

# Butterton Parish Council

## Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 7pm Butterton Village Hall.

**Apologies-** Cllr Karen Salt                      Also in attendance one resident- C. Snook

All nominated Councillors are returned after Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

1. Election of Chairperson....Karen Salt. Nominated Jenny Land and seconded Mike Stone
2. Election of Vice Chairperson....Jenny Land. Nominated Sarah Kinneir and seconded Tracey Perkin
3. Internal Auditor for 2019/2020 tbc
4. Declaration of Interests...None.

The Clerk read a summary of the Council's activities over the past year.      AGM closed 7.20pm

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**5. Minutes** from the previous meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019 were signed as correct.

### **6. Matters arising**

\*Still no response to date from David Greatbatch regarding the Manifold Track issues near Swainsley Tunnel. **Clerk to repeat emails to Cllr Gill Heath and David Greatbatch.**

\*All paperwork regarding the Election of Councillors on 2<sup>nd</sup> May returned correctly and in good time.

### **Business Items**

#### **7. Lengthsman's Update**

Cllr Land reported that the Lengthsman had admitted his activities had been somewhat unreliable recently due to other commitments and was prepared to step down to make way for a replacement. It was decided to contact Steve Billings who had previously offered his services on a self- employed basis. Councillors Land and Tomlinson would meet with Steve asap. The strimmer will be returned and this can be used to clear Butterton Wood as and when...

The Clerk reported on the uncertainty surrounding SMDC sub contracting to Alliance Environmental and the likelihood of receiving the £400 grant towards the Lengthsman. **Clerk to pursue.** This discussion resulted in the decision than some of the Precept money will have to be used to fulfil the Lengthsman's duties in the event no funding whatsoever is received.

#### **8. Swainsley Tunnel Anti- Social Behaviour**

Chris Snook attending the meeting, commented on recent activity at the Tunnel. The recent Bank Holiday Monday in particular meant increased activity by joyriders racing through the Tunnel, skidding, leaving litter etc. PCSO Lauren Drew has successfully managed to secure a camera and it has been fixed to the Tunnel hopefully as a deterrent. The Section 59 signs are still in clear view as are the 20mph signs. Councillor Gill Heath is aware of the camera and she hopes, as does the Council, that this camera will become a permanent fixture. The possibility of returning the barriers at the Swainsley end of the Tunnel was discussed. Cllr Land will liaise with PCSO Drew as to the possibility of mentioning on various blogging websites the precautions the Council has taken.

**9. Wall at Turnock House-** The wall has been rebuilt recently although apparently a quick fix and not actually tied in. The residents of Turnock House are pursuing the possibility of assisted SMDC funding to help rebuild it more substantially. **Clerk to advise property owners.**

**10. Severn Trent Update-** Further damage to kerbs reported.

**11. Highways-** Markings reported on roads might mean impending activity?

**12. Finance- a. Payments received-** Precept 1 has been paid. **b. Payments requested-** Cllr Land- £28.20 for strimmer wire, £264.99 to Lengthsman, £26.00 to WACFR for defib pads, £12 to PPPF subscription.

**c. Insurance** Renewed **d. The Clerk presented the 2018/2019 Accounts.** These were unanimously accepted. **Clerk to liaise with Internal Auditor.** The Councillors were informed of the current state of both bank accounts.

**13. Asset Register** updated

### **Correspondence**

**14. PDNPA-** Nothing to report.

**15. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council-** Nothing to discuss

**16. Staffordshire County Council-** Nothing to discuss

**17. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association-** Nothing to discuss

**18. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly-** Nothing to discuss

**19. Other Correspondence-** None of importance

**20. AOB.** \*Cllrs Kinneir and Salt to purchase more plants.

\*Cllr Lees reported 4 boxes with nesting birds in Butterton Wood.

The next meeting is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 at 7pm at Village Hall.

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Please contact the Clerk or any Councillor with any concerns you would like discussed at the next meeting. **Everyone is welcome to attend PC meetings.**

Other planned meetings in 2019 ... 30<sup>th</sup> July, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

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