

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BULKELEY AND RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2020**

Present: - Councillors Idina Hastings, Peter Groves, Jane McRae, James Weddell, Jonathan Knight, Mike Hassall, James Rutter, Nadine Hunter.
CEC Cllr Stan Davies. Mrs Ruth Shackleton (Clerk).
One member of the public attended the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Linda Gaden.

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 11th November 2019. Proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr McRae.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Mill Lane development:- no update.

4.2 Village clean-up day:- scheduled for 28th March.

4.3 Bank Signatory:- the form has been signed to add Cllr Weddell and the Clerk as signatories.

4.4 CEC Highways Responsibilities:- the Council has received a response from CEC regarding the Freedom of Information request that was sent for a list of highways responsibilities in Bulkeley and Ridley.

5. CASUAL VACANCY

CEC have confirmed that the Council can co-opt to fill the two casual vacancies. Three residents expressed an interest in being co-opted. The Council received representations from each candidate. A vote took place to fill the casual vacancies.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to co-opt Richard Frisk onto Ridley Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Hassall.

Resolved:- The Council agreed to co-opt Nadine Hunter onto Bulkeley Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Groves and seconded by Cllr McRae.

6. OPEN FORUM

There was no consideration of this item.

7. POLICING

Report from the Police Cluster Meeting:-

Cllr Hastings was unable to attend the police cluster meeting and has requested a report from the PCSO.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

8.1.1 To accept and approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Chq No	Date	Reason	Amount
257	11/02/20	Running Costs	£ 19.60

258	11/02/20	Bickerton Village Hall (Room Hire)	£ 27.50
259	11/02/20	DONATION:- North West Ambulance	£ 100.00
260	11/02/20	DONATION:- First Responders	£ 100.00
261	11/02/20	Village Maintenance:- John Jones	£ 60.00

The Clerk was paid by Standing Order.

Reconciled balance at bank as at 31/01/20:- £3,442.18

Resolved:- The above payments were approved. Proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Weddell.

Receipts:-

None have been received.

8.1.2 Internal Auditor:-

Resolved:- The Council agreed to approve the appointment of Jake Gurr to carry out the annual internal auditor for the Council. Proposed by Cllr Groves and seconded by Cllr McRae.

9. PLANNING UPDATE

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

10. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk has completed the online survey in respect of the Community Governance Review to request that both Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Councils be combined to form one parish council to replace their current status of two separate parish councils

11. HIGHWAYS

Accidents on the A49/A534 at Ridley:- Cllrs discussed the options which included lowering the speed limit, installing a speed camera, changing the configuration of the junction and installing a roundabout. Concerns were raised about the increase in traffic on the A49 and A534 when BeWILDerwood opens. The Clerk is to contact CEC to request what options are available at the location.

12. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

12.1 Maintenance:-

12.1.1 Millennium Oak Tree:- Cllr Hastings has instructed John Jones to cut the branches.

12.1.2 Playing Field:- the mowing season is due to start.

12.1.3 Tree:- a branch came off a tree on in Bulkeley on the A534 and narrowly missed a vehicle that was passing. The Clerk is to report the matter to Highways and request that the tree be looked at for any further loose branches.

12.1.4 Layby:- the layby near to the A49 / A534 junction is in a poor condition and is not safe for the school children who are wait there to be picked up / dropped off by the school bus. The Council are to confirm whether the CEC can adopt it as an official layby and to enquire where the Council would stand if they were to level the surface of the the layby with chippings.

12.2 Maintenance of the path to nowhere (Bulkeley crossroads to Bridge Farm, Ridley):-

The path is overgrown. This has been reported to CEC but no action has been taken. The Clerk is to report this again to CEC.

12.3 Marl Pit:-

The Risk Assessment has been circulated to Cllrs. The Clerk is to establish the legal status of the Marl Pit.

Resolved:- That the Council adopt the Risk Assessment for the Marl Pit. Proposed by Cllr Groves and seconded by Cllr McRae.

13. BICKERTON VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Hastings updated the meeting regarding the finances of BVH and recent maintenance work.

14. CLERKS REPORT

Nothing further to report.

15. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received has been distributed to councillors.

16. NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The date of next meeting is Tuesday 12th May 2020

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