

Butterton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 8th April, 2025 at 7pm

1. Apologies – Councillors John Hewitt and Tracey Perkin

Public Comments, Questions or Representations

Welcome to Jonathan Kempster

2. Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 25st February, 2025 agreed by all present and signed as correct.

3. Matters arising...

* Cllr Land to pursue info from Peter Griffin re the lorry damage at the Ford.

* The Council unfortunately still has no real answer as to who is ultimately responsible for the Manifold Track. The Clerk will email Paul Rochfort (ROW Officer) for his comments on overgrown vegetation across the Track.

* The concern re the use of Butterton Wood, in the light of a parishioner's enquiry, has been resolved and an explanation given.

Business Items

4. Insurance- Parish Assets increased accordingly. The 3 yearly VAT claim has been actioned.

5. Area of the Ford- Steve Billings (Lengthsman) is to be asked to replace the slipped stepping stone. Repairs to the damaged wall pending the haulage company's acceptance of responsibility and payment.

6. Flagpole- The flagpole needs cleaning. Cllr Tomlinson to pursue the costs of doing so.

7. Planters- An increased budget of £250 was agreed to allow Lisa Gale to continue tending the tubs.

8. Finance **a. Payments received-** £70 from Cllr Jonathan Kempster's SMDC Community funding pot (used to help offset Playground Annual Inspection fee), £20- Pinfold Rent from M and B Rowland, £461.61 VAT refund **b. Payments requested-** Clerk Salary- £952.86: Clerk's Expenses- £148.78: HMRC-£238.20 **c. Account balances** given. A request was made by St Bartholomew's Church for assistance with churchyard maintenance this year. £500 was proposed. Proposed Cllr Karen Salt and seconded by Cllr Jenny Land. All in agreement.

A discussion was held between those present as to the request from High Peak regarding the PC divulging our financial state. They will get a response as and when the information becomes available.

Correspondence

9. PDNPA- General- Nothing to report **Planning-** No planning requests

10. Severn Trent- Nothing to report

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

12. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council - Nothing to report. Aware of ongoing repair issues

13. Staffordshire County Council –

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- * A query received regarding a tree growing in the highway with branches that overhang a vulnerable parishioner's property, with the potential to damage their phone cables in bad weather.....Highways show no interest. The Clerk to supply details to Cllr Kempster.

* Cllr Kempster continues to attempt to get action re grit piles and bins in the parishes

* There is a Great Outdoors Walking Festival flyer to post on boards (Takes place 25th April-5th May)

The next meeting is the APM on Tuesday 6th May, 2025 at 7pm.

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