circulate the questionnaire throughout the village. While response is not essential, lack of such would go against the application. Level of response is almost irrelevant but some is necessary.
3. Grants of up to £7000 are available from central government to fund setting up a Neighbourhood plan but will not be paid retrospectively for previous costs.
4. A Project Plan is essential for getting support and funding.
5. Policies in the plan must be evidence based.
6. Bunbury’s Neighbourhood plan was quoted as a good example to give guidance. Also that of Goostrey is available for reference. Cllr Baddley volunteered to write up the plan and policy.
7. In the CEC local plan, Buerton is defined as Countryside.
8. Any Neighbourhood Plan, once adopted by CEC will remain in place until National Policies change so Councils might specify that the plan be reviewed after, say, 5 or 7 years depending on local circumstances.
9. Councils may phase a policy if they wish to, for example, to reserve sites/areas for 5 or 10 years ahead.
10. Any building after 1st April 2010 will count towards fulfilling the housing requirement.
11. It was stressed that to count towards the housing requirements, houses must actually be built. If some of the sites detailed in the Plan have not been utilised thereby creating a deficit over the statutory number then other planning applications may be granted, outside of the Neighbourhood Plan.

At the end of this discussion, Hankelow Councillors and Tom Evans left the meeting.

1436/2 The steering committee was arranged and will comprise:-

Cllr Green, Cllr Baddley, Cllr Lancaster, Mrs M Scott, Mrs W Lucas.

Another parishioner will be sought to volunteer.

1436/3 It was agreed that the questionnaire would be distributed in the New Year and the policies finally decided after review of responses. A budget of up to £200 was agreed for printing, and that the means of distribution be sorted out in the New Year.

**1437 Public Forum**

The following points were raised by parishoners:-

1. The footpath along the A525 by Buerton House ( CW3 0DD) is overgrown and forces pedestrians into the road.
2. The road surface on Windmill Lane by the “twisty bit” is badly in need of resurfacing.
3. The road surface on the A525 by Yew Tree Farm appears to have been damaged by a water leak and needs resurfacing.

Clerk to contact CEC to raise these issues.

**1438 Business Matters**

1438/1 Playing Field

Railing painting and repair . Another possible supplier has been contacted.

Price for the signage for the field has been costed but it was decided not to proceed with this. Clerk to put a notice on the notice board with the emergency numbers.

1438/2 Defibrillator

Cabinet has been received. Clerk to find a qualified electrician to install it.

1438/3 Bins and seats for the playing field to be costed out by clerk.

CEC have been requested to provide a bin by the notice board. Their reply is awaited.

1438/4 Mr Andrew Hassell was formally co-opted onto the Council.

1438/5 Clerk confirmed that Barkers have been instructed to proceed with a review of the Parish Land Agreement.

**1439 Financial Matters**

1439/1 The following payments were approved :-

Dave Espley Playing field inspections November £25.00

J Kemble Salary October/November £223.90

BDO Audit Services £240.00

1439/2 The precept for 2015/16 was agreed at £3465.00 a 10% increase on 2014/15.

**1440 Planning and Development.**

The following were noted:-

14/5439N 1 New Cottages Extension

14/5424N Malt Kiln Farm Agricultural building to dwelling house

**1441 Any other business**

Three points have been raised by parishoners outside of this meeting.

1. Is there any chance that CEC would put hard verges in Festival Avenue. As residents are obliged to park on the verges, the whole thing looks a complete mess.
2. The question of speeding traffic on the A525 is causing residents concern. Clerk has referred those raising the issue to the CEC intention of putting a 40 m.p.h. limit from the Audlem 30 m.p.h. point to somewhere past Hankins Heys Lane.

**1442 Councillors reports of meetings attended**

None

**1443** **Dates of next meetings**.

02/02/2015

07/04/2015

02/06/2015

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.17 p.m.