

LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January 2014 in the Village Hall

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

In attendance: Mr G Cookson – clerk to the council

Outside of the formal agenda a number of items were raised by visitors to the meeting.

1. Planning Application 13/05434/OUT. A number of residents came to listen to the discussion of this planning application. Before the meeting began members of the public were invited to make any representations about the application in the context that whilst they were welcome to listen to the councillors' deliberations they could not, at that time, make any contribution to the decision making process. Those who spoke were opposed to the development on the grounds that the land in question was prime agricultural land, that the development was not infill and that planning permission for this application would create a precedent for virtually any speculative development anywhere in the village.
2. Planning Application 13/04301/FUL. Dominic Oakshott spoke about his disappointment that the council had not objected to this proposal. He was particularly concerned that negative comments from, amongst others, the LPA's conservation officer had not been taken on board by the council. In the discussion it was pointed out that at the time, the council had received no feedback from residents about the proposal. His objection was lodged after the council meeting. Nevertheless, it was acknowledged that there was some merit in the point he was making about the negative comments referred to earlier not being given sufficient weight by the council.
3. PC Ged Giggs presented his regular report. There had been few reported crimes but over the Christmas holiday a number of horses had been found roaming on some local roads.

1 MINUTES

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

2 MATTERS ARISING

A49 speed limit issues: Peter reported on the meeting with CWaC highways representative. They had promised to consider lowering the speed limit to 50mph along the stretch of road about which the parish council was most concerned as part of a wider review of the A49. It was also established that some additions to the road signage could be implemented to improve safety

Dodd's Houses: the council was pleased to note that improvements to the building were being undertaken.

3 PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

APP NO: 13/05434/OUT

Proposal: Two storey detached dwelling.

Location: Land at Whitehall Lane, Little Budworth.

The council objected to this application on the grounds that the land in question was prime agricultural land, that the development was not infill and that planning permission for this application would create a precedent for virtually any speculative development anywhere in the village.

APP NO: 13/05210/FUL

Proposal: Replacement garage/hobby building.

LOCATION: Sunnyside Farm, Shop Lane Little Budworth Tarporley

The council had no objections to this proposal.

APP NO: 13/05330/S73

Proposal: Removal of condition 4 (site only to be used as overspill for rallies) and variation of condition 5 (no more than 50 touring caravans) and 6 (no hard standing on rally field of permission APP/2004/1463 to allow for siting of caravans for a period of time on site 30 touring caravans sited for rallies, 10 on seasonal pitches and a maximum of 25 stored at one time with hard standing and associated access on the rally field.

LOCATION: Elm Cottage, Chester Lane, Little Budworth Tarporley

The council decided that a site visit would be beneficial to enable an informed decision to be made. It was agreed that Ray Hall and John Hales should make the visit and that they be authorised to make a decision on the council's behalf about this application.

(Following the site meeting it was determined that the council would not object to this proposal.)

APP NO: 13/05317/FUL

Proposal: Remove trees along boundary and widen access road.

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

The council had no objection to this proposal

4 VILLAGE GREEN

See parish plan report.

5 VILLAGE HALL

There were no matters to report.

6 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

Parish Plan: the next meeting is on 14 Jan and one of the main tasks will be to bring together the volunteers to allocate to them their roles – including the management of the Village Green.

Little Budworth Country Park: although the new lease was still awaiting signature members recorded their thanks to Ray for all his work in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

Royal Garden Party: it was agreed that in accordance with past practice the chairman would be nominated for inclusion in the raffle for tickets for this year's garden party.

CHALC Planning Workshop: it was agreed to send two delegates to this seminar in April.

Superfast Broadband: members were advised that a presentation was to be held at Tarporley Community Centre on 21 January about CWaC's proposals to continue the roll-out of SuperFast broadband in rural areas.

7 FINANCE

The following payments were authorised:

G Cookson salary 1 – 31 January and reimbursement of council's expenses during the period 1 November – 31 December: £61.10.

Members received details of the council's monthly accounts up to 30 November 2013 as part of the management procedures.

Precept: A draft budget for 2014/15 was presented and discussed. It was agreed that the council's requirement from CWaC should be £4800 made up as follows:

Total parish council budget:	£4800
Less CWaC council tax reduction grant:	£224
Parish precept:	£4576

8 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 10 February 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.