

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

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

1. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors David Edwards, Peter Groves.

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:- That the Council approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th September 2018. Proposed by Cllr Gaden and seconded by Cllr Knight.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- Donation to cost of Bible:- Councillors discussed the donation to the church for a bible and for there to be an acknowledgement of the donation made by the Council.
- Neighbourhood Watch in Ridley:- Cllr M Dixon was contacted with regards to setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Ridley, he advised that there is already a similar scheme in Ridley.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

6. **POLICING**

Report from the Police Cluster Meeting:-

A total of 57 offences were recorded in the period 1st July to 30th September.

5 burglaries (including the one at Ridley and one in Bulkeley); 6 criminal damage; 13 public order; 1 sexual; 10 theft/stolen goods; 1 vehicle; 21 violence against the person.

No data on Anti Social Behaviour or Road Traffic Collisions is available because new computer system is still not working properly.

Only one incident at Peckforton Castle during a wedding.

Cllr Hastings requested clarification regarding the gang who burgled the property in Ridley. The police recognised the vehicle and forensics have given links to known offenders. The police did not know if they have been arrested yet, but it can only be a matter of time before they are.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th January 2019.

7. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

7.1 To accept and approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Chq No	Reason	Amount
230	Running Costs	£ 16.60
231	Bickerton Village Hall (Room Hire)	£ 10.00

232	Kevin Jones (village maintenance)	£ 15.00
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The Clerk was paid by Standing Order.

Balance at bank as at 01/11/18:- £3,656.16

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

Receipts:-

None received.

7.2 To agree and set precept for 2019 -20 financial year (see attachment B):-

Resolved:- The Council agreed to set the precept at £4,007.00 for the 2019 – 2020 financial year. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell and seconded by Cllr Hassall.

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 Knight.

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 Mitchell and seconded by Cllr S Dixon.

8. **PLANNING UPDATE**

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

8.2 Ridley House Farm:- Mike Dixon addressed the Southern Planning Committee regarding our objection over the proposed entrance for the barn development into two houses. The committee had deferred a decision until they could make a site visit. Subsequently Strutt and Parker, who are acting as agents for the development, have asked if we would withdraw our objection if they agreed to allow the new houses to use the same entrance as the farm house. The Council agreed to this.

9. **HIGHWAYS**

Junction of the A49/A534 at Ridley:- Cllrs Hastings and M Dixon have met with Highways to discuss the reconfiguration of the junction. CEC are due to present proposals. The Council agreed to review the matter in six months time.

10. **VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**

Kevin Jones is unable to continue for personal reasons, it is hoped that his brother will help out in the short term. The Council recorded a vote of thanks to Kevin Jones for his work for the Council.

11. **RIDLEY NOTICEBOARD**

Styles and costs for a replacement noticeboard have been circulated. The Council agreed to contact Bob Robertson's son for a quote to carry out repairs.

12. **PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Hastings updated the meeting regarding the mowing of the playing field.

Cllr Weddell suggested that the developers of the Mill Lane development pay for play equipment at the site.

13. **PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE**

Resolved:- The Council agreed to set up a Facebook page to publish agendas, minutes, planning applications and any relevant information. A social media policy is to be prepared. Proposed by Cllr Weddell and seconded by Cllr M Dixon.

14. **BICKERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Hastings updated the meeting regarding the finances of BVH.

15. **TOASTING THE OAK**

This will take place at 2pm on New Year's Day at the lime tree on Mill Lane.

16. **CHALC**

Cllr M Dixon attended the CHALC annual meeting; his report has been circulated to Cllrs.

17. **CLERKS REPORT**

Nothing further to report.

18. **CORRESPONDENCE**

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

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

The date of next meeting is Tuesday 12th February 2019.

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