

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 21st January, 2025 at 7pm

1. **Apologies** – None. All present

Public Comments, Questions or Representations

Welcome to Jonathan Kempster

2. **Minutes of meeting** held on Tuesday 22nd October, 2024 agreed by all present and signed as correct.

NB. November meeting cancelled. January meeting date changed.

3. Matters arising...

* Damage at the wall at the Ford. **Cllr Land making enquiries re contact details for the company** that the lorry belongs to **and also awaiting quotes for repair.**

* Christmas tree. Initially the tree looked brilliant but it succumbed to the bad weather. Let's hope for better luck next year.

Business Items

4. **Precept...**There is an increase of 5% this year but the end result is only an increase of 2%. Number of households have increased from 102 to 105.

5. **Website...**It was agreed to renew the website domain....butterton.org.uk

6. **Lengthsman...**The lengthsman has asked for an increase in his hourly rate. It was proposed to award him £14 per hour. All in agreement

7. **Finance** a. **Payments received-** None b. **Payments requested-** Mike Stone/Hostinger (website) - £10.79, Playground Inspection- £142.80 c. **Account balances** given.

Correspondence

8. **PDNPA- General-** Nothing to report **Planning-** Meadowfold, Onecote planning application response

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

10. **Highways** – Nothing further to report apart from outstanding job numbers and Reportonline requests.

11. **Staffordshire Moorlands District Council-** A discussion re the insufficient/inefficient gritting in the Parish. Cllr Jonathan Kempster has very kindly prompted various SMDC/SCC officials on our behalf. The Clerk sent an email to Mark Deaville but has not received a response. Gill Heath when contacted has done her best to sort the problem. An ongoing issue.....

12. **Staffordshire County Council** – Following a request, Andy Owen has contacted the Clerk with a proposal to erect a new sign at the top of Butterton Moor Bank. The present sign has been damaged on two occasions.

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

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

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

15. **AOB-** * Thanks to Cllr Kirby for sorting the clock at the Village Hall.

*Cllr Kempster drew our attention to the Best Kept Village Competition.

Cllr Kempster reported on the Farming Life Centre's request for a Farmer's Befriender who would be willing to be trained up. He has more details.

Cllr Kempster will also look into the possibility of arranging a Talk about Rural Isolation.

[The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th February, 2025 at 7pm.](#)

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