

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 19th January, 2016 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Apologies from Cllr Antonia Parr.

Present- Bruce French (Acting Chair), Cllr J. Land , Cllr K. Salt, Cllr S. Kinneir and Cllr M. Stone

Also attending – Maggie Risby (Clerk) and Andy Hall

Welcome to Andy Hall from Warslow who attended to discuss Lengthsman's duties for Butterton Parish.

It was agreed the Councillors need to update a Job Description for the post and prioritise areas of concern within the Parish.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting on 8th December were signed as correct.

3. Matters Arising

*Richard Claxon is now aware that Cllr Kinneir is the point of contact re Limekiln site/Butterton Wood. The area is to be kept as natural as possible with the addition of bird and bat boxes etc. In the future it is planned a team of volunteers could assist in maintaining the area. **Cllr Kinneir will put request in Newsletter at the appropriate time.**

*The outstanding rent for the land at Malbon has been received.

*WPD/Lighting- Cllr French will explore all possibilities of having at least 3 more streetlights in the Middle of Town. However, there is no money left from the original WPD budget and the next review will not be until 2028.

*Footpath 17- The Council has completed all response exercises and a date has been set for the consultation hearing. The date will appear in the Leek Post and Times.

*Cllr French attended the Planning meeting in December and declared it was a very positive meeting. All Councillors are advised to attend this type of meeting at some point soon. **Clerk to research dates.**

4. Severn Trent- Due to the heavy rain recently it was noticed that tankers were arriving and leaving over and above the usual.

5. Highways. Following recent complaints re the state of our lanes and roads, Cllr French asked to meet the Reactive Inspector when he visited the village. **Clerk to arrange.** Some of the grit piles have not been replenished, particularly Waste Lane and beyond. **Clerk to sort.**

6. Finance

a. Payments received – Malbon rent- £30

b. Payments requested – £12.50- Cllr French's attendance at Derbyshire Association of Local Councils meeting on 9/12/2015

7. Peak District National Park

a. **General** – nothing to discuss

b. **Planning-** 1. Land at Waste Lane. The Council, having submitted final comments, awaits Planning decision.

2. Lane House Farm. This is a well thought out proposal which the Parish Council supports in principle. The design is excellent. Everything to date including this extensive application re Lane House Farm has been sympathetically considered. The PC will make the appropriate response. **Cllr French and Clerk to sort.**

8. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council- The Parish Precept has been allocated for the forthcoming year with only a minimal increase.

9. Staffordshire County Council- nothing further to discuss

10. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association- nothing to discuss.

11. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly- Cllr French is unable to attend the next meeting.

12. Correspondence- Letter re flagpole maintenance received. Offer declined due to cost.

13. A.O.B-

*The current BT phone/Broadband problems are on the increase and causing great concern. Emails to CEO of Openreach and BT are deemed as necessary. **Clerk to sort.**

* A Newsletter article re the Vacancy for one Councillor to be **sorted by Clerk.**

* Cllr Stone continues to liaise with Upperbridge in order to update our own website.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 8th March, 2016 at 8pm in the Village Hall**
EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

2016 dates- Jan 19th, March 8th, April 26th (APM), June 7th, July 19th, Aug 30th, Oct 11th, Nov 22nd

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