

## **Buerton Parish Council**

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Hankelow Church Hall.

**Present** Cllr Bonell (chair) Cllr E Lancaster, Cllr I Shaw. Cllr G Healey, Cllr M Hope, Cllr Mansell.

**In attendance:** Clerk: K Poultney.

**1789 Apologies** Cllr A Baddley.

### **1790 Minutes**

The minutes of the Council meeting of 05/06/2018 were signed as correct records.

### **1791 Disclosure of interests**

Clerk, K Poultney. Re section 8 Planning & Development.

### **1792 Public Forum**

Wendy Lucas, Margaret Scott. Chris Hardy, Louise Evans & Clive Evans.

### **1793 Business Matters**

1793/1 Leading on from the clerks disclosure of interest Louise Evans raised the issue as to if the disclosure of interest at point 8 could be discussed by councillors given that the clerk was a paid employee of the Parish Council. It was decided by councillors to verify with CHALC and that part of item 8 would not be discussed.

**Clerk has contacted CHALC (Cheshire Association of Local Councils) and they have confirmed that the clerk would just leave the room at the point the item was up for debate and there would be no requirement to hold an extraordinary meeting. They could see no reason why the clerk would be held at a higher level of account than a Councillor.**

1793/2 Metal fencing in a poor state of repair on Woore Road, Cllr Lancaster has liaised with landowner who will discuss it with the current tenant.

**Clerk to re contact Council as it is believed the fencing is owned by the Council.**

1793/3 Margaret Scott reported problems with overgrown hedge near the bridge at Windmill Lane.

**Clerk to contact landowner to resolve.**

1793/4 Parish noticeboard has water ingress in the top and rear making the board extremely damp. It was agreed that Mr Poultney would sand, varnish and repair the board.

**Ongoing as the screw heads have all disintegrated and a special tool is required for removal.**

1793/5 Wendy Lucas commented on the hedge debris being left on the pavement outside the new house for sale on the corner of Windmill Lane.

**Cllr Lancaster will make enquires in an attempt to verify the current owners.**

1793/6 On 06/06/2018 clerk wrote to a number of residents with regards to the hedges being overgrown, it was noted that all those written to had resolved the issue apart from the occupants at Yew Tree Farm.

**Clerk to contact council re possible enforcement.**

1793/7 Cllr Hope noted that a number of vehicles were travelling along Windmill Close and he believed that they were mistaking the road for the Red Acres development due to the poor position of the sign.

**Clerk to contact council again re-sign being placed in different location.**

1793/8 Mr Chris Hardy commented on the road grid overflowing outside the converted Chapel on Woore Road.

**Clerk to contact highways.**

1793/9 Cllr Bonell extended a warm welcome to our two new councillors Mr Dave Mansell and Mr Malcolm Hope. Paperwork signed by Cllr Bonell.

**Clerk to send all relevant paperwork through to Cheshire East.**

1793/10 Clerk has received a complaint from a Mr Roberts re, 2 Sycamore trees on Parish land overhanging his property. It was agreed by Councillors that arrangements will be made for the trees to be cut back. It was confirmed by councillors that this was now a priority and needed resolving as soon as possible.

**Clerk to advise Mr Roberts & recontact Greenfingers as despite several requests no quote has been received.**

1793/11 Margaret Scott and Wendy Lucas who kindly do the work on the parish planters advised the difficulty in getting water to the troughs. The items suggested were not suitable as did not contain enough water. It was suggested that we needed a water source nearer to the planters.

1793/12 Farm tenancy agreement business, contract signed by Cllr Bonell @ Cllr Lancaster.

**Clerk to send paperwork through to Hibberts.**

1793/13 Oak tree pruning near to slide. It was agreed that once we received permission from Cheshire East, Greenfingers quote was acceptable to proceed with.

**Clerk to contact Greenfingers once permission granted.**

1793/14 Vintage oak tree on Buerton playing field, was discussed re bark chippings to be put around the base as recommended by conservation officer. It was agreed that Greenfingers quote was acceptable.

**Clerk to contact Greenfingers to advise.**

1793/15 The goal posts were discussed @ Cllr Lancaster had made enquires re a bracket that can be added to the top of the current posts for the netting. This was an expensive option and it was agreed that we would go ahead with Suddenstrike quote to install down posts and re paint the posts.

**Clerk to contact Suddenstrike to proceed with the work.**

1793/16 It was discussed following on from the communication with Sam Burden, re the anonymous benefactor wishing to purchase a piece of equipment on the Parish playing fields for older children.

**Clerk to put article on Audlemonline to obtain the opinion from the Buerton community.**

1793/17 Cllr Shaw discussed the Burial committee, which has representatives from local surrounding parishes. Unfortunately Cllr Baddley has had to stand down due to other commitments and another Councillor will need to be appointed.

**1794/1 Financial Matters.**

The following payments were noted/approved :-

Greenfingers VAT for April/May (cheque 400199)	£53.34
Mid Cheshire footpaths society (cheque 400193)	£8.00
Greenfingers June/July (cheque 400194)	£323.99
K Poultney 8 months internet & phone contribution (£80) & 117 mileage at 45p a mile.	£132.65
Davenport Accountants (internal audit) (cheque 400196)	£90.00
K Poultney (reimburse for new parish lap top) (cheque 400197)	£463.00
HMRC re K Poultney May to Aug (cheque 400198)	£140.00
Spoilt cheque (400199)	
Audlem First Responders donation (cheque 400200)	£350.00
K Poultney net wage July@Aug Inc asset/playground ins (cheque 400201)	£210.00

**1795 Planning and Development.**

**18/3917N** Barn Conversion. Manor Farm Hankins Heys Lane Buerton.

**1796 Any other business**

None.

**1797 Councillors reports of meetings attended**

Cllr Shaw reported on the burial committee @ the fact that a new Cllr is now needed since Cllr Baddley has stepped down.

**1798 Dates of next meetings**

Hankelow Chapel meeting room

02/10/2018

04/12/2018

Meeting closed at 8 33 p.m.