Buerton Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at Hankelow Church Hall.

Present Cllr E Lancaster (Chair) Cllr A Baddley, Cllr I Shaw.

In attendance: Clerk: K Poultney.

1779 Apologies Cllr N Bonell, Cllr G Healey.

1780 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 03/04/2018 were signed as correct records.

1781 Disclosure of interests

None

1782 Public Forum

Wendy Lucas, Margaret Scott. Dave Mansell, Malcolm Hope.

1783 Business Matters

1783/1 A525 Woore Road. With reference to the water leak. Severn Trent did attend but the water running onto the road seems worse.

Clerk has contacted water board.

1783/2 Metal fencing in a poor state of repair on Woore Road, quotes obtained. Questions raised as to if the council would in fact be responsible for repair. Council contacted by clerk who say it is the responsibility of the landowner.

Cllr Lancaster to liaise with landowner.

- 1783/3 Replacement safety inspector, the clerk has taken over the monthly role and contacted Alan Dymond who will take over the yearly inspection as required for insurance purposes.
- 1783/4 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.

Cllr Baddley to contact local resident re posts holding board.

- 1783/5 Margaret Scott had received a report from a local resident Mr Green that he was unable to use a public footpath in a field adjacent to Woore Road as it was obstructed by an electric fence. Margaret produced photographic evidence. Cllr Lancaster to liaise with landowner.
- 1783/6 Margaret Scott reported that the style in the same field needed repairing as it is wobbling as you step onto it.

Clerk to contact Cheshire East leisure to report.

1783/7 Mr 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.

1783/8 With regard to the Ambulance response times, clerk has received the new data which needs to be analysed

Clerk to attend meeting arranged by Audlem parish council to be held on Monday 16th July at 7pm with North West Ambulance in attendance to discuss.

1783/9 Margaret Scott reported the BT post that has been knocked over and left in a dangerous state on Woore Road.

Clerk to contact BT.

1783/10 Clerk has received a complaint from a Mr Roberts re 2 Sycamore trees on parish land overhanging his property. It was agreed that we would arrange the trees to be cut back.

Clerk to advise Mr Roberts & obtain a quote for the work.

1783/11 The Buerton parish sign was discussed and has seen better days and in need of renovation.

Cllr Baddley will arrange for her husband to review and advise on works required.

1783/12 Margaret Scott and Wendy Lucas who kindly do the work on the parish planters advised the difficulty in getting water to the troughs.

Clerk to get prices for a trolley and water sprayer.

1783/13 Farm tenancy agreement discussed and the tenant is 2 months in arrears and needs to be rectified before Hibberts could complete the new tenancy agreement.

Clerk to contact tenant to advice.

1783/14 Wendy Lucas noted that the pavement running from Hankins Hey Lane to Chapel End was still unpassable in stretches due to a number of residents failing to keep their hedges maintained and also the hedge debris being left on the pavement.

Clerk to write to a number of residents to ask them to take appropriate action.

1783/15 It was noted that Mr Mansell & Mr Hope were in attendance as they had registered an interest in the 2 councillor's posts that were advertised. A vote was held and Cllrs Lancaster, Shaw and Baddley voted them both in.

Clerk to complete necessary paperwork and inform Cheshire East Council.

1783/16 Cllr Baddley reported on the availability of BT to now offer fibre optic internet to properties in Buerton. It is called FTTP – Fibre to the home. Cllr Baddley now has a package for 50mbs unlimited usage for less than she used to pay for a previously poor connection with 5mbs @ phone package.

For further information residents can contact BT open reach on www.openreach.co.uk you will then get an option to enter your postcode and they will confirm if this service is available to your property.

1783/17 Our vintage oak tree (Buerton playing fields) was discussed. We are extremely lucky to have such a special tree and it has been deemed special enough to go on the ancient tree website. This can be viewed on: www.ancient-tree-hunt the tree preservation officer suggested we arranged for a plaque to be made in honour of our special tree, this was discussed and agreed this would be arranged.

Clerk to get quotes for plaque.

1783/18 The goal posts were discussed @ Cllr Lancaster has seen a bracket that can be added to the top of the current posts for the netting to lie across without affecting the cutting of the grass as it is off the ground. The posts also need repainting as are rusty in places.

Cllr Lancaster to look into the prices of the brackets. Cllr Baddley will liaise with a local resident who may be interested in renovating the posts.

1784/1 Financial Matters.

The following payments were noted/approved:-

Zurich business insurance.	£496.92
K Poultney May/June/salary	£320.00
K Poultney playground/asset inspection (April/ May).	£30.00
K Poultney expenses (printer paper @ plastic wallets)	£5.50
Greenfingers (grounds maintenance April/May)	£266.66
Shires pay services	£25.50
Thenmedia (Audlemonline)	£115.20
M Scott parish plants	£43.70

1785 Planning and Development.

18/2635N Moblake cottage Longhill lane Buerton. Proposed alterations and ground floor extension. No objections.

18/2701N Land at Chapel End Woore Road Buerton. Proposed pair of semi-detached houses. No objections.

1786 Any other business

The parish 2017 accounts have been completed by clerk ready for internal audit/inspection.

Clerk to arrange/source auditor to check accounts for audit purposes.

1787 Councillors reports of meetings attended

1788 Dates of next meetings

Hankelow Chapel meeting room

07/08/2018 02/10/2018 04/12/2018

Meeting closed at 8 45 p.m.