

Buerton Parish Council

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Minutes for the Meeting of Buerton Parish Council held under closed session due to COVID-19 restrictions at Hankelow Church Hall on Thursday 1 October 2020

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

1908 Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr G Healey.

1909 Minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting of 6 August 2020 were agreed and signed as correct records.

1910 Disclosure of interests

None to declare

1911 Public Forum

Cllr Baddley had been asked to speak on behalf of member of the Parish to raise the issue of the road works being carried out by United Utilities. These works have closed the junction of Windmill Lane and Woore Road, effectively isolating the top part of the village. Of most concern is the access of emergency services and school children having to walk along and cross a busy road to reach the school bus as it is not able to pick up in its usual location. The diversion signs in place are confusing and need to be replaced.

Clerk to contact United Utilities to discuss an urgent solution.

1912 Business matters

1912/1 Playground

There has been no progress to date with regards to the goals or replacement nets.

Cllr Mansell to continue to make enquiries with regard to the repair of the goals.

Cllr Baddley discussed the quotation and it was unanimously decided to accept it and have the damaged wooden platform replaced as quickly as possible.

Cllr Baddley to contact Broxap to accept the quotation and obtain and obtain a schedule for the works.

1912/2 Farm Business Tenancy

The Clerk reported that a second draft of the FBT has now been forwarded to the tenant by the land agent, Rostons, who are awaiting their comments.

Clerk to continue to liaise with Rostons and the tenant to expedite the signing of the FBT.

With regards to the significant works carried out on the drainage system on the land, it was unanimously agreed that the tenant should submit a formal request for a financial contribution from the Parish Council.

Clerk to contact tenant to request a formal submission for financial assistance.

1912/3 **Highways**

It was agreed unanimously that a response should be sent to the local Area Highways Group to ensure that gritting continues on the school bus route from Hankelow to Buerton taking in Longhill Lane to Windmill Lane. Kettle Lane was also discussed but as part of Kettle Lane falls within Audlem Parish, it should be confirmed whether Audlem has included it in its submission.

Clerk to contact the Audlem Parish Council Clerk to establish whether Kettle Lane will be included in their submission. Clerk to submit a response to the local Area Highways Group as above.

1912/4 **Railings Woore Road**

As Cheshire East Highways are not prepared to take responsibility for the repair or upkeep of the damaged Cheshire railings, it was decided that the Parish Council should contact the owner of the land on which the railings are situated to discuss a way forward.

Several possible solutions were discussed with regards to the replacement of the damaged Cheshire railings including wooden fencing and planting of a stock proof hedge.

Clerk to contact landowner to request a meeting in order to move this matter forward.

1912/5 **Social Media & Newsletter**

There are no further updates from Cllr Baddley at this time.

1912/6 **Parking at Festival Avenue**

Cllr Shaw reports that the pot holes were filled with soil which consequently washed away. Parking continues on the grass verges which are now in a poor state and at this point, after many years of fruitless discussion with Highways, Cllr Shaw does not see a way forward, however it was agreed that the Parish Council would have another attempt at trying to rectify the issues at Festival Avenue.

Clerk to contact Cheshire East Highways to report the state of the road and request a site visit from a Highways Officer.

1912/7 **Inspection of Assets**

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Baddley to arrange date for the next inspection.

1913 Financial matters

1913/1 The following payment has been made by BACS transfer following approval from Cllrs Lancaster, Baddley and is listed here for formal record:

A Serif wage August 2020	£231.66
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1913/2 The following payments to be made by BACS transfer were approved by Cllrs Lancaster and Shaw:

A Serif wage September 2020	£231.66
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