

Buerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 9th August 2011 at Hankelow Church Hall

Present: Cllr N Bonell, Cllr I Shaw (Chair), Cllr T Williams, Cllr E Lancaster.

In attendance: J Kemble Clerk 3 parishoners

1113 Apologies Cllr R Bailey CEC

1114 Minutes The minutes of the Council meeting of 03/05/2011 were signed as a correct **record**.

1115 Disclosure of interests none

1116 Public Forum Parishoners expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of progress regarding the removal and containment of the tree branches overhanging the gardens of properties in School Field Close. They also expressed concern over the overgrown state of the playing field underneath the trees. The Council re-assured them that steps are in hand to get tree maintenance and safety survey carried out, following which any necessary work would be undertaken out. Council also confirmed that as part of the development of the playing field, the area under the trees would be cleared of scrub and saplings and brought into the existing grounds maintenance contract. The tree survey should be carried out in the next month once a price has been agreed and a contract has been placed.

1117 Business Matters

1117/1 Co-option of Councillors

The following were formally co-opted as members of the Council.

Jonathon Barrie

Duncan Blood

Anthony Goodwin

Oliver Bonell

1117/2 Playing Field and proposed playground. Clerk has been in contact with CEC regarding dog fouling. CEC officer responsible undertook to visit Buerton and make suggestions regarding possible action to alleviate the problem possibly including a local leaflet drop. A visit seems have been made, clerk to check for any recommendations. CEC have also agreed to provide litter bags for general litter from the playing field and will collect it fortnightly when the dog bin is emptied. The provision of a fixed litter bin using the CEC bags was agreed by the Council in principle, details to be arranged by Cllrs Shaw and Lancaster. Cllr Lancaster also undertook to arrange the change of bags and placement for collection.

1117/3 War Memorial The details of the design offered by the stone mason were circulated to the Council during July and found to be unacceptable. Clerk to solicit other stone masons for a more acceptable design.

1117/4 Sale of the school building a sale has been agreed but progress is held up pending planning approval for change of use. Over the past weeks, clerk has been in contact with the prospective purchaser and elicited the help of Cllr Bailey to urge progress. Planning application has been circulated around Buerton Council and returned to CEC planning with approval.

1117/5 Telephone box. Banking behind the box has now been supported and a contract placed for the inside and outside painting of the box.

1117/6 Notice Board The new notice board is in place and complete.

1117/7 Police local cluster meetings Clerk was instructed to circulate all correspondence regarding these meetings to all Councillors.

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1118 Financial Matters

1118/1 The following payments were noted/approved:-

J Kemble	Salary and expenses (May to July)	£275.86
AON	Insurance annual premium (confirmed)	£482.87
CVS	PAYE administration	£48.00
Cheshire Community Action	annual membership	£20.00
MRP	Notice board supply and erect	£1037.65
ASET	Donation	£100.00
Audlem First Responders	Donation	£250.00
A J Davenport	Audit Services	£45.00
Tony Seabridge	Grounds maintenance	£215.00
MRP	Bank retention behind phone box	£492.78

1119 Planning and Development.

Receipt and review of the following planning applications has been noted:-

11/1360N The Barn Windmill Lane	side extension
11/1827N Buerton House Woore Road	garage + log store
11/1871N The Squirrels Longhill Lane	bedrooms in roof space
11/1872N 10 Windmill Close	garage conversion
11/2244N Moblake Farm	1 st floor extension and facilities
11/2088N Buerton School building	Change of use
11/2311N The Ash Woodhouse Lane	change of land use
11/2475N Mere Farm Woodhouse Lane	Timber outbuilding

1120 Any Other Business

Clerk requested that the following items be included on the next meeting's agenda.

Review of Council's Financial Regulations

Review of Clerk's hours

Do the Council need to meet more often than quarterly

1111 Councillors reports of meetings attended.

Cllr Shaw reported on the recent Burial Board meeting.

1112 Dates of Next Meetings.

01/11/2011

07/02/2012

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 p.m.