

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 November 2022, 7:30pm at Buildwas Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Cllr Wild (County Councillor), Mr C Furnival (Clerk) and J. Cobb from Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project and one member of the public.

22/23.46 Apologies and declarations of Interest

Apologies received from Cllr Jackson due to family commitments.

22/23.47 Public Session

None.

22/23.48 Presentation by Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project (RSVP)

J. Cobb from RSVP introduced the project as a 3-way project between CPRE, Caring for Gods Acre and RSVP. The purpose of the 3-way project is to ensure that the 3 areas of environmental connectivity are joined up, RSVP focus on verges, CFGA focus on churchyards and CPRE focus on hedgerows.

Over the last 60 years, 97% of our wildflower meadows have been lost in England.

Advice for hedge management is to cut less, ideally a late summer cut would keep verges open, safe and thriving with interesting wildlife and insects. Example from Dorset showed that from 2014 to 2019 they made savings of £3,178,000.00

Working with Shropshire Highways has seen successful projects on verges implemented across test sites in Shropshire with local volunteers supporting the reduction of costs, increased number of insects and lock of carbon counts.

RSVP have identified up to 20km stretch of verges as pilot sites with Shropshire Highways where test beds established mostly around Bishops Castle.

Mini sites are managed by local volunteers with the support of RSVP.

It is important that local seeds are sought as a lot of the seeds currently on the market are imported seeds which are not successful.

Shropshire and Northumberland both have significantly underfunded highways budgets from Government subsidies despite having some of the largest number of verges to cover.

Members can find more information about CPRE's Hedgerow Hero's project and how to get involved with their landowner's project by visiting: www.cpreshropshire.org.uk

Members can find further information about the RSVP project and how to get involved with verge projects by searching for the group on Facebook.

Further information on the Caring for Gods Acre can be found on:
<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

If local volunteers can be recruited, then RSVP can support a project in Buildwas.

Cllr Wild feels that there is a great opportunity to work with the developers of the Buildwas Power Station to undertake a large wildflower meadow project on the site of the new development. This could be raised with the developers at a site meeting on the 6th December 2022.

22/23.49 Minutes of the Full Council meeting held 26th September 2022

It was proposed by Cllr Heath and seconded by Cllr Wilcox, all were in favour, thus **RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2022 be signed as a true record.**

22/23.50 Matters arising, for information, from the 26th September 2022 minutes not otherwise on the agenda

The request by residents under item 22/23.33 has been reported to the relevant department at Shropshire Council.

22/23.51 Correspondence

Members noted the latest National Salary Award for 2022-23 and accepted the rise of £1 per hour for the Clerks pay from the 1st April 2022 and to pay all that is due to be backdated as noted in the list of payments in these minutes.

22/23.52 Reports from Shropshire Council

Cllr Wild reported that she had recently attended a quarry liaison meeting and two subsequent meetings with council officers to look at where they want vehicle activated signs. There is a further liaison meeting on the 6th December where hopefully they will tell us they'll fund them.

Taking on board comments that Cllr Ling made, Cllr Wild will suggest that all minutes of liaison meeting will be given to the parish council and published on the parish council's website as there is a significant amount of information that would not be appropriate to put into minutes.

The liaison committee is made up of local parish councillors.

Cllr Wild noted that the application before members tonight is the reserved matters application relating to the outline application already approved. This is a discharge of conditions that need to be signed off before they can put a full application in to apply to get the roadworks started.

If any members have questions, please forward them to Cllr Wild.

A further update is appended to these minutes. **Appendix A**

22/23.53 Highways/Road Safety along the B4380

Cllr Ling reported that the police have turned up on mobile speed cameras at least twice recently. Clerk wrote to police on 17th October to request speed watch and PCSO Birch confirmed that she has bid for this.

Cllr Ling has reported that he has recently got an agreement from Shropshire Highways that potholes will be filled.

Cllr Ling is continuing to pursue communications with the school to ensure drop off times are done safely.

Cllr Ling has made requests to Shropshire Highways for zig-zag lines outside the school, however he is not confident that this request will be accepted.

Cllr Wild has suggested that as Cllr Ling is one of the governors of the school, he may be best placed to advise the school to educate the kids on "green travel plans" whereby information is shared with children about car sharing, walking or cycling.

22/23.54 Buildwas Parish Plan (Community Led Plan)

14 survey responses have been received. Members are asked to push for survey responses to be completed by the January meeting where we need to start building this plan.

22/23.55 Climate and Nature Action

No further updates at this stage as we await the completion of the feedback from the Community Led Plan.

22/23.56 Reports from Parish Councillors

Cllr Pratt noted that there had been recent vandalism in the area where youths were damaging bollards and they have been thrown into the road.

Cllr Wild left at 20:32

22/23.57 Planning

Members considered the following applications and commented as follows;

22/04666/DSA106 - Church Farm House, Buildwas, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7DA

Discharge of s106 Agreement attached to planning permission reference 09/0029/F
Discharge of these conditions is similar to other applications which have resulted in the same conclusion as others where affordable housing targets have been dropped, this has already been flagged up by officers in their report. Members felt we should object on these grounds, Cllr Jones to draft response.

22/04695/REM - Ironbridge Power Station Buildwas Road

Application for approval of reserved matters (access, scale, layout, appearance, and landscaping) for Phase 1 enabling and infrastructure works pursuant to planning permission 19/05560/OUT - Outline application (access for consideration comprising formation of two vehicular accesses off A4169 road) for the development of (up to) 1,000 dwellings

Members agreed to comment on the encouragement of projects to ensure development area is environmentally sustainable, rewilded verges on and around site and we encourage planting and tree management schemes.

22/04118/FUL - Home Farm, Buildwas, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7BU

Erection of 2no dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling

No comment

22/23.58 Finance reports

Members reviewed the latest bank reconciliations and banking statements up to the 31st October 22 which complete a reconciled balance of £28,779.21 at 31/10/22. Having been accepted, two nominated Councillors will sign off the master copies.

The following payments made since the last meeting were noted:

Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
Grant	P27-22/23	LGA 1972 s137	£100.00
Repair and ground works	P28-22/23	LGA 1972 s215	£1,036.00
Salary (October 22)	P29-22/23	LGA 1972 s112	£219.30
PAYE (October 22)	P30-22/23	LGA 1972 s112	£54.60
Travel expenses	P31-22/23	LGA 1972 s111	£9.00
		TOTAL	£1,418.90

The following payments to be made were approved:

Date	Details	Ref	Statutes	Account
06.12.22	Salary (November 22 + back pay)	P32-22/23	LGA 1972 s112	£377.70
06.12.22	PAYE (November 22)	P33-22/23	LGA 1972 s112	£94.20
06.12.22	Travel and home office expenses	P34-22/23	LGA 1972 s111	£136.50
			TOTAL	£608.40

The Clerk noted a review of the 2023-24 budget is underway and Councillors will be asked to consider a final budget in January.

Members should review the draft budget emailed out by the Clerk and ask any questions between now and the next meeting to ensure we properly fund for our ambitions next year.

It was agreed that the Clerk would look into funding two SIDs on the B4380.

Meeting finished: 20:51

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 January 2023, 7:30pm at Buildwas Village Hall

Appendix A

Buildwas Power Station update – Cllr Wild

The first liaison group meeting was held on Wednesday 5th October at the Harworth site office. This meeting had been delayed for quite a while as it couldn't be held until the outline planning approval decision notice had been issued. The outline permission was the first step in the redevelopment. The permission confirms the means of access and egress (exits) and the principle of redevelopment on the site. The first Liaison group was attended by Lorraine Pratt (Chair of Buildwas Parish Council) Simon Heath (Vice Chair of Buildwas Parish Council) Sue Jones (Chair of Leighton and Eaton Constantine Parish Council) and Paul Davies (Wroxeter and Uppington Parish Council). Dan Thomas (Shropshire Councillor for Much Wenlock) sent his apologies as he was unwell.

Also in attendance was Grahame French (Principal Planning Officer, Shropshire Council) Gemma Lawley (Head of Highways Development Control, Shropshire Council). Claire Biddle from Harworth along with 3 other members of the Harworth redevelopment team. I was elected Chair of the group with Lorraine and Sue as joint vice chairs and Sue is also secretary of the group so will take the minutes. This will hopefully reassure local Parishes that residents concerns are placed on the agenda in the future and discussed.

The majority of the meeting was taken up by a full explanation of the outline planning decision.

Once the minutes are agreed at our next meeting on the 6th December the minutes can be put on the Parish Councils' website and also on Much Wenlock Town Council's website.

I raised the issue of Harworth and Shropshire Council's commitment, but unconditioned at the planning committee, to reduce the speed limit on the A4169 and B4380 (conditions cannot be applied to pre-existing traffic/highways issues) with VAS signage, these are the flashing signs that encourage motorists to slow down. Harworth and Shropshire Council have agreed to look at this and come back to the next meeting with some actions. On Friday 7th October the group met up and looked at all the options along the routes. We started at Wroxeter with various stops up to and including Much Wenlock.

On the 27th October Harworth submitted a reserved matters planning application which can be viewed on the Shropshire Council planning portal. The reference is 22/04695/REM. This application seeks agreement from Shropshire Council on access, scale, layout, appearance and landscaping. I encourage everyone to have a look and comment on these plans.

The liaison group meetings should continue on a quarterly basis with a member from Much Wenlock Town Council and Cressage Parish Council joining us in the New Year.