



Minutes of Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at the Budbrooke Community Centre

Present: Cllr M Dutton, Cllrs K Dutton, D Bryan, M Treacy-Hales, R Treacy-Hales, D Shirley, A Thomas, R Daffern, Kay Sheriston (Parish Clerk), 3 members of the public.

Apologies: WDC Cllr J Matecki.

- 1. Opening & Welcome:** Cllr Mike Dutton welcomed everyone and explained the format of the meeting.
- 2. Minutes of the previous meeting.** The minutes of the Budbrooke Annual Parish Meeting, held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 were approved and signed.
- 3. Annual Reports 2021 – 2022.**

Chairman's Report: In June last year we sought views for the 2022-2027 Plan.

No meetings were held in public from May – July 21 during which time they were held via Zoom to deal with urgent matters. A face-to-face meeting was held in August 2021. The new Parish Clerk (Kay Sheriston) was appointed in Nov 21. The Community Centre officials resigned from the committee and BPC became custodians for a while. A new committee has now been appointed and is working well. 2021 was a difficult year for all and I thank all the Parish and WDC/WCC councillors, especially Cllr Jan Matecki. We are hoping we will be able to keep everything moving forward in the parish. Reports were also received from Cllr Jan Matecki (WDC), Cllr Rhonda Treacy-Hales (Village Hall) and Cllr A Thomas (Community Centre). They are attached to these minutes.

4. Forward Plan 2022-2027. Cllr M Dutton advised that the CIL fund currently stands at £359,782.49. (Afternote: this has now been corrected to £341,282.49 due to the sum of £18,500 being attributed to the CIL account rather than the precept account). Cllr Dutton explained that there are conditions attached to the expenditure of the CIL monies. The spends must relate to mitigating the effects of the new developments on the parish and support National and Regional policies. The proposals include allotments, an outdoor gym, children's playground, a community garden (possibly in Montgomery Park). BPC will be aiming to maintain the spaces that currently exist and reducing environmental impacts, for example rather than cutting trees down, plant new ones and consider re-wilding more spaces. The Community Centre requires a new roof and potentially an internal refurbishment/redesign to allow two groups to use it at a time. The lease in the Village Hall expires in 10-15 years so planning is required for this. The Open Door Café is now open

A resident asked about the footbridge over the A46. Cllr Mike Dutton explained that this matter has been ongoing for many years and has not yet been resolved. Cllr Dutton is in discussion with Highways. The matter of a sign warning traffic of pedestrians on the bend between Montgomery Park and the hill to Hampton on the Hill was also raised. The Clerk advised she is still in discussion with Highways who are reluctant to place more road signs in that area as they distract drivers.

A resident commented on the status of Montgomery Park play area advising that the slide is perishing, and the area overall would benefit from more facilities for early years children, eg. a sandpit and toddler friendly climbing. The resident cited Abbey Fields and Strathearn Garden parks as good examples of parks with facilities for younger children. Cllr M Dutton thanked the resident for his input. Cllr Maggie Treacy Hales suggested the resident sources photographs of what he considers to be good examples of equipment suitable for younger children and to provide details of the constructors, etc. for the parish council to consider.

A resident raised the question of seating around the parish, commenting that with the expansion of the villages, further seating would be beneficial to allow walkers to rest. Cllr Kate Dutton advised that permission is needed to place seating on the pavements and green spaces. Agreed that Cllr Rhonda Treacy Hales would work with the lady who runs the weekly walks to identify potential sites. **Action: Cllr Rhonda Treacy Hales.** It was emphasized by another resident that any new seating should be made of recyclable materials.

The question of who owns the communal land in the new developments was raised by a resident. Cllr M Dutton advised that this matter is not yet open for discussion with the developers. The same resident asked if it would be possible for BPC to purchase land in the area to avoid further development. Cllr Dutton advised the current government policy is pro-developer as are both Warwick District and County Councils. Cllr Dutton further advised that an attempt to purchase the land at the back of Hampton on the Hill was made in the past, but the landowner declined to sell. The resident further stated he didn't feel the 2022-27 plan was actually a plan – Cllr Dutton advised it is a set of objectives. Cllr Dutton further advised that the developers have an obligation (under Section 106) to consider and possibly mitigate for the effects of their developments on NHS/GP services, education, police, and other blue light services. The GP service in Budbrooke is currently over-subscribed leaving additional residents with nowhere to go. A planning application has been submitted to build flats on the pub car park with space below to expand the surgery. The CIL money is based on new build having a tax of £70.00 per square metre. Cllr Dutton emphasized that BPC can only set out what they wish to achieve in terms of using the CIL money – WDC have far more authority. The neighbourhood plan is also limited in its powers, for example, more bungalows and homes with disability access properties would be desirable though not necessarily achievable.

A resident mentioned that the Budbrooke Parish Council website is not up to date as it is missing the Parish meeting minutes since February. The Clerk advised this is in hand and will be updated by the end of May.

Cllr Andy Thomas advised that efforts were successful to get more charging points installed, but they were only for the Hampton Trove development. Cllr Thomas also mentioned that the developers have been persuaded not to put all the social housing together – instead, these are spread throughout the new developments. He emphasized that BPC have no power or influence as such in these matters – they can only forward views and concerns. The original number of new builds was 13,000, however WDC have advised the target is now 17,000 for the District.

A member of the public returned to the subject of the potential bridge over the A46 and asked if Sustrans and The Ramblers have been approached. Cllr Kate Dutton advised that their input has been sought in the past. It was agreed the Clerk would investigate contacting them again for support. **Action: Clerk.**

5. Bus Service

The IndigoPlus service is available to book through the app from Thursday 19th May for journeys starting on Monday 23rd May when it goes live. Cllr Bryan advised that a pre-paid card is not yet available but hopes it will be soon. He added that BPC are working closely with WCC Transport to make the service as user friendly as possible including:

- cash payment
- pricing
- season tickets

The Mega Rider is not accepted at the moment.

Cllr Thomas mentioned that the developers were going to contribute towards the cost of transport in the area. Cllr Bryan advised this would need to be pursued under a Section 106 application.

A resident asked for details of the meeting points should people want to travel from different but nearby locations. This is yet to be advised.

The meeting closed at 2115 hrs.

