

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 17th October, 2017 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

1. **Apologies** from Cllr Peter Tomlinson. Parishioner Maggi Rowlands also present.

2. **Minutes** from the previous meeting on Tuesday 5th September, 2017 were signed as correct.

***Ruth Wilson-South West Community Engagement Officer** attended the meeting to outline the new 4 year project which has been set up to run for 4 years, working with community groups, schools and churches. Basically, Community grant schemes are available via Heritage Lottery Grant Scheme for match funded Community projects. Ruth outlined her job within this Scheme and the various partners involved eg Support Staffordshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Wildlife Trusts, RSPB etc etc. The Scheme is culturally and heritage based and Ruth can advise re grant applications. She is very keen to hear of present and future projects within the Parish. Some examples – Work on the bridlepath, Orchard/Wildlife meadow, Butterton History Group AOF Banner, Butterton Wood, Drystone walls and barns.

3. Matters Arising

*Lengthsman- Cllr Karen Salt to contact Andy re timesheets and work availability.

*Waste Lane pothole- Continue to observe. We still await the 'Dig down' team's visit.

*The broken pipe at bus stop near Hailor's Croft. Question as to whose responsibility this is. No response from a previous enquiry. **Clerk to alert Highways a second time.**

* The bus shelter itself needs some repairs as there is a tile missing and some missing guttering.

The last two items to be further discussed at the next meeting.

Business items

4. Community assets

The Clerk read the letter sent to Mr Spencer. No response as yet.

Maggi Rowlands then put forward a proposal to buy the Pinfold from the Parish Council in order for it to become part of the curtilage of East View. A previous request had been made in 2004 which was rejected by the Councillors at that time. The Parish Council's view remains the same today but as one councillor was not present at the meeting, a vote will be taken at the next meeting and Mr and Mrs Rowlands will be informed of the Council's final decision.

5. Warwickshire Rural Housing Association

A discussion took place as to the original intentions of the Housing Trust, ie offering vacant houses/flats to local residents before advertising more widely. A one bedroom flat has been empty for over a month with no applications from local residents. **Clerk to ascertain from agent as to why 'To Let' signs not displayed.**

6. Manifold Track

Cllr Land reported on the bad state of the section of track from Swainsley Tunnel to Wetton Mill. Posts are broken and fencing wire is missing making it dangerous especially for pedestrians and cyclists. In wet weather the leaf litter, broken branches and mud add to the dangerous conditions. **Clerk to ask Highways for assistance.**

7. Finance

Payments received- SMDC Precept 1 of £2,357.52

Payments requested- £120- Play Inspection Co Ltd fee, Parish Online subscription- £33.60 **Clerk to resend link and password to Cllr Stone.**

Budget to be discussed further at the next meeting. Grant Thornton audit paperwork returned. **Cllr Stone to publish final drafts on website.**

Correspondence.

8. **Peak Park- Planning-**Fair View planning application granted.

9. **Severn Trent-** Nothing to discuss

10. **Highways-**Nothing further to discuss

11. **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council-** Nothing further to discuss

12. **Staffordshire County Council-** Nothing to discuss

13. **Staffordshire Parish Councils Association-** Nothing to discuss

14. **Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly-** Next meeting- 19th October.

15. **Other Correspondence** – Nothing that needed a response

16. A.O.B-

Cllr Lees queried possibly putting a mirror at the village end of Dog Lane to ensure safe exit for motorists. The mirror would have to be mounted on Greenlow House property for this to work. **Cllr Lees to pursue.**

Cllr Land queried a sign screwed into wooden bollard on Church Corner- B.A.D. Who/when/why has it not been removed. **Cllr Land to sort.**

Butterton Parish Council's Code of Conduct needs reviewing. **Clerk to sort.**

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The next meeting is.....Tuesday 28th November, 2017 at 7pm at Village Hall.
Please contact the Clerk or any Councillor with any concerns you would like discussed at the next meeting.

Following meetings [2018 meetings to be announced.](#)

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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