

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 23rd June, 2015 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Present

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

Also attending – Maggie Risby (Clerk) and Mike Stone (after business agenda items)

2 letters of resignation have been received since the last P.C. meeting from Peter Tomlinson and Maxine Wint.

As there are now 2 vacancies, notices are to be posted on all boards asking anyone interested to send in a letter of application to the Clerk by Friday 24th July.

Election of Officers

1. Chairperson- John Glaves -Proposed Karen Salt and seconded Jenny Land.
2. Vice Chairperson- Jenny Land –Proposed John Glaves and seconded Bruce French.
3. Appointment of Internal Auditor- Elizabeth Thompson.
4. Declaration of interest- Nil
5. **Minutes** from the previous meeting on 31st March were signed as correct.

6. Matters Arising from 31st March

* Swainsley Tunnel- Another joyriding/speed trialling incident has been reported on the weekend of 16/17th May.

Since the last meeting, Cllr Glaves has met with and received a follow up response from John Tradewell. The response sought further meetings and financial contributions from both the Parish Council and the community. These requests were rejected and positive proposals were urgently sought.

* The stepping stone at the ford has now been replaced. The delay was that the team was sent to Butterton, Nr Newcastle...

* A sign that reads 'Butterton Wood' has appeared at the Limekiln Site. It has not been established that this is the intended name for the site however we await the time to discuss this after the site is 'handed back' to the community after Peak Park have finally finished clearing and tidying. Further discussions followed regarding ideas to make the area more aesthetically pleasing. A wall to replace the railings is not an option due to the steepness of the bank.

* The last P.C. meeting was unable to go ahead due to confusion regarding election papers. All has now been resolved. The Annual Parish Meeting was permitted to proceed.

* Community Paths Initiative- We wait to hear if our bid has been successful.

* The question regarding floodlighting of properties is a 'neighbour to neighbour' problem thus no action needed by the P.C.

7. Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting- 12th May.

As stated on the document 'Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting' it was a disappointing meeting in that only 1 parishioner attended to hear the resume of the activities of the P.C. over the last year.

Community Orchard- Grant forms from Richard Godley will be completed to enable clearance of the site. An appraisal will then be made regarding any future work. The Village Hall support the scheme.

WiFi- Lack of support from village organisations.

Website- Everything progressing positively now that Mike Stone has taken the lead. A discussion followed re future posts on the website.

Dog Fouling- It has now unfortunately reached a point where dog owners are to be named and shamed and reported to SMDC. This is not something the P.C. wanted to have to do but some owners have disregarded the pleas to clear up after their pets and this is a last resort in order to get our streets clean. Visits to the village will be made by the SMDC Enforcement Team to assess the situation and advise.

Croft at the Ford- This continues to be monitored. Peak Park has made some departmental changes but **Cllr Glaves will ensure the new postholder is aware of the situation.**

Effluent disposal on fields in the Parish- This has reached the point when clarification is necessary regarding the type of effluent permitted as per licence and limits to the amounts and occasions when spraying can be carried out etc etc. Many parishioners have now made complaints about the smell which at times affects the whole village. **The Clerk is to contact the Dept of Environment for advice.**

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8. Finance-

*Payments received- Nil.

*Payments requested- Clerk's pay- £504.16, Lengthsman's pay- £464.13, Lengthsman's Holiday pay- £253.71, HMRC- £232.00 and £43.40, Came & Co Insurance- £279.03, Upper Bridge website fee- £133.20 and M.R Leek Post ad fee- £16.32

Mike Stone will determine at a later date how we are charged on an annual basis and what we can expect to receive.

The 2014/2015 Accounts are with the Internal auditor at the time of the meeting. Paperwork distributed to all Councillors. Amendments to be made if necessary.

9. Severn Trent- Nothing to discuss

10. Highways- Parking near the church entrance has again featured on the agenda. It is suggested barriers of some kind are erected to stop people parking on the setts and half on/half off the kerb.

11. Lengthsman's Update- Peter Frost continues to maintain certain areas. Legally the P.C. has to advertise the position so an advertisement has been put in the Leek Post for a part time lengthsman. We await a response to allow us to proceed on this matter.

12. Peak District National Park

Planning

The Parish Council has concerns re the necessity of a change of use for the land at Waste Lane. **The Clerk is to enquire.**

An application has been received for alterations to The Nook.

13. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council- nothing further to discuss

14. Staffordshire County Council- nothing to discuss

15. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association- nothing to discuss.

16. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly- nothing to discuss

17. Correspondence- Assorted items mentioned but none requiring any action.

18. A.O.B-

***Clerk to respond to a request for support to enable local Fire Stations to remain in operation.**

* Footpath 17 and associated track. It has come to the Parish Council's attention that the trackway near Willow Farm has been blocked by 2 sets of gates. **Cllr Glaves will ask Peak Park Rights of Way Team** for clarification.

The next meeting is **Tuesday 4th August, 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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