

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 29th July, 2025 at 7pm

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Mike Stone.

Public Comments, Questions or Representations

Welcome to Carl Gibbs and Cllr Jonathan Kempster

2. **Minutes of meeting** held on Tuesday 17th June, 2025 agreed by all present and signed as correct.

3. **Matters arising**

***Wall at Ford**- A representative from the haulage company has visited the site and given the go ahead. We await their decision in writing. **Cllr Land to liaise with Philip Bestwick.**

***Connect Fibre** letters received but not by all. We remain unsure of the situation and await updates.

Business Items

4. **Scarecrow Competition**- The Parish Council again agreed to sponsor the prizes at the Wakes.

5. **Lime Kiln/Rose Cottage trees and others of concern**- There are problems with various trees overhanging the highways. There is a 'pinch point' between Stoop House and the small croft at Stocks Green. **Cllr Land will contact parishioners concerned.** The trees at the entrance to Greenlow at the Butterton Woods entrance are also a hazard to vehicles exiting the lane onto Butterton Moor Bank. **Cllrs Tomlinson and Hewitt would take a look at the trees on the Butterton Woods roadside.**

6. **Church Corner bollards and benches**- These need re-staining as they are looking 'tired'. Hopefully this can be accomplished before the Wakes. **Cllr Tomlinson to hopefully complete task.**

7. **Caravan behind Patten House**- There has been a query raised as to the present usage of the caravan. It was suggested Peak Park Planning could advise.

8. **20mph speed request**- Parishioner Carl Gibbs has raised concerns re the speed of vehicles through the Middle of Town and asked if reducing the speed limit to 20mph was possible. We have no safe areas/pavements for pedestrian use and with many elderly residents the area is becoming more dangerous particularly at the junction of Lime Kiln Road and Penfold Lane/ Leech Lane. **Cllr Land to contact PCSO's and Cllr Kempster to contact Charlotte Kelly** on our behalf. Cllr Kempster advised that we would need statistics to prove our case.....

9. **Finance** a. **Payments received**- None b. **Payments requested**- Lengthsman payment- £574.00 c. **Account balances** given.

Correspondence

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

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

9. **Highways** – A brief discussion about the appearance of an overlarge water gauge sign in the Brook at the Ford.

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

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

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

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

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

14. **AOB**

* Cllr Kempster reminded the councillors that there is a meeting at Waterhouses on 11th August where various officers would be in attendance to discuss the Local Government Reorganisation. There is a deadline of 29th November set when decisions of the split will be announced.

*Cllr Kempster has had sight of a map of Butterton properties affected by the Connect Fibre scheme. He will email a copy as it becomes available.

*Grit Bin situation has not gone away but discussions/work has been delayed until later in the year as the weather changes.

*There is a Public Space Protection Order in operation in the Moorlands. Signs have gone up in some areas. Although difficult to police, it is hoped there is a reduction in summer season wildfires.

[The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th September, 2025 at 7pm.](#)

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