

Buildwas Parish Council
COUNCIL MEETING
On Monday 8th January 2018
at 7.30pm in Buildwas Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. C. Meads (Chairman), J. Grainger, R. Wilcox

Absent: Cllrs. J. Heath, L. Pratt, S. Ratcliffe, V. Morgan

In attendance: Rebecca Turner (Clerk), Shropshire Councillor Claire Wild, no members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr. Heath.

2) Declarations of Disclosable Interests & Dispensation Requests

None declared

3) Public Session

No members of the public were present.

4) Confirmation and adoption of minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th November 2017

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes as being a correct record and they were duly signed by the chairman.

5) Matters arising from the minutes

The Place Plan form was signed. It was agreed to take a vote on whether Buildwas wishes to be a community cluster, in the revised Local Plan, at the Annual Parish Meeting.

6) Shropshire Councillor report

Cllr. Wild reported that Shropshire Council's financial plan for 2018/19 shows that there will be no environmental maintenance grant available for parishes. The clerk advised that she had therefore deleted this from the budget from next year. Councillor Wild advised that there is currently a £5 million overspend on the highways budget. Councillor Wild also said that those properties which will not get high speed broadband via BT may get it via wireless broadband in the future – she showed a map of the properties.

7) Police Report

A police report had been received for November 2017:

Assault: 0	Theft: 0	Burglary Other: 0
Vehicle Crime: 0	Criminal Damage: 0	Burglary Dwelling: 0
Other: 2	Road Traffic Incident: 1	Road Collision: 1
ASB Personal: 0	ASB Environmental: 3	ASB Nuisance: 0

8) RoSPA report

Councillor Wilcox will shortly be replacing one of the swing seats and missing fence pails.

9) Finance

a) Q3 bank reconciliation

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliation, the reconciled balance being £9555.07.

b) Budget and precept requirement for 2018/19

It was **RESOLVED** to set a budget of £7160, of which £7000 would be funded by the precept and the balance of £160 would be drawn from reserves. A full copy of the budget is appended to the minutes.

c) Accounts for payment

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments:

Ref	No	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Gross
P37-1718	530	R Turner	Expenses	£38.00	£0.00	£38.00
P38-1718	531	HMRC	PAYE Q3	£122.60	£0.00	£122.60
P39-1718	532	SALC	Training	£25.00	£0.00	£25.00
P40-1718	533	SL Bott	Leaves clearance	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00

d) Payments already made

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments already made:

Ref	No	Payee	Item	Net	VAT	Gross
P35-1718	SO	R Turner	Salary November	£163.33	£0.00	£163.33
P36-1718	SO	R Turner	Salary December	£163.33	£0.00	£163.33

- e) *Income received:*
None.

10) Planning applications

a) **Notifications & updates on previously reported applications**

- (i) 16/04668/OUT - Land South Of B4380, Buildwas, Shropshire, Outline application (all matters reserved) for mixed residential

Appeal dismissed

- (ii) 16/02691/CPL - Pool View Caravan Park, Much Wenlock Road, Buildwas, Telford, TF8 7BS - Application for certificate of lawful use or development of land for up to 12 caravans for the purposes of human habitation throughout the year

Appeal dismissed

- (iii) 16/02745/CPL - - Pool View Caravan Park, Much Wenlock Road, Buildwas, Telford, TF8 7BS - Application for certificate of lawful use or development of land for up to 20 caravans for the purposes of human habitation throughout the year - **Appeal dismissed**

b) **Planning applications for comment**

- (i) 17/05042/FUL - The Homestead, Buildwas, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7BX - Erection of a replacement dwelling

Comments: It was noted that the case officer had asked for further information from the applicant. It was therefore agreed that the parish council would defer commenting until this information was received.

11) Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted with no comments to make:

- (i) *Local Government Finance Settlement*
(ii) *GDPR* - the clerk advised the council that this will replace the Data Protection Act and is estimated that it will cost approximately £250 to ensure the council is compliant with the new legislation.
(iii) *NHS reform programme and remodelling of services*
(iv) *SALC Information Bulletins*

12) Parish Matters

a) **Updates on matters previously reported**

- (i) *Buildwas Village Hall project*
No update.
(ii) *Speed reduction scheme*
No update. Clerk to follow up with Richard Ayton.

(iii) Concern re B4380 Junction by Buildwas Cottages bollard and road markings at junction with A4169

The highways manager had advised that the road markings have been refreshed at the junction of the A4169 with the B4380 at Buildwas. The “keep left” bollard has been replaced and the overhanging vegetation cut back from the signs. There are currently 3 personal injury accidents logged at this location, including the latest one. The highways manager had visited the site with West Mercia Police, reviewed the junction layout and associated signing and concluded that all is as it should be for a junction onto a road with a 60mph speed limit. The visibility from the junction to the right up the Ironbridge far exceeds the design requirement for the speed limit. It is unclear why the recent incident occurred.

The council noted its thanks for the work carried out but said that ideally the red surfacing on the road needs to be renewed.

(iv) Clearance of leaves at Upper and Lower Park View

The leaves have now been cleared by the council’s playing field maintenance contractor.

(v) Broken 30 mph VAS sign

The repair to the sign is outstanding and the clerk follow this up with highways.

(vi) Sign opposite the Abbey

It was noted that highways have advised that this is on private land and does not require highways authorisation. The clerk was asked to seek advice on if consent is needed for the sign given that it is in an AONB.

*Pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, it was **RESOLVED** that the public and press should be excluded during discussion of the following item as it involved likely disclosure of exempt information.*

13) Grass Cutting Contract

The current contractor had submitted a quote covering the next three years. It was **RESOLVED** to renew his contract for the period 2018 to 2020 and to include annual clearance of leaves at Upper and Lower Park View within the scope of his works.