

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF BULKELEY AND RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Present:** - Councillors I Hastings, D Edwards, M Hassall, L Gaden, A Mitchell.  
Mrs R Shackleton (Clerk).

1. **APOLOGIES**

Councillors. P Groves, M Dixon, S Dixon, B Harvey. CEC Cllr Stan Davies.  
Cllr M Jones has tendered his resignation from the Council.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors were invited to declare pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests arising from matters on the agenda. Cllr Mitchell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.3 of the minutes.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Resolved:-** That the Council approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Proposed by Cllr Hastings and seconded by Cllr Mitchell.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 Bickerton Village Hall Committee:- Cllr Hastings agreed to replace Cllr Gaden as the Council's representative.

5. **OPEN FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

6. **POLICING**

Report from the Police Cluster Meeting:-

Cllr Hastings attended the police cluster meeting for the Wrenbury area on the 20<sup>th</sup> July:-  
7 parishes were represented and Carole Hill from Cheshire East attended.

Between 1st April and 30th June there were 34 incidences of Anti-Social Behaviour: 20 personal, 14 nuisance and 2 environmental. The figures are somewhat distorted because Nantwich Football Ground is included and groups of youths regularly climb over the fence to play on the 3g football field. The 3g refers to the artificial turf. One personal ASB was a domestic dispute in Bulkeley.

RTCs. There were 18 RTCs across the cluster, 2 with injury and the rest damage only. 3 non injury happened at Ridley; one outside Ridley Hall involved two foreign lorries, one car overturned on the A49 and a car damaged the wall outside Ridley Green Farm barns.

There were 39 crimes recorded - 8 burglaries, 7 criminal damage, 1 other, 4 sexual, 9 theft/stolen goods and 8 violence against the person.

At the Grange barn conversions, a quantity of copper piping and cable were stolen, there was a punch up at the Poacher, but most thefts occurred at the Pageant of Power at Cholmondeley. They included security guards who stole clothing from the stalls and attempted to sell them on eBay.

Carole Hill urged people with interests in working with health and fitness issues to apply for grants which would soon be available. She said a stage of a cycling event would start from the Barony at the beginning of September and go towards Reaseheath then Hurleston.

The recent night of action had resulted in two arrests on the night, and next day a trailer which had been reported during the night was found to have been stolen and was returned to the owner.

The police are happy to write articles for websites and village newsletters.

People are urged to report suspicious people/cars/incidences immediately, but not via the 0845 voicemail service which was not monitored constantly. Use the 101 phone line.

The speed camera at the Poacher was still out of action during this quarter but the camera at Spurstow caught 42 speeders, and the one at Bunbury Heath caught 252.

The next meeting will be on 2nd November at the Goodwill Hall.

PCSO Steve Metcalfe has left the police.

7. **CASUAL VACANCY**

Cllr M Jones has resigned from the Council. The Clerk is to inform CEC and the relevant notices will be posted on the noticeboards and website.

8. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

8.1 To accept and approve the following payments:-

The Council approved the following payments:-

Chq No	Date	Reason	Amount
174	27/06/16	My Village News	£250.00
175	27/06/16	Guido Favro - repair noticeboards	£250.00
176	27/09/16	Phone Box:- painting	£ 80.00
177	27/09/16	Kevin Jones - village maintenance	£360.00
181	27/09/16	Bickerton Village Hall	£ 26.50
182	27/09/16	Running Costs	£ 24.63
183	27/09/16	BDO LLP – Annual audit	£ 36.00
184	27/09/16	CHALC (training)	£ 50.00
185	27/09/16	Community Lincs Insurance Services	£ 9.41

The Clerk was paid by Standing Order.

Balance at bank as at 31/08/16:- £4,305.56

**Resolved:-** The above payments were proposed by Cllr Gaden and seconded by Cllr Edwards.

8.2 Receipts:-

VAT Repayment:- £133.20

CEC Precept:- £1,750.00

8.3 Budget:-

The Council received the budget to date figures (see attached).

8.4 Internal Audit:-

The Internal Audit report has been returned with no matters arising.

8.5 Annual Audit:-

The annual return and certificate of notice of conclusion of audit were presented to the Council. These were approved and accepted by the Council. The annual return and notice of conclusion of audit have been published on the Council's website and the Council noticeboard.

The Issues Arising report was presented to the Council. There were two issues:-

(i) Approval of Annual Return:-

Issue:- the minutes state that the Accounting Statements were approved before the Annual Governance Statement. In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2016 the Annual Governance Statement must be approved in advance of the Council approving the Accounting Statements.

Action Plan:- the minutes next year will approve the Annual Governance Statement in advance of the Council approving the Accounting Statements.

(ii) Asset Register:-

Issue:- the Council's asset register is incomplete as it does not include all information for each asset.

Action Plan:- the asset register has now been updated with the information that is required.

**Resolved:-** The above actions were proposed by Cllr Hastings and seconded by Cllr Mitchell.

9. **PLANNING UPDATE**

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

9.2 Planning Seminar:-

The item was deferred.

9.3 Mill Lane:-

Nothing to report.

9.4 Ridley Bank Farm:-

The planning application for the wind turbine has been refused by the planning committee.

9.5 Planning Procedures:-

The Council considered forming a planning working group to deal with planning applications received between meetings of the Council. The Council agreed to continue as before whereby details of all new planning applications received are circulated to Cllrs to make any comments. These comments are then submitted to CEC.

10. **COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION**

10.1 To receive update:-

Kevin Jones has carried out various tasks in the village.

10.2 To agree attendance at the Awards ceremony:-

No one is able to attend the ceremony on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

11. **PHONE BOX / AED UNIT**

The phone box has been painted.

David Wrench is the custodian for the AED unit.

12. **WEBSITE**

The item was deferred.

13. **WELCOME CARD**

The Council considered whether to print a welcome card for new residents to the parish and agreed to hand deliver a copy of the Annual Report to all new residents.

14. **HIGHWAYS**

14.1 Mill Lane:-

The state of the entrance to Mill Lane has been reported to Highways.

14.2 Ridley:-

Concerns were raised at the frequency of accidents occurring and causing damage to the wall at Ridley Green Barns and Farm. The Clerk is to report the matter to Highways and request that an anti-skid surface be laid to prevent further accidents occurring.

14.3 Speedwatch:-

The Council considered purchasing a speed gun and discussed ways to encourage volunteers to take part in the speedwatch scheme.

The Clerk is to find out costs to put in speed sign.

The Council is to request that the police speeding unit visit the area.

14.4 Road Repairs:-

Nothing to report.

15. **CHALC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Cllrs Hastings and Groves hope to attend the CHALC AGM.

16. **MEETING FREQUENCY**

The Council considered holding six meetings a year.

**Resolved:-** The Council agreed not to hold six meetings a year proposed by Cllr Hastings and seconded by Cllr Hassall.

17. **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Council heard about the proposed BeWilderswood at Cholmondeley and raised concerns regarding an increase in traffic in the area.

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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

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