

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BULKELEY AND RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2018

Present: - Councillors Idina Hastings, Mike Dixon, Linda Gaden, David Edwards, James Weddell, Jonathan Knight, Peter Groves, Sue Dixon.
Mrs Ruth Shackleton (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors Mike Hassall, Andrew Mitchell. CEC Cllr Stan Davies.

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 21st November 2017. The Chairman duly signed the minutes. Proposed by Cllr M Dixon and seconded by Cllr Gaden.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 Footpath and Dropped Kerbs:- these are due to be installed in Bulkeley.

4.2 Traffic Calming Measures in Bulkeley:- CEC have advised that double lines are not possible at the proposed location.

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 9th January 2018:-.

ASB:- No crimes, incidences of anti-social behaviour were recorded in Bulkeley or Ridley in the 3 months from October to the end of December 2017. One slight incidence of aggression was wrongly recorded as happening in Bickerton when it actually happened at Brook House Stud where a thrown glass bounced off a wall and hit the complainant's head.

RTC:- nothing to report.

Crime:- nothing to report. Peckforton Castle had its usual share of thefts and alcohol related incidences.

6.2 To agree action further to letter received from the Police and Crime Commissioner:-

Cllr M Dixon updated the meeting regarding the training of 15 new special police.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

7.1 To accept and approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Chq No	Date	Reason	Amount
211	20/02/18	Running Costs	£ 17.37
212	20/02/18	Bickerton Village Hall (Room Hire)	£ 27.50
213	20/02/18	North West Ambulance	£ 100.00
214	20/02/18	First Responders	£ 100.00
215	20/02/18	Kevin Jones	£ 120.00

The Clerk was paid by Standing Order.

The Clerk is to make an adjustment to the accounts for unpresented chq no. 196.

Balance at bank as at 01/02/18:- £2,910.97.

Receipts:-

Compensation from Nat West:- £150.00

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

8. **PLANNING UPDATE**

See the Planning Applications register attached for details of all applications and decisions.

9. **HIGHWAYS**

9.1 Speedwatch:-

Cllr Hastings updated the meeting regarding the Speedwatch as the number of vehicles speeding appears to have reduced.

9.2 To consider purchase / rent of speed indicator device:-

The Council considered purchasing a speed indicator device but agreed not to proceed as it was felt that they are not effective in the long term.

The Clerk is to contact the police to request that they carry out regular speed checks in the area.

10. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

10.1 Kevin Jones has carried out maintenance in the village.

10.2 Grit Bin:- concerns were raised as the grit bin that is located on Mill Lane is full of water.

The Clerk is to contact Highways to request that appropriate action is taken to either empty the grit bin or relocate it.

10.3 Cholmondeley Lane:- concerns were raised regarding the poor state of the road. The Clerk is to report the matter to CEC Cllr Stan Davies and request that action be taken.

11. **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION**

Cllr M Dixon updated the meeting about the relaunch of the Best Kept Village competition. The Council considered entering the competition but decided not to this year due to ongoing concerns regarding litter in the village.

Cllr Weddell agreed to put notices up to encourage residents to tidy up the village and volunteer for tasks.

12. **PLAYING FIELD**

There is problem with moles at the playing field. The Clerk is to contact Cllr Mitchell for contact details of the mole catcher to make arrangements to resolve the problem.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to instruct Jones Brothers to cut the grass at the playing field at a rate of £25.00 per cut. Proposed by Cllr Hastings and seconded by Cllr Groves.

13. **BICKERTON VILLAGE HALL**

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

14. **CLERKS REPORT**

Nothing further to report.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

Cllr M Dixon volunteered to help with the new legislation regarding GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) once more information has been provided.

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

The date of next meeting is Tuesday 15th May 2018.

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