# LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2019

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

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

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| **1.**  **2.**  3. | **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** Before the formal business began Frank Tunney from Utkinton Parish Council addressed the council and members of the public about public transport issues in the local area. He would be making a similar presentation to other neighbouring councils over the next couple of weeks.  His presentation was entitled “Transport for All the Community.” He explained that there is a clear need for public transport in the area. Currently there are no bus routes and it is difficult to get to the bus routes which run between the major towns (Crewe to Chester, Northwich to Crewe and Northwich to Chester). The existing community transport initiatives (Dial A Ride) are not working because of their limited availability and accessibility. His solution to the problem was a circular route through the local villages which linked the villages to and from the routes referred to above. There were a number of variations on the circular feeding theme but what the proposal retained was the relatively direct route for the buses between Crewe, Northwich and Chester keeping them attractive to existing users without necessitating adding long times to routes going via all the small villages.  He explained that at the present time he did not have any details of the cost of the proposals or from where funding was likely to be obtained, but he was having initial discussions with CWaC, local councillor and MPs.  Members of the council and the local residents strongly supported the initiative and encouraged Frank to take forward the proposal to the next stage.  **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  There were no apologies to record.  **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS Acceptance of office:** all members signed their acceptance of office declarations and returned them to the clerk. **Appointment of chairman:** It was resolved that Mr Peter Robinson be appointed chairman for the year.  **Appointment of vice chairman** It was resolved that Dr Caroline Hall be appointed vice-chairman for the year.  **Members’ interests** There had been no changes to members’ interests since their declaration forms were last completed. **Code of Conduct:** members reaffirmed their acceptance of the model Cheshire West and Chester code of conduct. **Membership:** there still remained 3 vacancies on the council. It was agreed that these would be filled by co-option over the coming months as suitable candidates emerged. |  |
| **4**  **.** | **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** The minutes of the meeting held on 2April were confirmed as a correct record. |  |
| **6.** | **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**  **Planning matters**: members again discussed enforcement issues relating to a number of properties. |  |
| **7.** | **PLANNING MATTERS**   1. **Applications**   **APP NO:** 19/01315/OUTL **Proposal**: Erection of three dwellings.  **Location:** Land Adjacent Fox and Barrel, Tarporley Road  The council objected to this proposal on the following grounds:   * traffic accessibility and egress because this development will create a number of junctions on the A49 within a very short distance; * the nature of the proposed development was totally out of character with neighbouring properties.; * the site is outside the Village Settlement Boundaries of Cotebrook, and Little Budworth and is not within a ‘Local Service Centre’ nor does it form any part of a ‘Rural Exception Site; * It does not provide any affordable housing nor does the proposed development contribute to the visual amenity of this part of the village; * the proposed development is based on supporting the viability of a public house rather than contributing positively to the character or infrastructure of the community; * the area is not adequately served by alternative modes of transport to the private car and the availability of ‘public’ transport is sporadic and at times which do not allow for commuting to the Key or Local Service Centres or further afield for work, education, leisure or health reasons.   (As this development straddles Little Budworth and Utkinton parishes it was agreed to share the council’s views with UPC so that, hopefully, a co-ordinated response can be submitted to the LPA.) **APP NO:** 19/01283/S73 **Proposal**: Removal of Condition 2 (Removal of agricultural tie) of 4/21634  **Location:** Keepers Cottage Hickhurst Lane Little Budworth  The council objected to this proposal on the grounds that there was a shortage of agricultural accommodation in the area and such premises should be retained for the purpose which they were created. |  |
| **8.**    **9**  **10.** | **VILLAGE INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES** Village Green: the application to the National Lottery is virtually complete and will be submitted imminently. The annual ROSPA inspection has taken place and the report submitted. .  Village Hall: nothing to report.  Little Budworth Common: nothing to report. Little Budworth Charities: nothing to report. Oulton Park Liaison Committee: there had been some traffic management issues in the village following recent meetings. These will taken-up with MSV.  Parish Plan: nothing to report.  Village amenities: another litter pick to be arranged soon.  Planting team; nothing to report.  **CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS**  There were no matters to report.  **FINANCE** The following payments were authorised:  G Cookson salary: 1 – 31 May and council expenses 1 March – 30 April, £143.81 (cheque no 200343)  CHALC – subs 2019/20£210.68, (cheque no 200344).  Jamie Wright - £117 mowing and maintenance (cheque no 200345)  Audit 2018/19: the annual governance form and the exemption from a limited audit form were approved and signed-off. The remaining forms will be dealt with at the next meeting. | GT  GC |
| **11.** | **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4 June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. |  |