

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14th January, 2020 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

- 1. Apologies for absence-** None as all Councillors present. Also present- Mr C. Snook
- 2. Minutes** from the previous meeting on Tuesday 3rd December, 2019 were signed as correct.
- 3. Matters arising**
 - * A cheque has been received from Mr Spencer as rent for the Malbon Piece. However, it was incorrectly dated and thus had to be returned. **Cllr Land to sort.**
 - * It was decided to await the next round of funding from the SW Peak. In the meantime the Council will consider future projects should an application be successful.

Business Items

4. Swainsley Tunnel. Mr Snook attended to hear any updates re the **Swainsley Tunnel**. The Clerk updated all present on the most recent activity and correspondence concerning the Tunnel. Karen Bradley has contacted Matthew Ellis but nothing positive has come from this. Sgt Andy Bland emailed the Clerk to say he would contact the Clerk by phone but has failed to call back/email. The progress on solving the anti-social issue of drivers using the Tunnel for speed trials etc at all times of the day and night has frustratingly seemingly ground to a halt. Financial implications have been given as the major reason for nothing being done to date by either the Council or the Police. The Clerk's plea for intervention from Peak Park has also come to nothing.

The installation of speed bumps seems to be the only way forward but this involves a large sum of money being spent and who would claim responsibility and pay? A suggestion was made to bring this to the attention of the media commencing with The Leek Post and Times. However, this has been done before and resulted in no action being taken.

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

5. Dog Poo – This problem has come to the Councillor's attention yet again. Sadly, we are at a loss as to come to a solution. PLEASE dog owners/walkers, act responsibly and do not allow your dogs to run loose. Keep them on a lead. The Lengthsman will be strimming the verges soon and doesn't need any nasty surprises. **Clerk to put request in Newsletter.**

6. Wildflower planting. Cllr Roz Lees has applied for and been granted £599.50 for wildflower seeds and bulbs. A decision has to be made as to the best places to plant in order to make a good show. A minimal amount will be spent on replanting the tubs at Church Corner.

7. Finance

a. Payments received- £61 -final payment from SW Peak for planters

b. Payments requested- WACFR have requested £168 to replace the defib battery.

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

The Parish Precept has been increased by 2% which means a minimal increase from last year.

At this point it was agreed to give the Lengthsman more hours to clear debris from the highway in the Middle of Town, to reinstate the verge damaged by Severn Trent at the bottom of Butterton Moor Bank and clear drains and gullies on Wetton Road and Waste Lane down to Swainsley.

Correspondence

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

9. Severn Trent- Proposed work at the Pumping Stain at the Ford has been postponed.

10. Highways- The kerbs and stepping stones at the Ford are due to be repaired asap. There has been some confusion re grit being left in places it has never been left before and grit not being left where it is most needed. **Clerk to alert SMDC.**

11. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council- Nothing to discuss

12. Staffordshire County Council- Nothing to discuss

13. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association- Nothing to discuss

14. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly- Nothing to discuss

15. Other Correspondence- None of any importance

14. AOB. *Cllr Stone is monitoring any power supply problems.

The next meeting is Tuesday 25th February, 2020. 7pm at the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend PC meetings.

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

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