Buildwas Parish Council Minutes 17th January 2022

21/22.26 Apologies and declarations

All councillors present + Claire Wild and 2 member of the public Apologies Connor

Declarations – Rachael Parents own land bordering planning application request relating to bridleway.

21/22.27 Public

Resident updated council regards the car crash on 5th December 2021. Highways have confirmed they are responsible for repair of the retaining wall. Shropshire Council are to repair set to high priority expected Summer 2022. They will upgrade to a timber fencing with reflective safety measures to aid visibility. Claire Wild advised she is chasing and requesting the work be completed as soon as possible but there are delays due to COVID.

Concerns raised regards cars parking outside the front of the school for pick up and drop off. Robert Ling commented that the school mini bus parks outside the front in the morning. Robert Ling to mention safety concerns to the school.

Member of the public wanted to comment that the Parish Council website has been reorganised and is much improved. He also commented that the minutes are accurate and a good reflection of the meetings and wanted his thanks passed on to the clerk.

He did however comment that the agendas sent out in Word were not able to be opened on certain devices and queried whether changing to a PDF format might improve accessibility, - Clerk to investigate.

- 21/22.28 Minutes of previous meeting accepted in full Proposed Simon 2nd Rob.
- 21/22.29 Matters arising

Gullies on bypass still blocked all the way up Claire Wild said she would chase. Clerk to check.

21/22.30 Report from West Mercia sent out, apologies received from West Mercia unable to attend this meeting. Top issues Farm theft and speeding.

Regards speeding checks have been carried out over last 3months and further speeding checks in village planned this month. Theft of farm vehicles is being targeted. There is a new police representative.

21/22.31 Update from Claire Wild

The bollards in the layby on Bypass are to be replaced by concrete ones to prevent fly tipping.

Residents should be aware a new recycling wheelie bin is available via request on the Shropshire council website. Expected to be delivered in April.

21/22.32 Robert Ling updated re Queens Jubilee meeting held at the Mill. Recommended that the Parish Council, School, Village Hall, Church and the Mill work together for a joint approach to the celebrations. Robert Ling to talk to the parties and arrange a meeting. Contact other councillors once arranged to agree council representation at the meetings.

A large tree was blown over in the village and thanks to Simon Health who chopped it up and removed it the following day.

21/22.33 Resident letter received expressing frustration at highways and speed measures. Lorraine assured meeting that speed in the village is a big concern and is discussed at most council meetings. The council continues to work with West Mercia to maintain focus as a major concern for residents.

21/22.34 Climate update – A draft climate action plan has been drawn up under the four pillars of Education, Support, Encouragement and Leading by example. Each pillar has actions. Fortnightly meetings of the working committee are gathering information to support these actions. Draft plan to be sent out to the full council and further update next meeting.

21/22.35 Residential Survey – has now been finalised. Cost of £150 for printing proposed by Rob, 2nd Simon. Simon made the point that an online version is required to enable accessibility and to increase likely response date (Connor to action)

Open sessions agreed in the village hall where councillors can assist residents in filling it out and talking through any issues. Dates in Feb and March to be agreed Loraine to progress. It was noted consideration of COVID regulations should be made in all contact with residents.

21/22.36 Robert Ling – AP regards email with Shropshire Council IT Dept ongoing. Facebook page – Agreed that Clerk should initially run the facebook page. Prop Simon 2nd Lorraine. Loraine to check with Clerk and request it is up and running as soon as possible to enable us to utilise it for both climate action plan and residents survey.

21/22.37 It was noted that the planning applications did not appear to have been received by all councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to take it from the meeting all councillors to replied to Lorraine tomorrow with any objections and if any are raised a Zoom meeting to be held to discuss to ensure response available by 21st January deadline.

21/22.38 Finance

Bank reconciliation approved – prop Rachael, 2nd Lorraine Payments – Prop Simon, 2nd Rob Council Budget Report It was agreed not to increase Precept (1st Lorraine, 2nd Simon). However, there was some misunderstanding regards the budget so Clerk to set up a Zoom Call to run through it will all councillors before agreeing it. (Planning and Budget to be discussed on same zoom.)

21/22.39 AOB

Planning regards proposed Bridlepath raised. It is a new application received today so discussion postponed and added to agenda for next meeting to allow all councillors time to review.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm