

Buerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 1st November 2011 at Hankelow Church Hall

Present: Cllr N Bonell, Cllr I Shaw (Chair), Cllr T Williams, Cllr E Lancaster. Cllr O Bonell
Cllr D Blood Cllr A Goodwin

In attendance: J Kemble Clerk
7 parishoners
Bob Vass CEC, Mike Watson Plus Dane Housing, Mark Ellis Markdenhomes

1124 Apologies Cllr R Bailey CEC Cllr J Barrie

1125 Minutes The minutes of the Council meeting of 09/08/2011 and special consultation of 07/10/2011 were signed as correct records.

1126 Disclosure of interests none

1127 Public Forum

1127/1 A presentation was given by Messrs Vass, Watson and Ellis regarding the proposed development at Red Acres Farm. This development is for the building of one bungalow with an associated shop plus 8 affordable homes. The object of the presentation and subsequent discussion was to inform the Parish Council of the basis and scope of the development and to gather any thoughts and reservations that the Council might have. After a full discussion and the review of a preliminary layout of the scheme, the Council agreed to put together any comments they might have and to respond to Markdenhomes by the end of November.

1127/2 The state of the footpath between Buerton and Audlem was complained about by a parishioner who uses a mobility scooter. Overhanging hedges and roots pushing up through the tarmac make it difficult and dangerous for both walkers and mobility scooter users to use the footpath. Council agreed to bring this to the attention of CEC Roads for rectification.

1128 Business Matters

1128/1 Playing Field Clerk reported that an order was placed on 16/08/2011 with Keith Thelwell/Buckland Tree Care for a safety report on the trees in the field. This has yet to be received, being held up by a problem with their Professional Indemnity Certification. In the meantime Buckland have quoted for the remedial work necessary over the next few months. Disquiet was expressed by Councillors over the time taken to get this far, despite regular chasing. Clerk to keep chasing and Cllr Blood to contact another suitable tree specialist. Two quotations have been received for the clearance of scrub from the NE corner of the field. Clerk to solicit a third quotation from Tony Seabridge by 5th November and to place an order for the work to be completed within two weeks by 8th November. Cllrs Shaw and Lancaster to approve the chosen contractor.

Clerk was asked to check if any of the trees on the playing field were subject to preservation orders.

A quotation is awaited from S Fellows for the installation of the rubbish bin on the field.

1128/2 War Memorial A revised design of memorial from Rogers of Nantwich had been previously circulated to Councillors and met with general approval, the only comment being to make sure there is room for three extra names. Councillors to measure up and decide the exact location to enable planning permission to be applied for.

1128/3 Sale of the school building The sale has been completed and the cheque for £21,284.75 received by the Council.

1128/4 Telephone box. A quotation is awaited from S Fellows to repair and reglaze the phone box after it was vandalised last month.

1128/5 Playing Field development It was agreed that the clerk circulate the quotations for the proposed playground to remind and inform Councillors . It was agreed that a special meeting would be called to discuss this matter in detail.

1128/6 Clerk's hours Clerk explained that it was becoming difficult to keep up within the current 11 hours per month nominally allocated for his duties. Clerk requested that the nominal hours be increased to 16 per month, which was approved by the Council.

1128/7 Frequency of Council meetings Due to the current increase in Council activities, it was agreed to meet bi-monthly during 2012 with the first meeting being 7th February. This would be reviewed late 2012.

1128/8 Financial Regulations Council to review these in light of 1128/7 above. Clerk to circulate them in due course.

1128/9 Parking in Festival Avenue This is not on the CEC to do list and it appears that unless residents or the parish Council pay for it themselves, there is not much prospect of anything being done.

1129 Financial Matters

1129/1 The following payments were noted/approved:-

J Kemble	Salary and expenses (August to October)	£331.38
HMRC	Tax April to August 2011	£115.40
Tony Seabridge	Grounds maintenance June/July/August	£200.00
Audit Commission	Audit Services	£174.00
H Martin	Painting of phone box	£320.00
Glasdon	Supply of Rubbish Bin	£492.78

1129/2 The following receipts were noted

CEC	2 nd Instalment of Precept	£1500.00
R Bonell	Rent of Parish Land	£4561.92

1129/3 Precept for 2012/13 was discussed and a 5% uplift was agreed in anticipation of increased costs being handed down from CEC.

1129/4 The request for support from the Tree House was differed to the next meeting, pending receipt of audited accounts. Clerk to request sight of same.

1129/5 It was noted that there will be no Burial Board precept to pay 2101/13.

1130 Planning and Development.

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

11/2328N Ash Barn	Woodhouse Lane	Barn Conversion.
11/3239N	17 Festival Avenue	Extension to side.
11/Red Acres Farm	Windmill Lane	New Bungalow as infill

1131 Any Other Business

Clerk was requested to investigate to painting of the Cheshire railings by the playing field.
A list of potholes will be made for transmission to CEC Roads.

1132 Councillors reports of meetings attended.

None

1133 Dates of next meetings.

07/02/2012

03/04/2012

05/06/2012

07/08/2012

02/10/2012

04/12/2012

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.