

Buerton Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 at Hankelow Church Hall.

Present Cllr N Bonell (Chair) Cllr A Baddley Cllr E Lancaster Cllr G Healey,
Cllr I Shaw.

In attendance: Clerk: K Poultney

1758 Apologies Cllr A Hassell

1759 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 05/12/2017 were signed as correct records.

1760 Disclosure of interests

None

1761 Public Forum

No public present.

1762 Neighbourhood Plan Public Forum.

Cllr Baddley confirmed that as the Neighbourhood Plan was completed the unused remainder of the grant from Groundwork UK to the value of £699.50 should be reimbursed.

Clerk has written cheque ref : 65728631 to Groundwork UK.

1763 Business Matters

1763/1 A525 Woore Road. With reference to the 40mph sign outside Maltkilm Farm Highways ref: 3305366 councillors not aware of a survey that highways state was completed and not happy that highways state sign is in the correct location. Recently more accidents have occurred at the bend with Buerton Hall Farm. Just prior to the bend the metal railings have also been damaged in 2 places by further accidents. Just after the bend with Buerton Hall Farm outside the black and white house is a further accident black spot. The road dips down in this location, being substantially lower than the maize field, this results in water running off the field and freezing on the road surface, causing the bend to be treacherous in the winter. A further collision has occurred here where a car has skidded on the black ice and hit a tree. Fortunately no one was injured, but because of this the incident was not reported to the police or highways.

Clerk to re contact highways.

1763/2 All local councillors commented on the poor state of the metal fencing opposite Buerton Hall and also reported that several local residents had also reported on this matter.

Clerk to get quotes for repair/replacement fencing.

1763/3 Cllr Baddley @ Healey reported on the large amount of dog faeces that was accumulating close to the farm gate at the end of Festival Close. It was noted that local dog owners must not be picking up after their pet due to it being at the entrance to the field @ this is not acceptable. Local children play at this location and it is a health risk.

Clerk to contact council re dog signs @ the possibility of extra dog bins at this location & also near to the bridge on Windmill Lane, which was also identified as another problem location.

1763/4 The quotes for new gate and hinges at the A525 entrance to the playing field and the fitting of goal post stanchions to the goal posts were discussed.

Cllr Hassell researching further quotes for the gate.

1763/5 Pruning of the oak tree is still required. Cllrs decided the preferred option was for Twisted Oak to do a crown reduction, the tree does in fact have a preservation order in place and permission is needed in order to proceed with the work.

Clerk to order works once permission is granted.

1763/6 Cllr Shaw discussed the issue with the ambulance unacceptable attendance time to a local resident and that Audlem had a similar incident and had written a letter of complaint to North West Ambulance also discussing the incident at Buerton. Hankelow council are going to discuss the issue at their next meeting.

The British Heart Foundation are running a course "Audlem Heartstart" at Hankelow Methodist Chapel on Sunday 21st January between 2pm and 4.30pm. The FREE course teaches about early CPR, early defibrillation and advanced care.

PLEASE PHONE 01270 812616 OR EMAIL: marsdeh@btinternet.com TO SECURE A PLACE.

1763/7 Cllr Healey reported on the overgrown hedge and cherry trees opp Maltkilm Farm and the fact that an HGV had hit the trees that overhang into the road. This could have resulted in serious injury to a pedestrian as a large branch was ripped from the tree.

Clerk to report matter to highways.

1764 Financial Matters

1753/1 The following payments were noted/approved :-

K Poultney Dec/Jan salary	£320.00
Greenfingers (Grounds maintenance Dec)	£160.00
Expenses K Poultney (Printer paper, stamps, plastic wallets)	£ 28.91
Groundwork UK (money returned unused from Buerton parish plan)	£699.50

1765 Planning and Development.

Nothing to note.

1766 Any other business

None.

1767 Councillors reports of meetings attended

1768 Dates of next meetings

Hankelow Chapel meeting room

03/04/2018
05/06/2018
07/08/2018
02/10/2018
04/12/2018

Meeting closed at 8 30 p.m.