

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 3rd December, 2019 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

1. **Apologies for absence-** None as all Councillors present. Also present- Mr C. Snook and Mr P. Marsh

2. **Minutes** from the previous meeting on Tuesday 22nd October, 2019 were signed as correct.

3. Matters arising

*Mr Snook and Mr Marsh attended to discuss the **Swainsley Tunnel**. The Clerk updated all present on recent activity and correspondence concerning the Tunnel. Due to unforeseeable problems we await a response from Karen Bradley M.P and Matthew Ellis.

The tunnel appears to have been rendered at both ends but the graffiti remains. Mr Snook reiterated his request for speed bumps to be placed in the Tunnel. Refusal previously was due to insufficient lighting. With the recent upgrade to LED lighting this should not now be given as a reason for not proceeding? In order that joyriding is eliminated, something needs to be done that is acceptable to all users. It is suggested the Parish Council calls an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the whole scenario. **To be discussed at the next meeting**. Hopefully by this time the PC will have made contact with Karen Bradley and Matthew Ellis.

The next round of funding when another camera might be placed at the Tunnel is 1/3/2020. PCSO should advise.

*Rent still awaited, for Malbon Piece. **Cllr Land to pursue**.

Business Items

4. Further Funding opportunities- Various projects have been suggested.

*A Village Christmas Tree was deemed a good idea but due to time commitments, impossible to achieve this season.

*Bulbs to be planted at the Village signs.

*A Trail Board

*Wildflower seeds to be planted on some verges. A discussion arose as regards problems that might arise due to strimming etc. Cllr Lees has applied for funding for this project.

Cllr Salt is to look at the SW Peak funding paperwork for application submission dates etc.

5. Finance

a. **Payments received-** None

b. **Payments requested-** Clerk Salary- £1,272.17: Clerk expenses- £144.05: HMRC- £318.00: Lengthsman's payment(July-Nov) £345.00

The Cllrs were advised of the balances in both bank accounts and a VAT has been claimed.

Correspondence

6. **PDNPA- General-**Nothing to report. **Planning-**No new applications received.

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

8. **Highways-** Correspondence has been received from a parishioner about the state of the kerbs and stepping stones at the Ford. This has been reported via the Report it Online system and a case number has been issued.

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

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

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

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

13. **Other Correspondence-** A letter has been received from a Parishioner who was disappointed that the PC had not placed a wreath at the Poppy memorial on Remembrance Day. **Clerk to respond**.

14. **AOB.** *Cllr Stone has been researching a problem regarding power supply problems at Townend. **Clerk to ask via the BDT FB page if anyone has been suffering similar problems**.

* Dates for PC meetings decided for 2020.

The next meeting is Tuesday 14th January, 2020. 7pm at the 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**.

Future meetings...25th Feb, 7th April, 5th May (APM), 16TH June, 28th July, 8th Sept, 20th Oct, 1st Dec

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