



**BUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 8pm in the
Budbrooke Community Centre**

Present: Cllr Mike Dutton (Chair), Cllrs Kate Dutton, David Bryan, Dave Shirley, Andy Thomas, Rhonda Treacy-Hales, Maggie Treacy Hales, Robert Daffern, Jan Matecki (WDC & WCC)

Clerk: Kay Sheriston

Abbreviations: BCA – Budbrooke Community Association/ HA – Highways Authority/ HOTH – Hampton on the Hill/ HOTHRA – Hampton on the Hill Residents’ Association/ NALC – National Association of Local Councils/ NW - Neighbourhood Watch/ PC – Parish Council/ PCSO – Police Community Support Officer / WALC – Warwickshire Association of Local Councils / WRCC – Warwickshire Rural Community Council/ WRWCF – Warwick Rural West Community Forum / WCC – Warwickshire County Council/ WDC – Warwick District Council / NP - Neighbourhood Plan / FB - Facebook / BVH - Budbrooke Village Hall / BBCC - Budbrooke Community Centre / CIL - Community Infrastructure Levy / DPI - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests / FB- Facebook

Item 1 – Public Participation

- (a) It was reported that the water problem in Sumner Close has now been resolved. Thanks were given to the parish council.
- (b) A resident asked about the future of the existing bus shelter on Slade Road as the Indie bus tends to still use this as the main stop. Cllr Mike Dutton explained that consideration is being given to removing it and replacing with a bench. This item will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.
- (c) It was reported that the Maine Close footpath has been opened.
- (d) It was reported that the No.2 Street Lamp is not working and appears to be leaning. **Action: Clerk to report.**
- (e) A member of the public asked about the restoration of the red phone box in HOTH. The Clerk advised that this was due to be completed imminently. The resident also asked about options for use of the box going forward, for example as a mobile library. Cllr Rhonda Tracey Hales suggested this be discussed once the restoration is complete.
- (f) A resident reported that the ‘Hampton Magna’ sign as you approach the village is quite tatty and could be cleaned up. Cllr David Bryan advised that, due to the finish of the sign, it cannot be cleaned unfortunately.

Item 2 - Register, Apologies & Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

The register was completed (apart from Cllr Matecki who had previously given apologies for arriving late). There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

Item 3 - Approve June meeting minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st June were agreed and signed by the Chair.

Item 4 - Matters Arising

- (a) Access to footpaths. Cllr Matecki advised that the paths are to be re-instated before they can be inspected. No further progress – Cllr Matecki will push again for response.
- (b) Road from Hampton Magna to Hampton on the Hill – sign warning of oncoming traffic. Ongoing discussion with WC. Cllr Matecki advised he will use his own budget if necessary.

(c) Damaged bus shelter. Ratification of the decision to remove the bus shelter and replace with a bench. Given that the new bus service is still using the Slade Road shelter as a main stopping point, it was decided to investigate replacing the current shelter with a covered bench rather than simply a bench. It was however, noted that the Damson Road stop does not have a shelter.

Agreed the Clerk would investigate cost of following options:

- (1) Removing the existing structure completely
- (2) Replacing the glass and seat in the existing structure
- (3) Replacing existing structure with a covered bench unit

It was noted that a wooden structure (similar to that in HOTH) would be classed as a building and planning permission required. This is unlikely to be granted as Highways consider the shelter to be a visual hazard. A further option would be to place a new shelter on the other side of the road. **Action: Clerk to place on agenda for 3rd August meeting.** A resident asked if CIL money could be used to purchase a new shelter – Cllr Mike Dutton advised this is possible but would need to be checked with WDC/WCC.

Cllr Matecki joined the discussion at a later point. Several members of the public raised the fact that the bus service was using only the previously designated stops to pick up and drop off. This is contrary to the original advertisement for the service which stated people can choose their own pick up and drop off points. Cllr Matecki has raised this issue and a few other points with the provider and will continue to have discussions. It was also highlighted that the contact service is closed at weekends – Cllr Matecki advised this is probably a cost issue and unlikely to change in the near future. Rides can currently be booked 7 days in advance which may move to 14 days. Cllr Thomas asked whether the developers would contribute towards a bus stop on Aaras Boulevard – advised the developers have already contributed £60,000 towards the new service. Cllr Rhonda Treacy Hales advised a similar service is operational in Wolverhampton where they also had issues at the beginning. Cllr David Bryan suggested it would be useful to have feedback from WDC as to whether the service is being viewed as successful so far. It seems to be from the passenger point of view. **Action: Cllr Matecki to ascertain whether WDC consider the service is financially viable going forward.**

Cllr Mike Dutton asked whether the cost of free use of the bus is paid by WDC/WCC.

Action: Cllr Matecki to investigate. Cllr Bryan commented that when the scheme was first launched across the country, some town councils complained of loss of revenue.

(d) Dogs in Styles Park – agreement of signage wording. The following wording was agreed ‘**Please keep your dogs on a lead while in the park.**’ An image of a fouling dog and notice of the possibility of a £1000 fine will be added.

(e) Tarmac footpath in Styles Park – tree roots have raised the path in two places. **Action: Clerk to obtain quotes for repair via Martin Davies.**

Item 5 – BPC Planning Document/CIL Funds

(a) Outdoor Gym – Clerk now has 3 companies which she is working with to provide options and quotes. Cllr Robert Daffern cited the gym in Cubbington as a good example. **Action: Clerk to follow up.**

(b) Working in conjunction with Hatton Parish Council. Agreed not to progress at present.

Item 6 – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation

Cllr Mike Dutton advised that two paths are being considered:

- (1) from the traffic lights, turning left along the canal to Budbrooke Trading Estate
- (2) from the new development through to Henley Road

Cllr Andy Thomas noted that the map provided on the consultation documents shows the footpath through HOTH allotments. It was agreed that:

(a) **Clerk to look for previous correspondence** when at application was made to re-instate this footpath (approximately 12 years ago)

(b) **Cllr Thomas to write to WCC** highlighting that this path now links in with the cycling consultation.

Item 7 - Planning

(a) H.19.11 – Lane to the South of Birmingham Road - Care Home. Application previously refused now back on the table. The architects now will attend the BPC meeting in August. Cllr Maggie Treacy Hales requested the presented be framed around the objections and the steps that have been taken to remedy the previous objections. **Action: Clerk to liaise with architect and circulate new plans to all members of BPC.**

(b) W/22/0639 - 7 Montgomery Avenue, HOTH, CV35 8QP. Erection of proposed front porch extension following demolition of existing porch and bin store. Installation of partial garage conversion to utility/boot room. GRANTED.

(c) W/21/0708/0709/0710 – Barns 1-5, 6 & 7 Stanks Farm, Old Budbrooke Road. GRANTED

(d) W/21/0813 Grove Park House, Hampton on the Hill Prior Approval for the Enlargement of Dwelling House with an additional storey under Class AA Delegated. Noted this is the bungalow, not the main house at Grove Park.

(e) Cllr Andy Thomas advised that work continues on Brickyard Cottage and permission for a new build was granted in May 21. It appears BPC were not formally consulted on this and possibly other applications too. **Action: Clerk to look for papers relating to Brickyard Cottage and discuss whether missing applications need to be discussed with WDC.**

Item 8 - Correspondence

(a) Chemical Spraying. Concerns have been raised by residents regarding the use of glyphosate for spraying verges and pathways by Idverde (WDC Street Cleaning contractor) due to its potential carcinogenic properties. WDC have advised alternatives have been investigated, however they are not financially viable – they have also stated they are unable to give notice of when the spraying will take place. **Action: Clerk to send details to Cllr Matecki who will investigate.**

(b) Grass Cutting. There was a discussion regarding grass cutting around the parish. Cllr Matecki confirmed the number of cuts has been reduced and re-wilding is being pursued in some areas. Consultation is on-going regarding re-wilding of verges. The Clerk advised that the cutting in HOTH has not been done for some time – she is following up.

Item 9 - Parish Maintenance/Playgrounds

(a) Cherry Tree, Clinton Avenue: Forestry have advised that no surgery can be undertaken by residents, BPC, or 3rd party contractors.

(b) It has been reported that the Silver Birch trees at the Chipping Store/Stables entrance are becoming hazardous with one tree appearing to be supporting another which is dropping. The trees are also shredding pollen and the fence is falling. **Action: Clerk to report to WCC Forestry.**

(c) The wood on the sides of the slide roof in Montgomery Park is deteriorating. Quotes have been received for this and decision needed as to whether to progress with repair or replace.

(d) Potholes on Cherry Lane – **Clerk to report**

(e) The ‘please drive slowly’ wording on the Welcome to Hampton on the Hill sign is blocked by plants etc. **Clerk to arrange clearance.**

(f) Cllr Andy Thomas reported that contractors are parking at the bottom of Old School Lane near the hedge.

(g) Cllr Maggie Treacy Hales advised that Euan Buchanan who has kindly looked after the planters (as you come into the village) is no longer able to continue. Approval given for Sally Dunn to take over and invoice costs to the Clerk. The council expressed their gratitude to Euan and thanks to Sally.

(h) It was reported that a contractor van is frequently blocking access by parking on the pavement in Hampton on the Hill. Advised that the police should be informed or a polite request to the driver.

(i) The number of dog fouling incidents in Styles Park has increased.

Item 10 - Community Centre/Village Hall Items

- (a) The Village Hall noticeboard is on order.
- (b) Community Centre – nothing to report.

Item 11 – Website/Facebook

- (a) It has been reported that many drivers within the parish are using mobile phones whilst driving. **Action: Clerk to write a notice for the next newsletter.**

Item 12 – Finance

The bank reconciliation and accompanying cheques/invoices were approved and signed.

Item 13 – Any Other Business

- (a) Road Closures surrounding the cycling event on Sunday 7th August were discussed with concerns being raised regarding access for emergency vehicles, carers, and other essential visitors. Action: Clerk to obtain full details and publish (afternote: full details of the closures are included in this link [Cycling Road Race \(birmingham2022.com\)](https://www.birmingham2022.com) which includes advice for carers. Emergency services will be able to access as normal.
- (b) Cllr Robert Daffern advised that the defibrillators in the community centre and village hall are not registered on the defibrillator app (defribmap.co.uk) which could have serious consequences as the emergency services are not aware of them. Caroline Edwards kindly agreed to put them on the app.

Item 14 – Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 3rd August in the Community Centre.