# LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr P Robinson (chairman), Dr C Hall, Mrs J Marshall and  
Mr G Todd.

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

30 members of the public.

Before the formal business took place Graham Fyldes and Steve Williams from Tarmac PLC were welcomed to the meeting to talk to residents about the company’s operations at Cobden Farm Quarry.  
They explained the history of the quarry, its annual output of 156,000 tons of sand and the expected lifespan of a further 2.75 years with an end date of September 2021. They also explained how restorative work is undertaken once areas have been worked out and how the local authority and the company monitored planning conditions relating to vehicle movements, noise and dust monitoring. The recent planning permission for the importation of limestone chippings to enable concrete sand to be produced on the site was discussed as too were possible expansion plans to the south of the A54. So far as the latter was concerned, test drilling and soil samples are currently being undertaken and analysed. The initial results are encouraging for the company but much more analytical work will need to be undertaken before the economic viability of the site can be determined.  
Questions were then invited from the audience. The majority of the questions related to the proposed activities south of the A54 with people living near to the site concerned about the potential impact on them. The Tarmac representatives were, at this stage, unable to give any information about timeframes or output levels because no decisions had yet been made about the site, nor could they be until the company’s due diligence and scientific testing had been completed.   
Graham and Steve were thanked for their presentations and the hope expressed that this could be repeated if and when any decision about the development of the land south of the A54 is made.

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| **1.** | **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Cowap and Mr R Hall |  |
| **2.** | **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018 were confirmed as a correct record. |  |
| **3.** | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting. |  |
| **4.** | **PLANNING MATTERS**  There were no planning matters to discuss. |  |
| **5.**  **6.**  **7.** | **VILLAGE INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES** **Village Green:** a planning meeting and a”grants” meeting for the proposed play equipment on the village green is being arranged..  **Village Hall:** nothing to report.  **Little Budworth Common**: nothing to report.  **Little Budworth Charities**: nothing to report  **Oulton Park Liaison Committee:** nothing to report  **Parish Plan:** nothing to report  **Litter Picks:** during the winter members of the team have been asked to do individual “picks” in their areas rather than arranging any organised sessions.    **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**  **First Aid Training:** arrangements are in place for the training on 26 January but the take-up has been slow.  **Control of plastic waste:**  the possibility of an initiative with other local parish councils and with CWaC was discussed. It was agreed that Jenny would take this forward. **CWAC Transport survey:** the data collected from the survey is currently being analysed and a meeting of local councils to be arranged to consider the outcomes. However, the relatively low response could mean that residents’ views are not accurately represented.. FINANCE The following payments were authorised: G Cookson – salary 1 -31 January and payment of council expenses  1 November – 31 December 2018, £86.81 (cheque no 100692)Jamie Wright – maintenance £71.50 (cheques no 100693) **Precept 2019/20;** members discussed the precept for the coming financial year. They took into account expenditure trends this year and likely spending on various projects in the coming year. It was agreed to set the precept at £5945 for 2019/20 | JM |
| **8.** | **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5 February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. |  |

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