

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held at 7.15 p.m.
Tuesday 4 February 2020 in the Hankelow Church Hall.

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

1878 Apologies for absence

None

1879 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 03/12/2019 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1880 Disclosure of interests

None to declare

1881 Public Forum

3 Members of the community present

1882 Business matters

1882/1 **Junction of Windmill Lane and Longhill Lane**

Cllr Hope met on site with a representative from Cheshire East Highways and Cllr Rachel Bailey to discuss the issues/our concerns with the junction. A number of options were suggested. It was proposed to re-design the junction to make safe, as noted it is on a public Bus route. Cllr Bailey will support the proposal.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Bailey for progress updates

1882/2 **Football Nets**

Cllr Mansell remeasured the Goals. An issue with size of the Goals for an off the shelf net.

Cllr Mansell will liaise with Soccer Store & purchase off the shelf nets, once sizing issues have been addressed.

1882/3 **Playground Annual Report**

Annual report reviewed and discussed. Issues raised regarding some items of equipment having slip hazards. The wood platform at the top of the slide is rotting in places. Football goals need attention, corner bolts need shortening.

Excessive water level around part of the section of activity trail. Plus, it was noted it does not meet BSEN 1176.

Cllr Lancaster to look at original paperwork for assurance the Activity Trail does meet BSEN 1176. It was agreed the water logging around the activity trail has been due to the extreme wet period. We will monitor and if needed in the future look into land drainage. Cllr Healey to speak to PRG regarding making the Goals good plus amending to allow nets to fit correctly.

It was agreed cleaning of equipment to limited the hazard of slipping needs to be carried out in. Cllr Baddley to gain quotes for work to replace rotten wood to the platform at the top of the slide.

1882/4 **Remembrance Memorial**

Quotes for maintenance work discussed and agreed for work to be carried out by Rogers Masonry

Clerk to instruct Rogers Masonry to carry out works listed

1882/5 **Farm tenancy agreement**

Cllr Lancaster reported back Mr Bonell is in receipt of the contract he has forwarded to his acting Land Agent (acting on his behalf not a Solicitor) It was advised his Land Agents return the contract and any comments directly to the Parish Clerk.

New Clerk to sign contract once returned

1872/6 **Community Speed Watch**

PC Jarvis has contact details of volunteers. It was agreed, we are only prepared to purchase the equipment once all volunteers have completed the training and we are reassured of their commitment.

Clerk to email PC Jarvis to discuss training & Liaise with him directly

1872/7 **Public Footpath organised walks**

Cllr Lancaster reported the landowner has been approached and issue raised regarding installing a stile over the fence. He will rectify/action in due course. Cllr Baddley updated the meeting regarding the walks. A public footpath stile has been blocked by an electric fence and one is overgrown and not accessible. Cllr Baddley recorded location and photos taken to identify location

Cllr Lancaster to liaise with landowners. Agreed only involve Cheshire East footpaths if struggle to locate landowners or no actions taken to rectify in the future.

1882/8 **Buerton Hall Farm – Tree concern**

No response from Council since original complaint made.

Clerk to follow up with Highways

1882/9 **Social Media**

Cllr Mansell expressed a wish to set up social media page. Following consideration it has been decided that the best way to keep people informed would be a bi-annual newsletter.

Cllr Baddley to prep a layout for a spring newsletter. She will also look at a Facebook page. Initially a closed group for the Cllrs to review/consider as an option to move forward with.

1882/10 **Parking for school Bus**

A designated bus space has been marked on the Road. No incidents reported by Pc Jarvis or any members of the community.

1882/11 **Greenfingers annual renewal and Quote to replace gate**

Cllrs decided to install fence not a gate at the current access point where it is broken. Cllrs decided two further quotes for ground maintenance needs to be obtained

Clerk to request quotes for fencing. Further quote for ground maintenance of field to be obtained. Cllr Lancaster to speak to Tony Seabridge. All quotes must follow requirements set out as quoted by Greenfingers. Needs to be actioned before 1 April.

1882/12 **Contribution to First Responders**
Cllrs agreed £350 donation
Cllr Shaw to forward cheque to First Responder associate

1882/13 **Parish Clerk**

The candidate for the role of Parish Clerk attended the meeting. It was discussed we would be very happy if she accepts the position. She is able to start 1 March 2020. However, due to work commitments she is unable to attend Tuesday meetings from September 2020. Cllrs agreed happy to change day to Thursday if the Hall is available to accommodate.

Cllr Shaw to look into the possibility of re-booking Hankelow village Hall from Tuesday to Thursday.

1883 Financial matters

7.0 To note/approve the following payments:-

E Riley Net wage December / January	£425.32
HMRC E Riley	£38.00
E Riley, Expenses	£49.01
Greenfingers Grounds Maintenance, December / January	£320.00
Shires Pay Services	£34.50
Hibberts LLP	£1455.00
Village Planters	£25.00
Audlem First Responder	£350.00

1884 Planning and Development

At time of publishing agenda, non to be discussed

1885 Any other business

Cllr Shaw raised the long standing issue of the damage to the grass verges, lack of parking at Festival Avenue. Following years of complaints to Cheshire East, regarding this issue a Proposal has been made. Either to widen the road at Festival Avenue to allow on street parking or carry out work to make the area of damaged grass verge to a hard standing area. The support of the Parish council is asked. Councillor Bailey has been contacted by residents and are waiting for her response/support

Cllrs agreed to support the above proposals to resolve parking concerns

Update regarding the damage to railings on Woore Road was requested. It seems no further correspondence from the Cheshire East Council regarding repairing the areas seen as hazards i.e blind bends etc

Clerk to chase up a response from Highways regarding actions taken/proposals to repair the section of fence on the bend.

It was raised that the new man hole cover installed by United Utilities on the Junction of Woore Road and Windmill Lane has subsided and is now raised
Issue to be raised with United Utilities

It was noted that Red Acres still has no street sign

Issue to be raised with Cheshire East Highways again

Concerns over the termination of Cheshire East gritting the Public & School Bus route From Hankelow to Buerton via Long Lane and Windmill Lane.

Issue to be raised with Cheshire East Highways

1886 Councillors reports of meetings attended.

Nothing to Report

1887 Dates for future meetings.

New Meeting Date to be confirmed