

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BULKELEY AND RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016**

**Present:-** Councillors I Hastings, D Edwards, M Hassall, M Jones, P Groves, L Gaden.  
CEC Cllr Stan Davies. Mrs R Jacks (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors. M Dixon, A Mitchell, S Dixon and B Harvey.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were invited to declare pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests arising from matters on the agenda. None were declared.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Resolved:-** The Council approved the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Edwards.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 First Responders:- The cheque that was sent has not been cashed. Cllr Hastings is to chase.

4.2 Air Ambulance:- A letter of thanks has been received in respect of the donation sent.

4.3 Plaque for Lime Tree:- Being progressed.

4.4 Dog Fouling at the Playing Field:- The Council did not report the matter to the dog warden due to the difficulty in proving the culprits.

4.5 Speed Limit in Ridley:- Nothing to report.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

6. **POLICING**

6.1 Report from the Police Cluster Meeting:-

The quarterly meeting of the Wrenbury cluster was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January at the Goodwill Hall in Faddiley. Two police officers, two PCSOs, nine parish representatives and one Cheshire East representative attended. All data refers to the period 1st Oct to 31st Dec 2015.

Anti Social Behaviour:- 13 personal, 7 nuisance and 2 environmental ASBs had been reported. Some of the nuisance incidences involved fireworks. This is very low and none were in Bulkeley or Ridley. More personal ASBs (4) were in Wrenbury than in any other area.

Road Traffic Accidents:- No fatalities, 2 with injury (slight) and 13 damage only incidents were reported. One damage only happened at the junction of the A534 and A49 at Ridley, one near Chesterton Croft in Ridley and one near Ridley Bank Farm. There was one damage only near the Poacher.

The police have been implementing Operation Roadside when they dedicate a set period of one or two days to concentrate solely on speeding issues in the towns and countryside. They will do another operation on February 9th and 10th. Of course these days are in addition to their regular periods of policing speed at other times.

Crime and Disorder:- There were 7 burglaries (3 in Bulkeley), 3 criminal damage, 1 sexual offence, 1 other offence, 7 theft/stolen goods (one of them at the barn conversion works at Bulkeley Grange), 4 violence against person and two vehicle crimes. The largest cluster of crimes occurred in Wrenbury. A very odd event took place in Marbury when a sheep was shot, beheaded, and the head left in an unoccupied house nearby. The house had been empty for several years so it cannot have been a threat to the owner.

The police are working on a theory that the thefts in Bulkeley might be linked to people from Whitchurch. They base this on the fact the car stolen in Bulkeley was found in a hotel car park

in Whitchurch and another car stolen in Whitchurch was used to commit burglaries in South Wales. The police have spent several days patrolling our area in unmarked cars and will do so again on the 2nd and 3rd March, when they hope to have the use of a car fitted with ANPR.

**Operation Shield:-** This initiative is aimed mainly at businesses or small schools. You can buy a kit, costing about £1000 with which you can mark indelibly items such as computers, laptops, machinery with a unique DNA code and microdots only visible under UV light. You then register the marked possessions with the police. If you want to know more, log onto the police SelectaDNA Asset Protection page.

**Missing person:-** An elderly man suffering from dementia was reported missing from Shrewbridge Road in Nantwich on Tuesday afternoon.

#### 6.2 **Police Surgeries:-**

The police sent out a request for suitable venues to hold police surgeries. Burland Parish Council have offered the use of the Goodwill Hall for all future police cluster meetings.

### 7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### 7.1 The Council approved the following payments:-

Chq No	Date	Reason	Amount
152	16/02/16	Bickerton Village Hall	£ 22.00
153	16/02/16	Running Costs	£ 19.53
154	16/02/16	Kevin Jones - village maintenance	£ 285.00
155	16/02/16	A Mitchell – mowing play area (replace lost chq 147)	£ 125.00
156	16/02/16	CCA - Best Kept Village entrance fee	£ 40.00
157	16/02/16	Signs of the Times (signage for phone box)	£ 88.27
158	16/02/16	Red paint for phone box	£ 10.99

The Clerk was paid by Standing Order.

The precept request has been submitted to CEC.

**Resolved:-** The above payments were proposed by Cllr Hassall and seconded by Cllr Groves.

Balance at bank as at 31/01/16:- £4,119.62

#### 7.2 To confirm increase in Clerk's working hours from 2 hours per week to 3 hours per week with effect from April 2016.

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed for the Clerk's hours to increase from 2 hours per week to 3 hours per week this is due to the requirements of the Transparency Code which will lead to extra work. The Council agreed to increase the Clerk's salary to £1,800.00 per annum. Proposed by Cllr Hassall and seconded by Cllr Groves.

### 8. **PLANNING UPDATE**

See page 1 of the Planning Applications register attached for all applications received.

### 9. **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION**

#### 9.1 **To receive update:-**

The football posts netting at the play area has been damaged. The Council agreed to remove the damaged nets but not to replace them.

#### 9.2 **To consider entry to the competition in 2016:-**

The Council are to enter the Community Pride Competition 2016. Cllr Hastings has applied for cleaning equipment for the Clean for the Queen initiative which is taking place 4-6 March. This is to be included in the Village News article.

9.3 To agree how many hours for Kevin Jones is to work:-

The Council agreed for Kevin Jones to work one hour per fortnight up until April then up to three hours per fortnight if necessary.

10. **PHONE BOX / AED UNIT**

Cllr Mitchell has ordered the signage for the phone box. This is to be installed. Barlows are due to confirm a date to install the electrics. The phone box has been painted.

11. **NEW AED UNIT**

Item deferred.

12. **TRANSPARENCY CODE**

12.1 To receive update for Parish Council website:-

Cllr M Dixon sent the following update:-

The front page of the website is to have the following click tabs:- Parish Council info; about Bulkeley and Ridley; projects; local facilities; environmental; gallery (could have a video of an area along with photographs); contacts and links. The monthly hosting fee will be £20 and can be paid by the Council directly. The site will be user friendly and can be updated/added to as needed by the Council.

The Council are to query the monthly hosting fee of £20.00.

12.2 Transparency Code funding:-

The Council confirmed receipt of the grant for £1,121.65 in respect of the Transparency Code funding application that has been approved.

12.3 To approve purchase of computer and printer:-

The Council approved purchase of computer and printer from the Transparency Code funding grant received.

13. **CENTENARIANS**

There are one or two people in Buckley who are approaching their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Council considered ways in which to honour this achievement. Suggestions included:- naming a room at BVH after the resident; planting a tree; renaming the playing fields.

14. **TO AGREE DATES FOR MEETINGS**

The Council agreed to hold meetings on the following dates:-

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016; Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016; Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017; Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The Clerk is to book the rooms with BVH.

15. **CLERK'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

17. **NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The date of next meeting is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016