

Buildwas Parish Council

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Chairman of the Council
Cllr L Pratt

Clerk to the Council
Mr C Furnival (CiLCA)

MINUTES of the Full Council meeting of Buildwas Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at Buildwas Village Hall 7.30pm.

Members present: Councillors Pratt (Chair), Grainger, Ling, and Jackson

In attendance: Cllr Wild (Shropshire Councillor) and Mr C Furnival (Clerk/RFO).

23/24.54 Apologies and declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Cllrs Heath, Jones and Wilcox due to personnel commitments.

23/24.55 Public Session

None.

23/24.56 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 28th September 2023

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last meeting as a true record.

23/24.57 Matters arising, for information, from the 28th September 2023 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

The Clerk confirmed that contact had been made with the Village Hall regarding wifi and they cannot proceed at present due to the costs, this would be discussed later during the meeting as the Parish Council may be able to fund this for them.

The Clerk noted that he had received confirmation that the Parish Council may look to install a sign on the plot of land for orchard/allotment.

23/24.58 Reports from West Mercia Police

No further reports.

23/24.59 Reports from Shropshire Council

The recent ward walkaround with G. Lawley and Parish Councillors was very useful and a number of issues were picked up as part of the process.

Cllr Wild suggested we invite G. Lawley to the next meeting to give details about Phase 2 and provide a report on plans regarding the drop/off and pickup points for Buildwas Academy. Members agreed to advertise this meeting to encourage residents to attend and suggestion their ideas for road improvements in this area.

Cressage Bridge is closed for 16 weeks starting in January 2024 due to major roadworks ongoing.

23/24.60 Correspondence

The Regulation 18 consultation of the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan Review is currently underway and there are 1,200 potential homes which would result in more vehicles coming from Horsehey that would have an accumulative impact on the roads from Horsehey into Buildwas.

Cllr Wild noted that there will need to be financial contributions to Shropshire roads as there were to Telford and Wrekin from the Power Station proposals. Members agreed to submit this request to the local plan review consultation.

23/24.61 Highways/Road Safety along the B4380

Cllr Ling reported that the speed monitoring vans are increasing in visibility. The bollards that he had previously complained about have been restored.

23/24.62 Rights of Way

Cllr Grainger reported that officers from SC will be walking the footpath along the riverbank on the 4th December 2023.

23/24.63 Buildwas Parish Plan (Community Led Plan)

Agreed that the Clerk will section parts of the survey results and delate “write ups” for individual Councillors in order to begin developing a plan with actions assigned.

23/24.64 Climate and Nature Action

Cllr Jackson recently attended two different conferences, one which was designed to help nature recovery and another which was subjected for verges and hedgerows.

The ambitions of Shropshire Council were presented. We have a statutory duty now with regard to the Environmental Act 2021 to conserve and enhance biodiversity by 2024, though it is felt that in small pieces this Parish Council already has done some work to this.

Residents need to be involved with a steering group to develop schemes and ultimately assist with the climate and nature ambitions of the community and Council.

It was agreed that Cllr Jackson would develop leaflets to promote involvement with such an initiative and Councillors and the Clerk would help deliver these to the local community.

23/24.65 Reports from Parish Councillors

None.

23/24.66 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider at this meeting.

The amended plans have been viewed from Barrett Homes, there are a number of changes which are an improvement on the previous designs. It was noted that a number of the Parish Councils comments were taken into account and used to change the designs which are seen as more acceptable.

23/24.67 Finance reports

- a. Members reviewed the latest banking statements and bank reconciliation prepared by the Clerk and confirmed that they were happy that the reconciliation had been accounted for correctly. These statements bring the councils adjusted balances to the 31st October 2023 at £31,081.06. Two members were randomly nominated by the Clerk to sign of the master copies of these statements.

Payments made since the last meeting:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
PAYE	P23	LGA 1972 s112	£60.20
Grant	P24	LGA 1972 s112	£500.00
Website subscription	P25	LGA 1972 s111	£11.99
TOTAL			£572.19

Payments to be made:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
Salary	P26	LGA 1972 s112	£241.20
PAYE	P27	LGA 1972 s112	£60.20
Expenses	P28	LGA 1972 s112	£84.39
Salary	P29	LGA 1972 s112	£369.14

PAYE	P30	LGA 1972 s112	£92.20
Grounds maintenance	P31	LGA 1972 s214	£1,080.74
TOTAL			£1,927.87

- b. Members considered the previous and current financial years budget reports and considered the necessary spend on local services.

Members felt that we had appropriate funds to support a verity of initiatives in the Parish over the next couple of years, including improvements to the local play facilities, initiatives for road safety schemes and environmental projects.

It was agreed to include a small fund to bring in “expert advice”, should it be required for investigating feasibility studies in relation to the future use of local buildings as the Power Station developments progress.

It was agreed to include £360 for wifi for the local Village Hall as this supports needs for the local community.

Members **RESOLVED** to a small raise in the Precept to £10,000.00 to support the ambitions of the Parish Councils budget in 2024/25.

Meeting finished: 21:08pm

These minutes are to be considered as a draft form until signed at the next appropriate meeting, the signed copy will be retained by the Parish Council.

Signed: Dated:/...../.....

Date of the next meeting: 25th January 2024, 7:30pm at Buildwas Village Hall