# LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr P Robinson (chairman), Mrs C Cowap, Dr C Hall, Mr R Hall,
Mrs J Marshall, Mr A Todd

**In attendance:** Ms E More Dutton**,** Mr G Cookson – clerk to the council

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|  **1.** | **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**There were no apologies for absence to receive. |  |
|  **2.** | **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March were confirmed as a correct record. |  |
| **3.** | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES Planning matters**: contact had been made with the LPA enforcement officer who had asked that more evidence be provided to in respect of the cases brought to the council’s attention. All councillors agreed to be vigilant.  | All members |
|  **4.** | **PLANNING MATTERS**1. **Applications NO:** 18/04800/OUT**Proposal**: Outline planning permission for 5 self-build/custom build dwellings. **Location:** Reclaimed World, Forest Road, TarporleyMr and Mrs Pearce, the current tenants at the property, attended the meeting and were allowed to address the council regarding this application. They explained that they were the tenants and were 7 years into a 10 year lease at the property. They described the background to the business and how they had developed it to the successful venture it now is. The loss of the business would have an effect on the 8 full time employees as well as having a deleterious impact on the local economy. The application to change the use of the site to housing accommodation was not sustainable because the location is surrounded by greenfield land and was not within easy reach of any public transport. Cllr Ms Moore Dutton advised the council that she had called in the application on the grounds of loss of employment land and the unsustainability of the site for housing purposes. Mr and Mrs Pearce then withdrew whilst the council considered the application.The council decided to object to the proposal on the following grounds;Contravention of LPA planning guidelines DM 19 Proposals for Residential Development because the land to be developed for housing is not located within reasonable walking distance of local facilities along a safe walking route, (the site is on the very busy A49 and there are no local facilities within reasonable walking distance),it would result in an unacceptable loss of employment land and buildings and the buildings are not redundant.Loss of jobs and employment land.Loss of a popular tourist attraction which contributes heavily to the local economy.Loss of an environmentally friendly business which promotes sustainable building practices.

APP NO: 19/00915/FULProposal: Beech tree (B1) - Fell due to its size and its very close proximity to the main dwelling house. Replace the Beech with a smaller native species if require Location: The Croft Mill Lane Little Budworth The council has no objections to this proposal.Notice of AppealAPP NO: 18/00327/FULProposal: Demolition of existing building and erection of 1 timber holiday lodge. Location: Minstead, Whitehall Lane, Little Budworth.The council will reaffirm its objections to this proposal. No new evidence has been put forward to change the council’s view. |  |
| **5.** **6.****7.** | **VILLAGE INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES****Village Green:** a lottery bid will be submitted in the near future for funding towards the play equipment. **Village Hall:** to nothing report. **Little Budworth Common**: more volunteers are being sought to help with the work of the friends of the Common. **Little Budworth Charities**: nothing to report. **Oulton Park Liaison Committee:** the race programme for 2019 has been published which is broadly similar to the 2018 programme although two events, Mini festival and a VW event are not taking place in 2019. **Parish Plan:** nothing to report.**Litter Picks:** the most recent event as part of the Great British Spring Clean was a great success with 17 volunteers and 36 bags of rubbish collected. Also issues need to be addressed with MSV about litter from events at Oulton Park and the use of employees on these activities.**Planting Team:** a street licence is being sought from CWAC for the planting team’s activitiesand a commitment has been received from CWAC to fund and plant some of the trees which are planned. It is also planned to erect a plaque in the bus shelter dedicating the centenary rockery to the fallen in battle. The thanks of the council were again passed on to the planting team. **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS****Highways matters:** a letter from a resident about flooding on Coach Roadwas received and discussed. Photographic evidence would be provided to support representations to the highway authority. **Village finger posts:** Jenny will undertake an audit of finger posts in the village with a view to the council refurbishing them and taking over their ownership from Cheshire west and Chester Council.FINANCE The following payments were authorised:Peter Robinson – hospitality at litter pick £75 (cheque no 100680)G Cookson: salary 1 -30 April (cheque no 100681)It was also noted that the clerk’s salary was increased from 1 April in line with the national pay award effective from that date.CHALC - £35 – (cheque no 100682) HMRC - £59.97 PAYE (cheque no 100683)DARTS £102.00 ((cheque no 100684 | GC |
| **8.** | **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7 May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.  |  |
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