

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 19th February, 2019 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

1. **Apologies**- None. Cllr Peter Tomlinson absent.

2. **Minutes** from the previous meeting on Tuesday 8th January, 2019 were signed as correct.

3. **Matters Arising**

* Cllr Stone has completed the Precept form and it has been sent to SMDC.

* The Clerk fed back regarding street lighting. It was felt that at this time the PC could not afford extra lighting and it would be difficult to match new lighting with existing lamp posts as the company who installed them no longer exists.

Business Items

4. **Butterton Wood Update**- Planting more trees in the wood was discussed. Types of trees? Cllr Lees quoted a price of approx. £50 for 40 saplings. All agreed to the purchase of the saplings. **The Clerk will find a map of the Wood** in order to determine the ownership of the boundary walls. Planting of a hedge on the roadside boundary was suggested but that would possibly present maintenance issues. **More bulbs to be obtained. Cllrs Lees, Land and Kinneir to sort.**

5. **Lengthsman's Update**- Jobs still to sort- Alongside the wall in Middle of Town to be cleared, branch removed from area of culvert and setts treated at the Church. The Lengthsman will continue work for the foreseeable future. New insurance details requested as he is self-employed. **Cllr Land to liaise with Lengthsman.** SMDC no longer deal with grants for the Lengthsman. They have subcontracted to Alliance Environmental. **Paperwork needs to be returned** to ensure the PC continues to receive £400 p.a.

6. **Manifold Track**- The Clerk reported the issues to SMDC Reportonline with no immediate success. **Cllr Land will supply photographs and the Clerk will forward these along with a repeat request to David Greatbach.** This issue needs resolving as a matter of urgency.

7. **Best Kept Village**- This will be considered next year as a lot of work is necessary before we even put ourselves forward for the competition.

8. **Finance**- a. **Payments received**- none. b. **Payments requested**- Cllr Land- Hypochlorite for setts- £18 : Village Hall hire for 2018- £180. **Rent reminders to be sent** for the Pinfold and Malbon Piece. Grants possibly available for repairs to the walls at Malbon Piece were discussed.

The Councillors were informed of the current state of both bank accounts.

Correspondence

9. **Peak Park**- Nothing to discuss

10. **Severn Trent**- **The Clerk will contact Severn Trent** regarding tanker activity and resulting damage to the footpath adjacent to the Pumping station.

11. **Highways**- Dealt with in Item 6 above.

12. **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**- Nothing to discuss

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

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

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

16. **Other Correspondence**- None received of importance

17. **AOB**- Cllr Salt advised that an amendment was necessary regarding the South West Community Grant Scheme. Following a request from Co-ordinator Sally Bentley, the Councillors unanimously agreed to add the following statement to be included in the Minutes of this meeting.....'**It was generally felt that this was an excellent idea to enhance areas within the Parish boundary and the idea of match funding meant that the onus was not entirely borne by the Parish Council as regards providing finance. It was agreed to use Parish Council funds to match fund this project.**' It is hoped that following this, the money will then be paid to the Parish Council and further planting can take place in June.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 2nd April, 2019 at 7pm at Village Hall.**

Please contact the Clerk or any Councillor with any concerns you would like discussed at the next meeting. **Everyone is welcome to attend PC meetings.**

Planned meetings in 2019 ... 7th May (AGM), 18th June, 30th July, 10th September, 22nd October, 3rd December.

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