

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 18th May, 2021 at 7.30pm

Before the meeting commenced the Chairperson acknowledged the passing on Monday of Des Gibbs, Butterton's oldest resident, aged 98 years.

1. Apologies- Cllr Karen Salt

2. Welcome- As no members of the public attended.....

3. Annual Report- A brief resume of the Council's activities over the past year was read out by the Clerk.

4. Minutes of Zoom meeting held on 16th March, 2020 agreed by all present as correct.

5. Matters arising

*Cllr Peter Tomlinson has repaired the wall at Butterton Wood. Thanks to him for doing the work.

Cllr Jenny Land was proposed as Chairperson by Cllr Sarah Kinneir, seconded by Cllr Tracey Perkin.

Cllr Mike Stone was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr Roz Lees and seconded by Cllr Peter Tomlinson.

Business Items

6. Litter Picking- Cllr Sarah Kinneir still has some litter picking equipment for volunteers to borrow. The Council is 'quietly confident' that the problem is gradually resolving due to a great response by volunteers.

A Thank You to everyone will be put in the next Newsletter.

7. Traffic calming- Following requests from parishioners, enquiries are being made into how traffic can be slowed down from 30mph through the village. Twenty is Plenty signs were discussed. **The Clerk will contact the PCSO for advice. Also to ask for advice from Gill Heath.**

8. Trees in the Parish- There are now two people who have volunteered to give parishioners advice on tree and hedgerow planting and management. **The contact details will be ascertained for these two people and put in the next Newsletter.**

9. Community Projects- There have been no responses from the community as to what projects they would like to see carried out in the village. **Cllr Jenny Land to ask the Lengthsman** if he could repair the guttering to the Bus Shelter and also replace missing tiles. The Cllrs also discussed more bird boxes and Bug Hotels at Butterton Wood. **Cllr Jenny Land to make enquiries with Staffs and Cheshire Wildlife Trusts and the Barn Owl Trust.** Cllr Peter Tomlinson is working on plans for a Trail Board. **Cllr Jenny Land to ask Rich and Julie Salt** if the noticeboard could be removed from Greenlow and resited.

10. Planters and Planting- It was decided and agreed by all that another tub be bought, planted up and placed at the Townend pumping station and possibly also at the Bus Shelter. The existing tubs would be rejuvenated and planted with some bedding plants. The tubs at Church Corner were purchased from Stretton Oak Tubs. **Enquiries will be made by either Cllr Karen Salt or Cllr Sarah Kinneir** re costing for new ones.

11. Flags and Flag Flying- A letter has been received from a parishioner who would like to see the flag flown at all times. There was a discussion as to the feasibility of this and the costs it would incur and the implications it would have. It was unanimously decided the flag would only be flown on significant dates and national events.. **A response will be drafted.**

12. Footpaths and Stiles- This is a subject that has been discussed previously. Covid restrictions have meant visitors and parishioners have been walking the paths more regularly and encountered some problems eg closure of some paths and the erection of stiles of various designs that make access difficult. Advice is to be obtained from SCC Rights of Way Officer and South West Peak. Cllr Lees pointed out that landowners were not duty bound to provide dog friendly stiles.

13. Finance a. Payments received- £40 Rent for Malbon. Precept 1- £2,485.00

b. Payments requested- Lengthsman payment £460.00. Came & Co Insurance- £348.81

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

d. The accounts were presented to the Councillors and agreed and accepted by all present.

e. The Asset Register was checked and it was decided that next year the PC would focus on the Bus Shelter. The 3 year term of insurance is up for renewal in 2022 and it was agreed by all present that a complete revision of the Asset register would take place then.

f. The Risk Assessment was updated

14. Future Planning in the Parish

At this point due to the fact the ceiling for the meeting had been reached and the following topic of Future Planning within the Parish would be a lengthy one, the rest of the Agenda would be adjourned until the next meeting.

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Correspondence

PDNPA- General-Nothing to report. **Planning**- Planning- As above in item 14

15. Severn Trent- Nothing to report

16. Highways -nothing more to report of any urgency

17. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council- Nothing to report

18. Staffordshire County Council – Nothing to report

19. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association- Nothing to report

20. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly- Nothing to report

Other Correspondence- All emails have been sent to Councillors as and when received by the Clerk.

21. AOB - None of major importance

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th June 2021.

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