

# Butterton Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

**Apologies** from Antonia Parr

Cllr J. Glaves (Chair), Cllr J. Land , Cllr K. Salt, Cllr S. Kinneir and Cllr M. Stone

Also attending – Maggie Risby (Clerk)

**2. Minutes** from the previous meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August were signed as correct.

### **3. Matters Arising**

\* Swainsley Tunnel

Cllr Glaves met with John Parkes and Chris Snook. They drove to the tunnel to discuss and consider various options, the main objective being the installation of 20mph signs. John Parkes pointed out the legalities of Highway rules, financial constraints etc and in the course of discussions he also suggested closure of this road to motor traffic. This is NOT a feasible option. Rumble strips were also discounted throughout the tunnel's length. As a temporary measure 30mph signs are to be erected at each end of the tunnel which will be changed at some point to 20mph as soon as possible. It is noticed that Section 59 signs have not as yet been posted (as mentioned at the previous meeting by the Police in attendance.) **Clerk/Cllr Glaves to make enquiries.**

\* Dog Fouling

This seems to be less of a problem recently. Continue to monitor.

\* Environmental Waste problem

Peak Park are to be asked for their opinions re the spreading of obnoxious substances on fields in the Parish. Cllr French has previously contacted Peak Park.....

\*Croft at the Ford

**Cllr Glaves is to contact Christian Anslow-Johnson** following a letter received from a Parishioner.

\*Car Parking near Black Lion

This situation is improving although at times it can still be a problem. Continue to monitor.

\*Lengthsman

Cllr Land has contacted and is liaising with Andrew Hall, Warslow who is keen to take on the job of Lengthsman. He can dispose of the rubbish. This has been one of the major stumbling blocks in trying to fill the vacancy...**Cllr Glaves and Clerk to write job descriptions** for both Andy and Peter Frost and also to redefine the areas of the village in most urgent need ie Conservation area. New equipment can now be purchased upon receipt of a grant from the Community Footpath Initiative scheme. **Clerk to contact Wetton Clerk re employing a lengthsman as a contractor** along with insurance queries etc.

\*Footpath 17

Cllr Glaves has received a letter from Paul Rochefort to add to the ever increasing letter trail re this problem. Mr Rochefort is saying that if the owners of New House Farm believe the track is on their deeds then this is considered to be a private matter and anyone who has a query is to take it up with the owners of New House Farm. This situation will be monitored as it remains a concern due to the fact the notices put up by the owners of Willow Farm are what the Parish Council consider to be rather aggressively worded in an attempt to stop the public using the track.

\*Limekiln Site

**Cllr Glaves is to ask Richard Claxon to attend for a site meeting.** He will inform Councillors as to a date and time.

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

**5. Highways-** Cllr Gill Heath has actioned extra work to the verges, gutters and the area near the Ford. **Clerk to thank Cllr Heath.**

### **6. Finance**

a. Payments received - £480 from Paul Rochefort re Community Footpath Initiative.

**A reminder to be sent re rent for the field at Malbon Farm.**

b. Payments requested – Get Mapping- £33.60: Peter Frost expenses- £36 : Peter Frost Pay\*: HMRC \*

(\*Amounts to be reported at next meeting, timesheets having been received on the day of the meeting.)

c. Audit matters- Apart from a requirement to produce a Risk Assessment, the Accounts were reported as correct by Grant Thornton. **Clerk to compile Risk Assessment.**

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## **7. Peak District National Park**

a. **General** – PDNPA and SCC and Western Power Distribution are working together on a scheme to bury some of the cables. Plans have been received and Cllr French is the designated liaison Councillor. An extra ordinary meeting was called on 17<sup>th</sup> Sept at Stoop House to discuss the plans in more detail. Work begins 12<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately there will be some road closures. More on this scheme as it happens.....

(A meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September was held in the Village Hall for all Parishioners. This was an opportunity to meet representatives from WPD, Eon, SCC and to look at the plans of work and discuss any issues of concern. This was a very well attended and positive meeting.)

The next Annual Parishes Day is planned. **Cllr French to be asked if he will attend.**

b. **Planning-** a. Willow Farm. Initially the Council feels this is a vast project that requires very careful consideration. An extra ordinary meeting was called to discuss the plans in depth before feeding back to Peak Park. (see file copy)

b. Dog Lane. The Council strongly supports the application, regarding the farm as an ideal family home in an ideal setting.

**8. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council-** Some changes to the Electoral Roll and notice of impending Annual Canvass.

**9. Staffordshire County Council-** nothing further to discuss

**10. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association-** nothing to discuss.

**11. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly-** nothing to discuss. No revised meeting dates received.

**12. Correspondence-** Assorted items mentioned but none requiring any action.

**13. A.O.B-** Collapse of wall at church. There was an initial query re the wall being the Parish Council's responsibility. However, the situation has now been clarified and it is the Church's responsibility.

Clerk's hours- Permission has been granted for the Clerk to claim extra hours 'in times of need'.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.**

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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