

# Butterton Parish Council

## Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

1. **Apologies for absence**- Councillors Karen Salt, Roz Lees and Peter Tomlinson .

2. **Welcome**- There was a nil attendance from Parishioners

3. **Annual Report 2019/2020**. The Clerk summarised the Parish Council's activities for the previous year.

4. **Minutes** from the previous meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 were signed as correct.

**Minutes from the Emergency meeting** held on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 in order to sign off the accounts were signed as correct.

5. **Matters arising**

\*Paul Rochfort, SCC Principal Rights Of Way Officer has been invited to attend the next meeting in order to discuss footpaths and ROW in the Parish.

\*An article in a recent edition of The Leek Post and Times suggested help was available to ensure owners of 'offending' dogs could be prosecuted. However, upon investigation, this only applied to Parks and Public spaces in towns. There is no assistance offered by Staffordshire Moorlands at present to help combat this problem.....

\* Regarding funding ideas in the Parish. It was suggested we defer this discussion until the next meeting as three councillors were absent.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON for 2020/2021**.....Cllr Land. Proposed Cllr Kinneir, seconded Cllr Perkin

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON for 2020/2021**.....Cllr Stone. Proposed Cllr Perkin, seconded Cllr Kinneir

### Business Items

6. **Lengthsman Update**- Cllr Lees has requested the whole of the verge on the roadside perimeter of Butterton Wood be strimmed in order to keep the yellow rattle contained. She has wildflower seeds left which could be set in October or left until next Spring. It was suggested the Lengthsman could be asked to tend to the opposite verge (entrance to Greenlow) and possibly strim a path to the bench in the Wood. He has sorted the grids in the Middle of Town as they had become silted up. Also work has been done at the Ford.

7. **Ash Dieback**- There are concerns in the parish over unwarranted felling of ash trees that have signs of ash dieback. Having considered information on the Peak Park website, a link has been added to Butterton Moorlands website. Cllr Lees is aware that Peak Park have recently carried out a survey and will report back when she has more details. **The Clerk will contact Peak Park** to see what information they can offer us as to what we could be doing in the meantime as a Parish Council.

8. **Defibrillator**- The village defib is not working. A new one is needed to replace it. It was agreed £50 be donated towards the cost of a new defib with further funding to be offered if necessary.

9. **Finance a. Payments received**- £400 from Alliance Environmental (Lengthsman Scheme)

**b. Payments requested**- £50- Elizabeth Thompson (Internal Auditor) : £50 Defibrillator Fund

c. The Cllrs were advised of the balances in both bank accounts.

d. The Clerk has supplied Mazars (External Auditors) with all requested paperwork. A response has been received re safe receipt of same. The accounts are available to view on Butterton Moorlands website

### Correspondence

10. **PDNPA- General**-Nothing to report. **Planning**- No new applications to discuss. We await updates/decisions re 3 Hailors Croft and Leach Lane Cottage.

12. **Severn Trent**- Nothing further to report

13. **Highways**- Nothing extra to add to the business as mentioned above

14. **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council**- Nothing extra to add to the business already discussed

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

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

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

18. **Other Correspondence**- None of any importance. All emails forwarded to Councillors as and when.

19. **AOB**. Nothing to discuss

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. 7pm at the Village Hall

**Everyone is welcome to attend PC meetings.**

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