

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BULKELEY AND RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2017**

Present: - Councillors Idina Hastings, Mike Dixon, Linda Gaden, David Edwards, James Weddell, Jonathan Knight, Mike Hassall.
CEC Cllr Stan Davies. Mrs Ruth Shackleton (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Peter Groves, Sue Dixon, Andrew Mitchell.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were invited to declare pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests arising from matters on the agenda.

No declarations were received.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Resolved:- That the Council approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 19th September 2017. Proposed by Cllr M Dixon and seconded by Cllr Gaden.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Footpath and Dropped Kerbs in Bulkeley:- nothing further to report.

Footpath opposite the Chapel:- Cheshire East Highways have replied to confirm that they are responsible for the maintenance and have highlighted the request made to cut the grass to the Highways Maintenance Team who are responsible for this type of work.

Hi viz Jackets:- these are not required at the moment.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

There was no consideration of this item as no members of the public were present.

6. **POLICING**

6.1 Report from the Police Cluster Meeting:-

Cllr Hastings attended the police cluster meeting on Thursday 26th October.

ASB:- 16 personal and 9 nuisance instances of anti-social behaviour had been recorded. None were in Bulkeley or Ridley.

RTC:- 17 traffic accidents were recorded. Three with injury in Bulkeley/Ridley and two damage only on the A41 near Ridley.

Crime:- 10 burglaries, 8 criminal damage, 1 drug, 1 other, 10 public order, 1 sexual, 7 theft/stolen goods, 3 vehicle offences and 15 violence against the person making a total of 56 crimes. A vehicle was stolen from a stud farm in Bulkeley but no other crimes were reported in the area.

Peckforton Castle was the scene for many drink related incidences.

Wrenbury was overwhelmingly the location of most of the incidences of all descriptions.

6.2 To agree action regarding invitation from the Police and Crime Commissioner to the meeting on 5 December:-

Cllr M Dixon agreed to attend the meeting.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

7.1 To accept and approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Chq No	Date	Reason	Amount
207	21/11/17	Running Costs	£ 18.38

208	21/11/17	Bickerton Village Hall (Room Hire)	£ 37.50
209	21/11/17	Village Maintenance	£105.00
210	21/11/17	Defibrillator replacement pads	£ 96.70

The Clerk was paid by Standing Order.

Balance at bank as at 01/11/17:- £3,369.44

Resolved:- The above payments were proposed by Cllr Weddell and seconded by Cllr M Dixon.

Receipts:-

None received.

Budget:-

The Council agreed the budget to date figures as at 30 September 2017.

7.2 To agree and set precept for 2018 -19 financial year (see attachment B):-

Resolved:- The Council agreed to set the precept at £4,007.00 for the 2018 – 2019 financial year. Proposed by Cllr M Dixon and seconded by Cllr Weddell.

7.3 To consider membership of CHALC:-

Resolved:- The Council agreed to renew its membership of CHALC. Proposed by Cllr Hastings and seconded by Cllr M Dixon.

7.4 To consider any donation(s) to charity:-

Resolved:- The Council agreed to donate £100.00 to North West Ambulance and to donate £100.00 to First Responders. Proposed by Cllr Hastings and seconded by Cllr M Dixon.

8. **PLANNING UPDATE**

8.1 See the Planning Applications register attached for details of all applications received.

8.2 Planning applications procedures:-

Cllr M Dixon requested that all councillors respond when planning applications are circulated for observations.

9. **HIGHWAYS**

9.1 Speedwatch:-

Cllr Hastings updated the meeting regarding the Speedwatch campaign and made a request for more volunteers.

9.2 Update:-

The Council has contacted CEC with regards to the possible provision of new traffic calming measures or restrictions. CEC has replied to advise that requests need to be added to the Minor Works List to be considered at the next local Area Highways Group (AHG) meeting, to be assessed for feasibility and funding.

This requires the support of the local ward member. The AHG decides where resources are directed and which schemes are progressed in their areas, providing the Councillor sees some merit in pursuing the scheme. These are then fed through to the Cheshire East Highways Team to implement.

CEC Cllr Stan Davies offered his support to the introduction of double white lines through Buckeley.

Cllrs considered the Education Travel policies – Cllrs were encouraged to respond to the questionnaire.

10. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Kevin Jones has carried out maintenance in the village.

11. **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION**

Cllr M Dixon advised that there was no Community Pride Competition in 2017 as the competition is to be relaunched in 2018 as the Best Kept Village Competition. Full details of the new format are to follow.

12. **PLAYING FIELD**

There is one final cut due for 2017. The Council discussed future arrangements for mowing the playing field.

13. **BICKERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Hastings updated the meeting about the forthcoming events at the hall and the finances.

14. **TOASTING THE OAK**

The Toasting of the Millennium Oak will take place at 2.00 pm on 1st January 2018 opposite Yew Tree Close.

15. **CHALC**

Cllr M Dixon attended the Annual meeting on 19th October at Middlewich and updated the meeting what was discussed.

16. **CHESHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:-**

Cllr M Dixon attended the Annual General Meeting on 31st October and informed the meeting of the work of Cheshire Community Action in the rural community.

17. **TO AGREE DATES FOR 2018 MEETINGS:-**

The following dates were agreed:-

Tuesday 20th February 2018; Tuesday 15th May 2018; Tuesday 18th September 2018 and Tuesday 20th November 2018. The Clerk is to book the rooms with BVH.

18. **CLERKS REPORT**

Cllrs were informed that NatWest Bank sent an email to the previous clerk, Mrs Helen Connolly, regarding a recent amendment of clerk's salary standing order payment. Mrs Connolly was very upset as her contact details were changed when she left B&RPC and NatWest have contacted her via new email address. A letter of complaint was sent to NatWest regarding the matter. They have since investigated the complaint and responded to apologise for the error made and for the inconvenience caused. They have confirmed the correspondence details on the account. NatWest have credited the Parish Council's bank account with £150.00 compensation as an apology for this.

19. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

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

The date of next meeting is Tuesday 20th February 2018.

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