

# Butterton Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 20th January, 2026 at 7pm

**1. Apologies** – Cllrs Tracey Perkin and Darren Kirby

Welcome Residents Brian and Lily Hambleton Plumb, Cllr Jonathon Kempster

### **Public Comments, Questions or Representations**

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December....**Accepted as correct and signed

### **3. Matters arising**

\*Cllrs Hewitt and Tomlinson will review the obstruction problem at the Greenlow Head/Bank entrance and take preventative action when the leaves are on the trees.

\* Cllr Kempster reported that placements of poles and signs is the responsibility of SCC Highways and placing any new poles would come at a cost.

\* The Clerk reported that the problem with HMRC re late filing penalties has now been resolved but unfortunately at a cost.

\* Cllr Stone's letter to the PDNPA highlighting the PC's concerns about incorrect information in their Local Plan Review has been sent.

### **Business Items**

**4. Radon implications (a colourless and odorless gas caused by radioactive decay of uranium in the underlying rocks)...**Mr and Mrs Plumb attended to express their concerns re how many residents are aware of the levels of Radon in various areas in the parish, especially anyone moving into the area. The main risk of high radon exposure is the development of lung cancer. Detectors/Monitors are available to purchase. In addition radon preventative membranes can be used as insulation barriers during building works. Hopefully the PC can somehow make the community aware. Perhaps some flyers to be distributed at Warm Welcome, in Church, Black Lion, Village Hall and on Butterton Facebook page would be a good start. **Cllr Kempster will do some research within the Public Health sector.**

**5. Gritting in the Parish....**Cllr Kempster has attempted to make contact with Dave Rushton and Charlotte Kelly regarding the grit situation. A suitable solution is yet to be found. Added to the list of concerns to be considered are pothole and general road repairs that were originally reported months, even years ago. There is also great concern re the road leading down to Swainsley. There is an unprotected verge which could cause a vehicle leaving the road to drop down the steep slope.

**6. Local Government Reorganisation-** Mark Deaville's letter of concern to the Government circulated to all Parish Councils for backing was signed by all and will be forwarded.

**7. Defib-** The question of suitable pads for use with children was discussed and resolved following advice given. No further action needed.

**8. Finance a. Payments received-** none **b. Payments requested-** Playground Inspection- £147.60: HMRC- £184.23: Cllr Stone- £10.79 for website fee **c. Account balances given.** **d. Precept-** The Councillors agreed to a suggested increase of 2.98%.

### **Correspondence**

**9. PDNPA- General-** Nothing to report **Planning-** Nothing to report

**10. Severn Trent-** Nothing to report

**11. Highways** – nothing further to report

**12. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council-** Nothing to report

**13. Staffordshire County Council** – Nothing to report

**14. Staffordshire Parish Councils Association-** Nothing to report

**15. Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly-** Nothing to report

**Other Correspondence**- All emails have been sent to Councillors as and when received by the Clerk.

**16. AOB-** Cllr Kempster reminded the PC of possible available funding .At a recent meeting of the Growth and Community committee it was announced that a Rural Development fund (max £1,500) has become available for a Community activity.

\* Cllr Tomlinson praised the actions of parishioners who went over and above to help in a recent desperate gritting situation.

[The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th February, 2026 at 7pm.](#)

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