

LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 October 2013 in the Village Hall

Present: Mrs C Cowap (chairman), Ms G Fairhurst, Miss J Hales, Mr R Hall, Mr P Robinson and Mr J Watson.

Apologies: Mr P Robinson

In attendance: Mr G Cookson – clerk to the council

Before the formal business of the meeting began Cathy Boyd from Cheshire West and Chester Council was invited to talk about the “Snow Angels” scheme. Basically this a community initiative whereby local residents volunteer to keep a watch on vulnerable members of their community during periods of inclement weather, particularly during periods of snow conditions. During those times “Snow Angels” would undertake such tasks as clearing snow from driveways, gritting etc. The scheme has operated in a number of villages in the area and Little Budworth was now being asked if it wished to become involved. It was agreed that this was something which could usefully be implemented in the village and could be taken forward through the Village Plan.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2013 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. PLANNING MATTERS

Pre application consultation

Provision of cattle underpass, to serve Oulton Lowe Farm under Hickurst Lane

It was not envisaged that the council would have any objections to this proposal.

Notice of Decision

APP NO: 13/02926/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 22m Alifabs portable tower, housing 4 antennae and 1 dish cabinet and ancillary equipment for period of 12 months.

Location: Oulton Park Racing Circuit, Park Road, Little Budworth.

Grant of planning permission.

APP NO: 13/02178/FUL

Proposal: Provision of shelters for car wash facilities and water reclamation plant

Location: Forest Road Service Station, Tarporley Road, Little Budworth,

Grant of planning permission. The council noted this decision but was concerned about the signage adjacent to the development and decided to refer this to the LPA’s enforcement officer to see if it Breached any planning conditions.

4 VILLAGE GREEN

There were no matters to report.

5 VILLAGE HALL

The next Rural Touring event will be held this coming Friday.

6 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Parish Plan: this is now progressing apace the next meeting of the steering group being tomorrow.

Little Budworth Country Park: the “friends” group has now opened its own bank account and it was agreed that £1000 be transferred from the parish council’s bank account to the “Friends”. This is in accordance with the terms of the members’ grant received earlier this year in order to “kick-start” the Friends’ group’s activities.

7 FINANCE

The following payments were authorised:

G Cookson salary 1 October – 31 October.

Ken Cox – maintenance September – £87

Little Budworth Village Hall Committee – meetings of PC and Parish Plan Steering Group - £140

Royal British Legion – donation towards Remembrance Day wreath - £45

Friends of Little Budworth Common - £1000

It was reported that the external auditors had provided the council with a “clean” report for the financial year 2012/13. The necessary statutory notices announcing the finalisation of the audit had been published.

Members received details of the council’s bank statements and monthly accounts up to 31 August 2013 as part of the management procedures.

8 OTHER BUSINESS.

Cycling Event – Oulton Park: a number of concerns were recorded about this event. These will be fed back to MSV at the next OPLC meeting so that in turn these be relayed to the organisers should a similar event be held next year.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 11 November 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.