

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 28th November, 2017 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

1. Apologies None, as all Councillors present. Cllr Jenny Land-Acting Chairperson, Parishioners Maggi and Brian Rowland also present.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting on Tuesday 17th October, 2017 were signed as correct.

*Part of Item 5 was brought forward and dealt with...**Pinfold**. Mr and Mrs Rowland had previously expressed a wish to purchase the Pinfold. As all Councillors were present at this meeting, a vote was taken. The result was 4 against and 3 for the sale. This means that nothing will change for the foreseeable future as regards the Pinfold. **A letter from the Clerk to Mr and Mrs Rowland** to be written confirming this decision.

Maggi Rowland, herself a volunteer Ranger, brought to the Council's attention the state of the footpath that runs adjacent to the Bridleway. Neither the Bridleway nor the footpath is in good condition and trees need trimming and there is lots of cutting back to be done. This could be a project to be considered under the Peak Park Initiative headed up by Ruth Wilson.

3. Matters Arising

*Broken pipe near the bus shelter is not Highways responsibility and thus falls to the PC to repair.

*Flats at Causeway. A response has been received re the query as to why 'To Let' boards are not displayed when a flat becomes vacant. 'We do not have boards'. However Cllr Antonia Salt says previously written details have been posted in the windows of vacant flats.....1 flat is now occupied whilst another has become vacant. **Clerk to write again with PC concerns.**

*The problem re the state of the Manifold Track from Wetton Mill to Swainsley Tunnel is ongoing..... A query was raised as to who is responsible for the lighting in the tunnel. **Clerk to inquire.**

*Parish Online. Cllr Stone has looked at what the website has to offer and it is the PC's interest to continue paying our subscription.

*Audit documents and Code of Conduct are now available on the Village website. Cllr Kinneir and the Clerk attended a Training session at SMDC in Leek on The Code of Conduct on 14th Nov.

***Cllr Lees to inquire further re a mirror at the end of Dog Lane.**

* Cllr Land has sorted signage problem at Church corner. PC still uncertain as to who/what B.A.D. means....

Business items

4. Lengthsman

Cllr Land and the Clerk attended Andy Hall's funeral. The size of the congregation showed how popular a man he was and how he will be missed by so many people. Donations have been made towards causes suggested by Andy's family. Cllr Karen Salt and the Clerk met with Andy's representative to ascertain his hours of work and thus money owed. The PC now needs to move forward to secure a new Lengthsman. A job description will be drawn up and work is to be offered to a Parishioner on a temporary basis pending insurance documents being available etc.

5. Parish Assets

Item re Pinfold see above. Butterton Wood- Cllr Kinneir has been corresponding with Richard Claxton. A bench and 'No Dogs' signs have been provided by Peak Park. PDNPA will soon surrender the lease to the site and it will then become the PC's responsibility. Cllr Kinneir will inform the Clerk of any decisions and she is following up on funding opportunities for some more ideas/features to add to the site and also general maintenance requirements for the site.

6. Finance

Payments received- None

Payments requested- £25 Flash First Responders, £25 Midland Air Ambulance (2 donations in memory of Andy Hall), £790.89 Lengthsman's salary

Budget- The audit for 2018 differs from previous audits. More info needed for a clearer picture. **Clerk to sort.** The PC also needs to be planning towards next year's Precept application. A list of suggestions will be compiled and brought to the next meeting. Grants may be possible for some of the ideas already put forward.

Correspondence.

7. Peak Park- Planning-Plans were received and circulated after the last meeting re Greenlow Head. A PC response (affirmative) was given prior to this meeting.

8. Severn Trent- Nothing to discuss

9. Highways-Nothing further to discuss

10. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council- Nothing further to discuss

11. Staffordshire County Council- Nothing to discuss

12. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association- Nothing to discuss

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14. Other Correspondence – A letter from Police Commissioner Matthew Ellis has been received re a joint initiative re speed calming. No action will be taken.

15. A.O.B-

A parishioner has alerted the PC re new fencing on Footpath 18 that is severely restricting access. This has been reported to Paul Rochefort (R.O.W. Officer for S.C.C.) and a Ranger will be sent to survey the site.

The next meeting is.....Tuesday 9th January, 2018 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 - 20th Feb, 3rd April, 1st May, 12th June, 24th July, 4th Sept, 16th Oct, 27th Nov.

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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