

ASTON BY BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council : Helen Percival clerk@astonbybudworthpc.co.uk

Minute of a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:30 PM on 29.01.24 at High Legh
Village Hall

Those present:

Alan Percival
Ivan Shepherd Finance Officer
Steven Wilkinson
Malcom Benson

Apologies: Daniel Gething

Kate Hague High
Legh Ward
Councillor

In attendance: Helen Percival (Clerk to the Parish Council) and four members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence** – DG and KH
2. **Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting.**
 - 2.1. Meeting led by IS in DGs Absence.
 - 2.2. Minutes for the last meeting Proposed by SW and Seconded by AP, Signed by IS in DGs Absence,
3. **Declaration of Interest**
 - 3.1. SW declared an interest in Item 6.1 and 6.2
4. **Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.**
 - 4.1. Declaration of acceptance of office – Mr Benson was asked to officially join the PC and signed the Declaration of acceptance witnessed by AP
5. **Correspondence and Reports from Cllrs and Clerk**
 - 5.1. **Clerks report** –The clerk reported that she had sent the CIL report regarding the monies from Hield Farm Development being ringfenced for the new signs, she also reported that no update had been received regarding the quote from CE Highways despite repeated attempts to contact them so unfortunately no progress has yet been made in ordering them, the Clerk

had also reported Hield lane to Fix My Street again and Highways are coming to investigate the collapsing road way and flooding.

5.2. Digital connectivity in the parish, question to CE council,

5.2.1. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Kate Hague regarding the issue with lack of help from BT and Open reach regarding internet and phone line access after the copper network is disconnected. KH had asked for a question to be submitted to CE from the PC regarding these issues, KH sent a report to say that as expected, the CE Administration seemed uninterested in the issues affecting rural Wards. She has spoken to Simon Baynes MP who has been principal in bringing forward the governments Gigabyte voucher scheme. She explained the issues regarding ABB's broadband issues, and he has agreed to look into the matter and help try and find a solution. He understood that there seemed to be areas where broadband didn't extend to and that needs to be bespoke ways to help residents affected. KH stressed that this must be cost effective and affordable.

6. Planning

6.1. Great Budworth Dog Park –

6.1.1. The Dog park has still not submitted a planning application, having received several complaints from local residents the clerk had contacted the enforcement team who have confirmed that there is still an open case regarding the site. The complaints are regarding the lack of planning permission, flood lighting, noise from vehicles and dogs late and night and in the early mornings, and traffic down a narrow private lane. The Clerk will continue to keep in contact with the enforcement team.

6.2. 24/0178M Georges Lane Farm, Georges Lane, Aston by Budworth, CW9 6LS

6.2.1. The Georges Lane Farm Application has elicited a number of comments from local residents including those in attendance at the meeting, the Clerk gave an overview of the plans and also the planning regulations regarding making comment and what could and could not be objected to, SW abstained from commenting as a member of the council, the remaining members of the council all felt strongly that the application to demolish the thatched farm house and build a new modern house on a different area would be totally out of keeping with the location and contradict Greenbelt planning regulation and will also adversely affect residential amenities by overlooking and overshadowing neighbouring properties, it will also be visible from the surrounding area as the proposed now site for the house in what is now a garden/paddock is on higher ground than the original house.

IS proposed a vote to comment/object on the three points.

- Greenbelt and conservation planning regulations
- The character of the new property in the rural location
- The effect on residential amenities for the neighbouring property.

IS,AP,MB all voted to object, SW abstained from discussion and the vote.

7. Accounts

7.1. Accounts Report -Finance Officer/Clerk

7.1.1. IS gave a brief overview of the accounts, no unusual payment had been made, clerks invoices and web support and the insurance for the year had been renewed with Zurich and had been paid.

7.2. Precept update – Clerk submitted the precept request to CE, the increase was queried but the clerk explained that the PC had been advised to do so by KH due to CE requiring the PC to cover more expenses such as gritting and gully clearing. This was noted and accepted.

8. Public Forum

8.1. A member of the public asked if they could make comment on planning applications, it was explained that they could and told about the planning portal

9. Any Other Business

9.1. AP asked if any of the members of the public would be interested in joining the PC, Mr Williams said that he would like to join, the clerk will send some information before the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Helen Percival
Clerk to the Council

Signed

Dated