



**BUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Wednesday 3rd August 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, Jan Matecki (WDC & WCC)

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 member of the public advised that the pathway referred to in Item 6 (1) in the minutes of the 6th of July meeting needs to be amended as ‘the path behind St Michael’s church to Budbrooke Trading Estate’. **Action: Clerk to amend.**

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

The register was completed. Apologies were received from Cllr Dave Shirley and the Clerk. There were no declarations of interest or dispensations.

Item 3 - Approve July meeting minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th July were agreed subject to the following amendment:

Page 2, paragraph 3, line 10 – discussion regarding the new bus service.

“Cllr Rhonda Treacy Hales advised a similar service is operational in Wolverhampton where they may also have had issues at the beginning and, if they did, we should contact them for more information”

Item 4 - Birmingham Road – Proposed Care Home (application H.19.11). Lane to the South of Birmingham Road. John Bell and his colleague from ADG architects gave a presentation on behalf of their client who are appealing the original decision (which refused planning permission). A summary of the presentation/discussion is as follows:

- (1) The facility will be ‘end of life’ therefore residents will not have cars.
- (2) The height of the building has been dropped by 1.5 metres which softens the style.
- (3) Natural planting will be kept along the canal and there will be an area of woodland.
- (4) Regarding concerns with visitors’ cars, it will be key that visitors are not all present at the same time. The client is planning to arrange for staff to share cars or be dropped off/picked up as parking space is limited.

(5) It was questioned whether the application is for general/residential care or 'home for those with dementia/high care nursing.' Confirmed that the planning application must state the specific use which is the latter.

(6) The ratio of staff to patients will be 1:5.

Item 5 – Bus Service Update

(a) The buses are now dropping at the end of roads rather than bus stops which is the way the service was originally planned to operate.

(b) It has been noted that the drivers are leaving cigarette butts on the ground of the bus station and running the engines whilst stationary. **Action: Clerk to advise WDC.**

(c) There could be improvement to the pickup points on the app. **Action: Clerk to advise WDC.**

(d) Bus Shelter repair. It is not known who carried out the repairs. Clerk is investigating.

Item 6 – Planning

W/22/0956. Description: Erection of first floor extension to residential barn. Church Farmhouse, Woodway Lane, Budbrooke, Warwick, CV35 8QL. No objections from BPC.

Action: Clerk to advise WDC.

Item 7 – Hampton Trove – allotment proposal

Cllrs Mike Dutton and Rhonda Treacy Hales will attend a video conference with Liz Bunting, Operations Manager of Bellway on Tuesday 9th August. Consideration is being given to putting an article in the newsletter to gauge interest – this would feed into the plot sizes.

Item 8 – Parish Maintenance/Playgrounds

(a) It was proposed to replace some of the older benches around the parish with new ones of a fresh design, possibly wrought iron with a pattern. **Action: Clerk to research options and prices.**

(b) There was a discussion regarding placing a 'Friendly Bench' in Hampton Magna. A Friendly Bench is an initiative aimed at tackling loneliness and social isolation as well as connecting people to their communities and local nature. The premise is that if a person is lonely and would like to talk to someone, he/she sits on the bench and will be joined by a passer-by. This proposal was previously raised in meetings prior to COVID and is now back on the agenda.

Action: Clerk to find previous discussion notes.

(c) The small hut in the younger children's play area within Styles Close Park is missing 2 ladder rungs and some screw heads are prone. The wooden edging on the same piece of equipment is broken and has nails and screws sticking out. This equipment may need to be replaced.

Action: Clerk to ask Martin Davies to discuss with Cllr Maggie Treacy Hales.

(d) Dropped kerbs are needed at the end of Curlieu Road/28 Arras Boulevard.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Andy Thomas for detail.

(e) The quality of workmanship in the recently installed dropped kerbs is extremely poor and presents a trip hazard. **Action: Clerk to discuss with WCC.**

(f) The cones put in the place of the traffic calming structure outside the Catholic Church in HOTH (for the cycle race) have been removed to the side of the road. Highways have been advised.

Item 9 - Community Centre/Village Hall Items

Nothing to report.

Item 10 – Finance

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

(b) The Annual Governance & Accountability Return was signed and be sent to the external auditor. A late submission was granted due to an error on the original return. A notice advising

of the public's right to view the accounts will be posted on the noticeboards, website and Facebook.

Item 11 – Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 8pm in the Community Centre.