

# Butlers Marston Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022** at **7pm** at St Peter's & St Paul's Church, Church Lane, CV35 0NA

**Present:** Cllr Corpe, Cllr Leaper, Cllr Mitchell-Hilton, Cllr Crockett, Cllr Forsyth, Clerk.

**In attendance:** 0 members of the public.

**It was agreed that due to a councillor needing to leave early the agenda would be completed in the following order – 40,41,42,54,47,53,52,48,44,43,45,49,51,46, 50.**

**40. Apologies for absence** – District and County Cllr Mills.

**41. Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda** – Cllr Forsyth declared an interest on item 54. Cllr Leaper declared an interest in a payment on item 47.5.

**42. Public participation session** – None.

*Cllr Forsyth joined the meeting at 7:15pm after item 54 had been discussed.*

**43. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council (PC) meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022** – The minutes were proposed, agreed, and duly signed.

**44. Outstanding matters/actions from previous minutes**

44.1 Update on Community Speedwatch – Cllr Mitchell-Hilton provided the following report: We have had the speed monitoring gun for a few weeks now and the volunteers are going out twice (ish) a week. Keith Weaver is doing a sterling job at organising the volunteers into teams. We will continue with this until the gun is recalled. So far, we seem to get about 40-50 cars through an hour. Saturday afternoon saw the most people breaking the speed limit with 3 people logged as speeding: two at 33mph and one at 37mph. The accuracy of the monitoring is improving as the volunteers become more experienced. In regards to road markings I have contacted the locality officer at the Highway department. This is the response I have received:

*"I have arranged for our contractors to carry out a road marking survey through Butlers Marston. I have had a look myself but will admit to not noticing any "30" markings on the carriageway. When the lining survey is carried out the contractor will identify all the road markings that need refreshing. They won't unfortunately be in a position to add additional markings if they are not there. If this is something the Parish are interested in it would need to be considered by the minor works team and traffic and road safety. As budgets for extensive road marking have now been spent for this financial year it is anticipated the lining would likely be refreshed on receipt of new funds at the beginning of next financial year. Carrying out road marking is also weather dependent and is not often done over winter months."*

**Cllr Corpe agreed to put a post out to parishioners regarding the availability of wheelie bin stickers to try to reduce speeding in the parish.**

44.2 Grass cutting update - No current update but chasing Severn Trent to mow the bank.

44.3 Update re Warwickshire County Council's (WCC) proposals to resite the bus stops in the parish - WCC have been out to survey the village and identify possible temporary options and a long term solution. Two potential sites have been identified and these are currently with the Minor Works Team and the Design Services Team who will investigate these sites and any associated costs as part of a full feasibility study. A temporary solution is still being pursued but no further information is available on this at the moment.

44.4 UK shared prosperity Fund update - We are all still in the same state as previous regarding UKSPF while we await further updates and confirmation from Central Government. By way of a

reminder, we submitted proposals for funding for year 1 and year 2. The outlined end of Year 1 for the scheme is end March 2023. This could present challenges for us if the agreement is late but it is better than the end of December 2022.

44.5 Village Hedges - Orbit have been out to review the hedge at the corner of the Memorial Cross. The occupant has now swapped properties with their daughter and the new occupant is happy for Orbit to cut the hedge and make any changes necessary. Orbit has instructed the hedge and the bank to be cut back to stop it encroaching onto the public footpath. Orbit does not have any funding for a long term solution so will pay for the maintenance of the hedge and the bank on a regular basis to prevent any future health and safety issues. The work is likely to start in January 2023. Orbit has also contacted WCC Highways to ask if there is a possibility to collaborate to fund a long term solution. We will keep the pressure on to ensure this is safer and that a long term solution can be found.

44.6 Sewage Treatment Plant update - Following a zoom conference with the CEO of Severn Trent we were able to put forward our concerns with the BM Sewage Treatment plant and the growing pressure with new houses. Firstly, Severn Trent are not a Statutory Planning Consultee so they cannot comment on individual planning applications even if they don't think the system can cope or if it may have an impact on flooding etc.

In 2020 Severn Trent detailed that the BM plant could only accommodate an additional 23 dwellings and since then we have seen 25 new dwellings in the catchment. In Feb 2022 Severn Trent re-surveyed the plant and identified it could accommodate a further 139 dwellings and an increase of 116 but no fundamental work has been carried out to the site. The CEO investigated this and said that in 2018 the site was upgraded and the hydraulic restriction was removed. It is planned in 2025/26 that further restrictions upstream will be eased and alongside upgrades to components and the chemical treatment will increase the plants capacity further. We need to continue to monitor this and we can contact the CEO again should we not get any answers.

Separate it was interesting to note the following:

- Any resident who earns less than £16k is entitled to a 90% water discount
- Any vulnerable residents can be added to a Priority Service which ensures water bottles are delivered within 2 hours of any water shortage.
- Severn Trent provides 100k hours of free employability training and visit 3000 schools each year
- By Christmas Severn Trent hope to bring their leakage down to 15% and aim to be net zero by 2030
- Severn Trent have replaced about 40% of the pipe since privatization to achieve the Gov. target of 1% per year would require a lot road works each year.
- We all need to save more water, in the midland each person uses 145l per day of water thats 45l more since 1945. Other countries are using less per head than we are.

**45. To ratify the decision made between meetings due to timescales to purchase a Remembrance Tommy using funds from the Community Infrastructure payment - cost £166 + VAT – Proposed and agreed.**

**46. To agree which type of noticeboard should be purchased (funded by a grant) – Man made timber (£1,756.94 + VAT) or Aluminium (£1,390.48 + VAT) – Defer to next meeting.**

#### **47. Finance**

47.1 Confirmation of the bank balance as at 11.11.2022 of £4,994.24 – Cllr Mitchell-Hilton confirmed the balance stated is correct.

47.2 To confirm completion of the second quarterly (Jul to Sep) financial check for the 2022/23 financial year - Cllr Mitchell-Hilton confirmed the check has taken place and all was found to be in order.

47.3 To approve the following payments made using delegated powers: Proposed and agreed.

07.11.22	Kirsty Buttle	Salary October	£99.70
07.11.22	HMRC	Tax October	£24.80

47.4 To note the following receipts: None

47.5 To approve payment of the following invoices: Proposed and agreed.

Kirsty Buttle	Unknown Tommy Statue	£200.00
Su Leaper	War Memorial flowers	£10.00
Kirsty Buttle	Salary November and backpay	£163.50
HMRC	Tax November	£41.00

47.6 To review the spend against budget to date – The councillors confirmed receipt of the spend against budget document with no concerns raised.

47.7 To consider the draft budget for 2023-24 – It was agreed that £200 should be included in the budget for a Coronation Celebration in May 2023 and that the £200 for another Tommy to be purchased next year should be removed. **Cllr Leaper agreed to check the expiry date of the defibrillator battery** to allow for a replacement budget to be included if required. The councillors agreed that they do not want the precept to be increased next year and if possible they would like it to decrease. **Clerk to put together updated figures and present final draft budget for review and approval at the January 2023 meeting.**

**48. To consider a request for a Memorial Bench on the Village Green** – A family in the village would like to put two benches in the village – one in the Churchyard, and one on the Village Green. PC are open to the idea in principle but would need details of an exact location and the type of bench. Ideally the PC would like a new bench to match the bench already sited on the Village Green. **Cllr Corpe to contact Historic England to find out if there would be any issues with locating a bench near to the bank due to it being a scheduled monument. Cllr Leaper to speak to the potential donors to get more information about proposed location and bench type.**

**49. Planning applications received – None**

**50. Planning decisions received**

**22/02031/LDE - The Old School House, Pillerton Road, Butlers Marston.** Existing use of land at the Old School House as residential garden land for a period in excess of 10 years. **Approved.**

**22/01870/FUL - Cattleyard West Meads Farm, Pillerton Road, Butlers Marston.** Demolition of the existing building and erection of a two storey dwelling, alongside associated access and landscaping works. **Refused.**

**51. County/District Councillor reports** – Cllr Mills provided a written report which can be found on the PC website with the minutes.

**52. Information exchange** – There have been some requests from parishioners about continuing with the idea of installing a flagpole in the village. **Cllr Corpe to put a post out asking for volunteers to form a group to take this project forward.** Coronation Celebrations will be discussed at the January meeting. The owner of the garages site has asked to meet with the council to discuss their plans re submitting a planning application for the site. It was agreed that the councillors should meet with the owners of the site to find out more about what they are planning. **Clerk to arrange meeting.**

**53. To agree meeting dates for 2023** – It was agreed that the meeting dates for 2023 will be Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, Mar 16<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Jul 27<sup>th</sup>, Sep 28<sup>th</sup>, and Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**54. Planning application in neighbouring parish that has raised some concerns within the parish**

**22/02935/FUL - Tubbs End, Tysoe Road, Kineton.** Construction of anaerobic digestion facility, comprising silage clamps, digester tanks, lagoons, administrative buildings, landscaping and access.  
**Object – Full objection can be found on the Stratford District Council planning portal.**

Meeting closed at 8:06pm.

**Date of next meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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