

# Butterton Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 7pm (postponed from 9<sup>th</sup> January)

Butterton Village Hall.

### 1. Apologies

Cllrs Sarah Kinneir and Roz Lees.

Parishioners Maggi Rowland, Dorothy Glaister, Tricia Tomlinson and June Pitts also present.

### 2. Minutes

from the previous meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 were signed as correct.

**Business item 5 brought forward- Moorlands Bus.** 3 Parishioners attended the meeting concerning SCC's proposals to withdraw funding for Moorlands Connect bus service. A lengthy discussion followed and various concerns were flagged up. The outcome was that the more elderly members of the community, those with decreased mobility, non- drivers and children, were being deprived of valuable and much needed services and being able to access eg hospital and other health related appointments, connections to bus services beyond Leek, leisure activities and out of school hours pursuits etc. The Parish Council will take up these issues with those concerned by writing a letter of concern and protest. **Clerk to sort.**

### 3. Matters Arising

\*Maggie Rowland attended the meeting requiring further clarification re the Pinfold. The outcome was an edited letter stating the Parish Council's intent in the future, should the Pinfold come up for sale.

\*Bridle Path- There is a meeting planned for 15<sup>th</sup> February between Ruth Wilson, Community Initiative Officer for SW Peak, Peak Park Ranger Gary Bacon, and Richard Pett who is an Access ROW officer along with Cllr Sarah Kinneir and Maggi Rowland. Cllr Karen Salt –Chairperson, thanked Maggie Rowland for instigating this meeting to survey the poor state of the Bridleway, saying this is the closest the P.C. has come in a very long time to having something positive done about it. Cllr Jenny Land quoted that in the past Highways used to deal with such issues including asking landowners to do repairs etc but nowadays with council cutbacks this is not happening. The Bridleway is an ancient packhorse route running from Warslow to Grindon and beyond.

\*A4 posters advertising Causeway flat vacancy have been put up in the Village.

\*The Council are unable to pursue putting a safety mirror at the village exit of Dog Lane.

\* Councillor Peter Tomlinson will attend to the broken pipe near the bus shelter.

\*Lights issue in the Swainsley tunnel have been reported to Highways. Only 3 out of 9 lights are currently working.

\* The Clerk will attend a 'Limited Assurance Audit' session on 27<sup>th</sup> March in order to gain info re change in audit procedure commencing this financial year.

### Business item

### 4. Lengthsman

Cllr Land presented the Lengthsman's timesheet. Wayne has cleared the Middle of Town mud which was blocking the drain. He has also cleared the gully on 3 occasions at the Butterton Wood end of Butterton Moor Bank. He reports the drain is reasonably clear and the problem possibly lies with a blocked culvert.

**Clerk to contact Highways via Gill Heath.**

### 6. Finance

**Payments received-** None

**Payments requested-** £ 112.42- Lengthsman's salary (Wayne Allen)

**Budget and Precept 2018-2019** The PC discussed possibly acquiring a strimmer, some planters and upon request from Butterton History Group, a Doubly Thankful plaque and/or sign. Considering last year's figures and variances for this year's expenditure, it was unanimously agreed by those present that the precept will remain as it was for 2017/2018.

### Correspondence.

**7. Peak Park- Planning-** Positive feedback has been sent to Peak Park Planning Dept re Clews House.

**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-** A letter re possible termination of the Travelling Library Van services to the village has been received. There is an online questionnaire for those concerned. At present the van attends Butterton on a 3 weekly basis until the end of March.

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

**13. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly-** Nothing to discuss

**14. Other Correspondence** – An email has been received from Jacqui Salt re wreaths laid for Remembrance. As this had been discussed and agreed at a previous meeting, **a response will be sent by the Clerk to Jacqui Salt** affirming the Council's intention to participate this year.

**15. A.O.B-**None.

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The next meeting is.....Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 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 - 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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