
MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD 25TH JANUARY 2024 BUILDWAS VILLAGE HALL – 7:30PM

Members present: Councillors Pratt (Chair), Heath, Grainger and Wilcox.

In attendance: Mr C Furnival (Clerk/RFO).

23/24.68 Apologies and declarations of Interest

Cllrs R Jones and E Jackson gave their apologies due to family commitments.

Cllr C Wild gave her apologies to this meeting.

Cllr R Ling was absent.

23/24.69 Public Session

None.

23/24.70 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 23rd November 2023

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

23/24.71 Matters arising, for information, from the 23rd November 2023 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

None.

23/24.72 Reports from West Mercia Police

Charter and meetings wanting to attend.

23/24.73 Reports from Shropshire Council

Cllr Wild reported that – Not here.

23/24.74 Correspondence

A4169 - A4169 - A4169 Much Wenlock Rd Buildwas Bank-Acklands Coppice site has been identified via a combination of local engineering judgment and asset management data as needing essential maintenance. The site forms part of a countywide programme of schemes, scheduled to deliver the work in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

Surface dressing is a quick, efficient and cost-effective way of preventing potholes and extends the life of the road. It forms a major part of our annual road maintenance programme and is being carried out alongside other preventative and reactive maintenance work.

Surface dressing offers many advantages:

- It seals the road surface which prevents water getting into the underlying road structure.
- It restores skid resistance to the road surface.
- It helps to reduce spray caused by vehicles travelling on the wet road surface.
- The rapid speed of the process means that disruption to road users, local businesses and emergency services is minimised.

- It can extend the life of the road considerably, maximising the cost-effectiveness of limited highway maintenance funds.

The surface dressing programme will take place between May – August. It is a weather dependant process, so it is carried out during the warmer months of the year.

Cllr R Jones had sent the Clerk emails regarding the recent road closures through Buildwas and that there was no advance warning signs displayed for the recent road closure and also no updates were circulated when there was a delay in starting. Local residents also didn't receive a letter drop as they detailed in their email.

Cllr R Jones also emailed the Clerk regarding hedges in the village, where many of the hedges around the parish are covering speed and direction signs and ideally this work should be completed before 1st March. During the road closure would have been an ideal time.

23/24.75 Highways/Road Safety along the B4380

The Clerk noted that the Parish Council has budgeted to purchase and install a Speed Indication Device in the village, particularly along the B4380 and wished to ask Members if they had any particular locations that they would like to see a SID installed so that the Clerk can begin discussions with Shropshire Council to seek permission to erect a SID for the Parish Council to manage.

It was agreed that the siting should be along the B4380, coming in from Leighton with the current 30mph being moved back. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting with Highways to review.

23/24.76 Rights of Way

Cllr Grainger reported that following a visit of the footpath near the river on 4th December 2023, they have reported that there are a number of works that need to be completed in order to make this route safe and signposted properly. The latest communication they have written to STW, they will install waymarking on the route.

23/24.77 Buildwas Parish Plan (Community Led Plan)

The Clerk reported that he has published information regarding the survey responses to Members and we are now seeking volunteers to review the survey data and formulate sections for the plan.

Members have so far agreed to write about the following sections;

Section	Volunteer/Author
Introduction	Clerk
History of the Parish	Chair
Our community profile	Gill
Development of this Plan	Clerk
Employment & Education	Simon
Communication	Clerk
Local Facilities	
Traffic & Transport	
Environment and Climate	Emma
Crime and community safety	
Planning & Development	
Monitoring	Clerk
Actions	All

23/24.78 Climate and Nature Action

No reports.

23/24.79 Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Wilcox reported on MyShropshire about drains and gulleys being blocked and within a week they cleared grass from the top of one of the gulleys but this had not resolved the issue, he reported this to them but no action since. He will forward the Clerk the reference number and Clerk will follow this up with Shropshire Council.

Cllr Heath reported on the drains that area near the village hall which have been having issues as a result of the Foden work. Severn Trent Water have been out, its their responsibility and they are going to contact the contractors to inform them that if they caused this damage then they are liable.

Cllr Heath also noted that two people have now spoken to him about wall adjacent to the village hall which is very dangerous and damaged. Cllr Wilcox to speak with the homeowner.

Members discussed the signage for community garden. Cllr Heath to help with erecting legs to this sign.

23/24.80 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider at this meeting.

23/24.81 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 December 2023 at £28,821.87. 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
Salary	P32	LGA 1972 s112	£245.94
PAYE	P33	LGA 1972 s112	£61.40
Website subscription	P34	LGA 1972 s111	£11.99
Website subscription	P35	LGA 1972 s111	£11.99
TOTAL			£331.32

Payments to be made:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
Salary	P36	LGA 1972 s112	£245.94
PAYE	P37	LGA 1972 s112	£61.40
BVH wifi support	P38	LGA 1972 s137	£117.36
Room Hire	P39	LGA 1972 s111	£90.00
A4 frame for notices	P40	LGA 1972 s111	£12.00
TOTAL			£526.70

Meeting finished: 20:11

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: 28th March 2024 2024, 7:30pm at Buildwas Village Hall