

Buildwas Parish Council

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Chairman of the Council
Cllr L Pratt

Clerk to the Council
Mr C Furnival

MINUTES of the Full Council meeting of Buildwas Parish Council held on 21st March 2022, 7:30pm at Buildwas Village Hall.

Members present: Cllrs: Pratt (Chair), Heath, Jackson, Jones, Ling, Wilcox

In attendance: Cllr Wild (County Councillor), Mr C Furnival (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

21/22.40 Apologies and declarations of Interest

PCSO Roberts gave his apologies.

21/22.41 Public session

Local resident N. Bowen provided members with an update on the ongoing broadband project; build is ongoing, fibre going in, few properties to go, nearly live once and done they will be able to choose their provider. If residents receive a voucher that says it is out of date, please ignore this as it's an error.

The Jubilee Lunch will take place on the 5th of June between 1pm to 4pm. The next event planning meeting is on the 25th of April at 7:30pm, request someone from parish council to attend.

The local Diocese are looking at ways that they can help with the Ukraine appeal. If the parish council are going to do anything then both could work together.

The local church is in discussions with Caring for Gods Acre as they are helping to make the churchyard a heaven for wildlife, creating compost heaps, wildlife meadows etc.

21/22.42 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 17th January 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Pratt and seconded by Cllr Heath, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the last meetings as an accurate record and be duly signed to that effect.**

21/22.43 Matters arising, for information, from the 17th January 2022 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None.

21/22.44 Reports from West Mercia Police

None.

21/22.45 Reports from Shropshire Council

Cllr Wild reported that there was to be site meeting tomorrow with Harworth, due to unforeseen circumstances it will have to be re-arranged. The parish council will receive an invite to the liaison group meeting soon, this group is important because of road accidents recently and one of first things they said they will do is reduce the speed limit, so hopefully this will get done soon.

Shropshire Council (SC) are looking to rollout the new dual recycling public bins, Darek from SC will contact Cllr Jackson to discuss Buildwas further.

The Ukraine crisis is very upsetting for so many. Lots of people locally offering space in their own homes, if anyone has any issues finding accommodation for people please contact Shropshire Council.

There are quite a lot of elderly residents being affected in the rural areas by oil prices at present, hoping that it will stabilise. Cllr Jones is looking into a bulk buying scheme in parish but most companies not willing at present.

Covid, last week cases doubled in the area so advises people take caution. If you're over 75 you can call up the covid centres and get a booster jab quickly.

Clear-up at the bottom of the bypass is imminent, will chase.

A-D council tax bands will get a £250 credit, if anyone needs help, please contact Cllr Wild.

Cllr Wild has had a lot of correspondence with local residents over road accidents locally, we are trying to get things done to tackle these issues.

21/22.46 Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Heath reports that there is an application in to change the status of Blacksmiths Lane to a BOAT, a lot of traffic already using it which is causing flooding so this may cause further problems. Asks if we can ask highways to put "Satnav error" sign up this lane. May be in Little Wenlock so will need to speak with them.

21/22.47 Correspondence

21/22.47.1 Cllr Pratt noted that the parish council had not yet nominated anyone for the Lord Left-Lieutenant's Garden Party, to thank local people for their efforts supporting the community for many years. Members agreed that Nigel and Juliet Bowen would be nominated, both have delivered meals throughout covid, they support the work at the church, school governor, leading the broadband rollout, always support local events and fundraising.

21/22.47.2 Members reviewed the community governance review update from Shropshire Council (SC), the parliamentary boundary review is underway at present, this will be followed by divisional review and in anticipation SC are asking parish councils to review their boundaries. There will be a small amount of time to review mergers with other parishes. Cllr Wild advises we do not merge with any neighbouring parishes, and there are better examples of closer parishes that may work better together.

Cllr Heath says communications with neighbouring parishes is important, but we do not need to consider any merging as our parish will be growing over the next few years regardless.

It was unanimously agreed that we do not agree to merge, and we retain our parishes size.

21/22.47.3 Cllr Ling raised the important issue of the war crisis in Ukraine. It is important for the parish council to help communicate the efforts of local people who may be able to help people effected by the war in the local area.

Cllr Pratt says that we could use social media, our website and Under the Wrekin to help communicate this and gather contact information for local people who wish to help in any way that they can.

Cllr Jones notes that we could also contact neighbouring parishes to find out what they are doing so that we could join up efforts.

21/22.48 Climate Action Plan

Cllr Jackson reported that the task group have had three meeting so far. Meetings have reviewed possible actions, areas we should be looking at. What the plan will achieve, how we measure it and what we can realistically do. It is proposed that a full plan will be brought back to the council for adoption.

The task group are looking at things like increasing the tree canopy in the parish, improving soil quality, creating hedgerows, reducing impact on importing oil, increasing recycling.

Cllr Jones asked if we could purchase a tree for the Queen's Jubilee and donate to school, Cllr Ling to action, Cllr Pratt to source tree.

Cllr Wild suggests having a conversation with Harworth about the possibility of a wetland on the site of the former power station.

21/22.49 Community Led Plan

The resident's survey has developed quite well. There is still space to add more questions to expand on others. Clerk to action.

Provided the survey is ready in time, the Jubilee lunch event is a great place to start the first residents survey sessions to get responses.

21/22.50 Communications

Cllr Ling reported that he is working on this and hopes to develop email accounts for the parish council soon.

21/22.51 Planning

It was proposed by Cllr Wilcox and seconded by Cllr Jones, **all were in favour, thus RESOLVED to approve the following decisions to the applications as listed;**

Planning Application Number, Location & Proposed Development	BPC response
22/00403/VAR - 2 Saplins Lane, Buildwas, Telford, TF8 7DE Variation of Condition No. 2 attached to planning permission 18/01327/FUL dated 20 July 2018	No objection

Cllr Jones raises the issue of FPUN1 Sheinton and Buildwas FP4 to Bridleway/Restricted Byway Status. She believes that the parish council should object to this on the grounds that the existing footpath route could not cope if it becomes a bridleway as this is regularly used to move sheep from farm to farm. It would not be possible for sheep to give way to horses on this route. There is little significance to this route as it does not connect well to other footpaths and bridleways in the area. It is suggested that it would be better suited for a bridleway to be included in the former Buildwas Power Station site. Cllr Jones encourages the parish council to make comments to the investigating officer to raise these concerns. Members unanimously agreed that it was important to raise these concerns and agreed to proceed with their objections to these proposals.

21/22.52 Projects

21/22.52.1 Members considered projects to pursue with funds available within the budget. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Fund could be used for ANPR cameras as other parishes are looking into this, match funding may be available. Cllr Wild notes that road safety is one of the major concerns in the area and this fund could go towards measures to mitigate these issues. Cllr Heath to get info from neighbouring parishes on their proposals on this.

Cllr Ling gave a presentation on a recent accident which was captured on video footage. There have been numerous crashes, some of the issues that have come from these accidents or have contributed to the road safety issues are the footpaths which are in some areas unpassable due to width of the footpaths and where some cars park across the footpath and the condition of the roads.

Cllr Ling proposes that he has obtained a guiding quote for £150 labour and £250 for skip to clear footpath along B4380. Members agreed that this needs to be progressed and we should go through our ground's maintenance contractor as this is an already approved contractor.

Cllr Ling notes that the pot holes on B4280 are significant. Cllr Pratt encourages members to report any pot holes on Fix My Street. Cllr Pratt asked Cllr Wild if highways would do a site visit.

Cllr Ling reported on the damage of his wall, he will wield up some land so that the wall can be rebuilt. Cllr Ling to liaise with Shropshire Council to get a quote for the wall to be repaired.

Cllr Jones suggests putting a sign on school wall to suggest people do not park on footpath.

21/22.52.2 Members agreed that we continue to set this fund aside for future improvements. Cllr Heath suggest that we could obtain quotes for levelling the old garage area for dual recycling points.

21/22.53 Traffic calming measures

Already covered under item 21/22.52.1.

21/22.54 Footpath clearance on the B4380

Already covered under item 21/22.52.1.

21/22.55 Policies

It was proposed by Cllr Heath and seconded by Cllr Jackson, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to adopt the following policies and procedures;**

- Vexatious communications policy and procedure
- Councillor's code of conduct
- Co-option policy

21/22.56 Finance

21/22.56.1 Members reviewed the bank reconciliation of the latest banking statements, and it was proposed By Cllr Pratt and seconded by Cllr Wilcox, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation as presented be accepted as an accurate account;**

Balances at 1st April 2021			
Cash in Hand at 01/04/2021			£14,534.89
ADD			
Receipts 01/04/2021 - 28/02/22			£15,727.06
			£30,261.95
SUBTRACT			
Payments 01/04/2021 - 28/02/22			£5,159.41
A Cash in Hand at 31/01/22 (as per books)			£25,102.54
Cash in Hand per Bank Statements at 28/02/22			
Cash	£0.00		
Lloyds Treasurers Account	£25,102.54		£25,102.54
Less unrepresented payments			£0.00
			£25,102.54
Plus unrepresented receipts			£0.00
B Adjusted Bank Balance			£25,102.54
Difference is:	£0.00		
A = B Checks out OK			

21/22.56.2 Members reviewed the payments made since the last meeting and reviewed the payments to be made, it was proposed by Cllr Heath and seconded by Cllr Jones, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to note those made and approve those to be made;**

Payments made since the last meeting:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
Salary – January	P34-21/22	LGA 1972 s112	211.20
PAYE – January	P35-21/22	LGA 1972 s112	52.80
Salary – February	P36-21/22	LGA 1972 s112	211.20
PAYE – February	P37-21/22	LGA 1972 s112	52.80
Councillor training fees	P38-21/22	LGA 1972 s143	30.00
		TOTAL	£558.00

Payments to be made:

Date	Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
07.04.22	Salary – March		LGA 1972 s112	215.02
07.04.22	PAYE – March		LGA 1972 s112	53.60
			TOTAL	£268.62

21/22.56.3 Members were asked to review the Risk Management Assessment for 2021-22 as presented by the Clerk. It was proposed by Cllr Pratt and seconded by Cllr Wilcox, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED to accept the Risk Management Assessment for 2021-22.**

Meeting finished: 21:25

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: 16th May 2022, AGM