

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 4th August, 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

No apologies as all Councillors in attendance.

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

Also attending – Maggie Risby (Clerk)

The 2 vacancies have been filled by co-opting Cllrs S. Kinneir and M. Stone. The notices posted on all boards asking anyone interested to send in a letter of application to the Clerk by Friday 24th July produced no further interest. All Councillors have completed necessary paperwork as required by SMDC. **Clerk to forward to SMDC.**

Also attending this meeting was Councillor Gill Heath. Regretfully, John Parkes was unable to attend. Representatives from Staffordshire Police were also in attendance. Also present were Parishioners who live near Swainsley Tunnel.

Cllr Glaves welcomed Cllr Heath but expressed his grave disappointment regarding John Parkes non-attendance. It was expected that John Parkes would 'talk through' a set of plans that had been forwarded to the Council. In his absence, there was no option but to leave the plans on file. Cllr Glaves continued to say that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the problem of 'Joy riding' in and at each end of the Tunnel (in total a 2k stretch of the Manifold Trail), and the main objective is to find a way to stop it. It has been 5 years since this issue was first discussed and basically lack of funding is the reason given as to why the project has not moved any further forward.

Cllr Heath went on to explain she has obtained some extra funding and decisions are needed as to how best to use this money. Various solutions were discussed by all present. Some seemed promising and others are going to prove extremely difficult to implement. (20mph signs, 30mph signs, speed humps in and at each end of the tunnel, rumble strips, tumbled setts, cameras, streetlights, policing including section 59 enforcement etc etc)

It was decided that a daytime meeting with John Parkes was of the utmost urgency. Cllr Heath to contact John Parkes.

This section of the P.C meeting was then drawn to a close.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting on 23rd June were signed as correct.

Cllr Glaves welcomed Cllrs S. Kinneir and M. Stone.

3. Matters Arising from 23rd June.

*Dog fouling- An anonymous note received by the Clerk was read out.

*Croft at Ford- A newly appointed Enforcement Officer-Christian Anslow-Johnson is now our point of contact. Monitoring is to continue.

*Effluent Disposal- A letter from the Environmental Agency has been received along with comments from SMDC. The contents of the letter (circulated to all Councillors) were discussed. **Clerk to send copies to new Councillors.** Basically no offences are being committed at present but there are one or two points that need clarifying. Peak Park have been contacted for their views on this matter. We await a response. The situation will be monitored.

* Parking near the Church/Pub- There is a marked improvement regarding obstructive parking near the Church entrance. The purchase of bollards has thus been deferred for the time being.

* The appointment of a new lengthsman is still proving to be difficult because of the disposal of waste material. The possibility of the Council obtaining an industrial sized wheelie bin was discussed. An area of the proposed Community Orchard is another possible place for disposal. It was thought another interested person could possibly have the facility for disposal. **Cllr Salt to contact.**

* Change of use of land on Waste Lane- Plans have been withdrawn. We wait to see if there are any future applications. There followed a general discussion on consistency re planning issues.

* Longnor Fire Station- A positive conclusion has been reached.

* Footpath 17/Trackway- Cllr Glaves has contacted Paul Rochefort regarding partial blockage/closure of the track to Willow Farm by the owners. Access issues and ownership issues were discussed. It was noted that the order made to divert footpath 17 has not as yet been 'rubber stamped'. A conclusion is needed.....

* Use of land on Butterton Moor Bank- A query re a piece of land has been received but does not necessitate the Parish Council's involvement.

4. Severn Trent- Nothing to discuss

5. Highways- Email from Gill Heath re annual Team visit. This will take place before the end of the month.

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6. Finance

- a. Payments received -nil
- b. Payments requested –SMDC-£50 charge for Parish non contested election : SPCA subs- £35 : E.Thompson-Internal audit fees- £63.
- c. Audit matters (deferred to next meeting). The accounts are now with Grant Thonton.

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 (**Clerk to forward these to new Councillors**) and Cllr French is the designated liaison Councillor. It is hoped to begin work in October and unfortunately there will be some road closures. Some parishioners have been contacted for permission to continue as they have pylons on their property. The design of replacement lights necessitates clarification.

*Limekiln Site- The site still raises certain questions. Butterbur and nettles are still prevalent. Cllr Glaves to contact Richard Claxon to ask how the scheme is progressing and if it is coming to a conclusion.

b. **Planning**- nothing new received

8. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council- nothing further to discuss

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- Cllr Stone has received a feedback questionnaire re service provision for the website. Although the website is somewhat 'dated', generally it seems things are going well although there could be room for site improvements in the future.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 15th September, 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.**

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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