

# ASTON BY BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council : Helen Percival [clerk@astonbybudworthpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@astonbybudworthpc.co.uk)

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Minute of a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 PM on 28.11.2023 at High  
Legh Village Hall

Those present: Daniel Chairperson  
Gething  
Alan  
Percival  
Ivan Finance  
Shepherd Officer  
Steven  
Wilkinson  
  
Kate  
Hague  
High  
Legh  
Ward  
Councillor

Apologies: Non

In attendance: Helen Percival (Clerk to the Parish Council) and one member of the public

## Parish Council Meeting 7.35pm

1. **Apologies for absence** – Non all in council members in attendance.
2. **Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting.**
  - 2.1. AP proposed the minutes seconded by IS and signed by DG
3. **Declaration of Interest**
  - 3.1. Non-Given
4. **Correspondence and Reports from Cllrs and Clerk**
  - 4.1. Clerks report – Signs update, the clerk contacted CE Highways department again regarding the signage, in August the Local Highways Officer requested the clerk go round the parish to make it clear which signs need replacing so that they could give an accurate quote. The clerk has chased the quote each month since but is still waiting for a final quote. KH

explained that CE highways are very over stretched and suggested ring fencing approximately £400 per sign in the budget as an estimate.

#### 4.2. **KH gave a report on the following items.**

- 4.2.1. **Green Waste subscription-** unfortunately Cheshire east have a major short fall in the budget and are trying to increase revenue this way despite it going against the government food waste recycling plans.
- 4.2.2. **Pickmere Lake** – correspondence from neighbouring parish councils. KH reported that some of the surrounding parish councils were hoping to create a car park near the lake, but this was in the early planning stages.
- 4.2.3. **HS2 Cancellation** – KH was please that HS2 had been cancelled through cheshire east but understood that some people would be disappointed and angry after it had taken so much time over the last 10 year and people who had had property purchase unnecessarily were still unsure of what would happen next.
- 4.2.4. **Digital connectivity in the parish** – the clerk explained that the parish was struggling to get reasonable help from BT/Open reach and Mobile telephone company to provide a sufficient service to residents, which could lead to people not being able to get help in an emergency. KH suggested attending the council meeting and asking the question directly to Cheshire east, the clerk will write the question and send to KH for approval.

#### 5. **Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.**

- 5.1. **Co-opting New Members** - AP suggested coopting Mr Benson on to the council this was agreed by all the council members.

#### 6. **Planning**

- 6.1. **No Planning applications submitted.**

#### 7. **Accounts**

- 7.1. **Accounts Report** -Finance Officer gave his report on the PCs account and noted that the first part of this year's precept had been deposited. No other large payments have been made to or from the account since the last meeting.
- 7.2. **Precept-** The clerk reminded the PC that the precept needed to be agreed, KH suggested that it needed to be increased significantly from its present amount, which is very low compared to neighbouring parishes, it was advised that due to CE budget constraints it is likely that the PC will be required to pay for services that have previously been paid for by CE, a figure of £3000.00 was advised.
- 7.3. **Agar return and Notice of right to inspect** – The Clerk reported that all the paperwork of the financial year end had been submitted or posted on line as required. The right to view the year end accounts had been posted on the website and on the notice board, no one had requested to see the accounts.
- 7.4. **CIL report-** the clerk will send the CIL report advising that the moneys have been ring fenced for the new signs when they quote is final produced by CE highways department.

**8. Public Forum – No Questions.**

**9. Any Other Business**

**Meeting closed at 8.30pm**

Helen Percival  
Clerk to the Council

Signed .....

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