

BUDBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 20h00
in the Budbrooke Community Centre

Present: Cllrs: Mike Dutton (Chair), Andy Thomas, Rhonda Treacy-Hales, Maggie Treacy-Hales, Jan Matecki (WCC & WDC), Peter Phillips (WDC)
and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs: Michelle Nutt

Abbreviations: Please see below under final Item

1. Public Participation

1.1 A member of the public expressed concern at the HotH traffic that he believed was getting worse with increased volume at peak periods that was worse if there were problems on the A46, along with as a result of nightly queues from the Stanks Island roundabout to the M40 on A46. When the member of the public was a member of the local speed squad the police made enforcement awkward and it was not a pleasant job. The Chair thanked the member of the public for elaborating on this speeding. The member of the public referred to incidents when at around 2.30 am speeding drivers passed every 20 minutes as if it was a race track, whilst there had been accidents on the corner when exiting HotH in the past. The Chair confirmed that these matters were reported whilst Cllr Thomas added that the BPC had reported the accident at the entrance to Montgomery Ave that was also followed up.

Cllr Matecki referred to the speed of traffic from a data survey in February 2024 at the middle of HotH at Grove Croft where the average was 25 mph with the 85 percentile being under 30 mph. He was walking the area tomorrow with a council surveyor to consider signage and what else can be done. In addition, he will be challenging the 20 mph policy requirements whilst a 20 mph restriction may be introduced in HotH if the parish council supported it. He referred to the need for 24 mph or less for a 20 mph to be introduced but that this requirement will be challenged. In addition, as portfolio holder, he would challenge if the policy was being applied properly whilst he as HotH councillor would be seeking 20 mph.

The member of the public added that traffic did slow down at the chicane if there was an increase in traffic volume whilst Cllr Matecki added that sleepers work if there is traffic volume. The member of the public asked if there might be two cushions at the entrance to the village. Cllr Thomas mentioned the old cottages that would suffer from cushions that were not wanted when they were so small and so do not work. Cllr Matecki said that a roundabout at the top of School Lane was a possibility but this needs traffic from all three sides whilst Cllr Thomas suggested problems turning right into School Lane from Hampton Magna.

Cllr Matecki referred to the average speed at the allotments from the February 2024 survey being 31 mph and that he was looking at the issue of fast cars issue that the member of the public returned to as well as saying that traffic volume was the issue. The Chair suggested using signs warning of queues ahead saying "Beware of oncoming traffic" whilst Cllr Thomas noted that Wellesbourne used signs saying "20 is plenty" including on dustbins.

JM asked if perhaps a survey was arranged and sponsored by the BPC and the Chair suggested that this might be at the same three locations as the last ones. Cllr Thomas asked if a new survey would assist? The Chair added that this would tell us the volumes of traffic, that Cllr Matecki said had doubled since the last BPC funded survey in 2021. Cllr M Treacy-Hales preferred signage rather than another survey as a survey would not solve the problem.

The Chair supported a survey and the **Clerk was requested** to seek a quote at the same three locations.

Cllr Matecki asked if the BPC supported a 20 mph restriction in HotH and 40 mph going from HotH down to Warwick and both of these were supported. Cllr Matecki was thanked for all his work on this matter of speeding.

1.2 A member of the public reported that there were lights out on Slade Hill with one at the pub. It was noted that an issue with a lamp post could be reported on line to the WCC using the number of the lamp post. These could also be reported on line using the Fix my Street website. The member of the public kindly offered to report these lights being out.

1.3 A member of the public extended an invitation to the parish council to attend an Open Door celebration this Saturday.

2. Register, Apologies & Declaration of Interest & Dispensations - The register was signed by all present. There were no Dispensations or Declarations of Interest

3. Approve previous minutes - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 6 November 2024 were approved subject to Cllr Matecki noting that 1.4 regarding HotH traffic should show Chris White as an MP, whilst 12.2 had a typo where School Lane should be Old School Lane.
Clerk to file

4. Matters Arising

4.1 Red phone box – Hampton on the Hill – The Clerk reported a delay due to a serious family illness of the supplier. A new date had been chased with the supplier indicating a re-delivery “in a few weeks”.

4.2 20 mph speed limits – see 1.1 above.

4.3 Hatton Development – The BPC had met Turley since the last meeting who provided a presentation. See 6.2 below

4.4 Cherry Lane Lamp posts – A reply received to a report noted that that were a few lamp posts in the middle of the pavement in the area and to move these and the infrastructure would be very costly and so no action was being taken at this stage.

4.5 Matters that Councillors wish to clarify / discuss from the PC Action List - The Clerk noted that the list contained numerous items that had been actioned/completed and were shown as being “to close” and these were confirmed. Cllrs Nutt and R Treacy-Hales were thanked for their emails with feedback as well as Cllr Thomas who fed back at the last meeting. He also asked about 1.13.1 regarding an email from a resident that the **Clerk was to** clarify with Cllr Phillips, and indicated that in relation to 1.36.1 that the stile at New Close was not a public footpath whereas The Warwicks is a footpath and so as New Close was not a recognised pathway, it will not be covered for a stile. **The Clerk** noted awaiting a response to the report on the New Close stile.

5. Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) Projects Update

5.1 Community Centre – nothing to report

5.2 Play Grounds – nothing to report

5.3 Benches – The **clerk** reported receiving details of the process to approve locations and a list **will be considered** at the January meeting. The clerk asked if there was a preference for wood or recycled plastic and Cllr M Treacy-Hales suggested considering the life span. Cllr R

Treacy-Hales suggested looking at similar benches to the ones used by Bellway whilst it was agreed that metal benches might also be considered. **Clerk to action.**

6. Planning

6.1. None to consider

6.2 South Warwickshire Local Plan – Preferred Options Consultation - It was noted that the Plan details had been released and that the BPC would attend a briefing for councillors. **Cllrs Thomas and Treacy-Hales to report back to the next meeting.**

7. Correspondence

7.1 A vehicle parked opposite Sumner Close had been reported to the police by the clerk and the police have been in touch with the owner. The van had been moved today.

7.2 Path along Hampton Road from HotH down to the A46 - Repairs were required and so this matter had been reported to CC Highways.

8. Parish Maintenance/Playgrounds

8.1 The November 2024 Playground Report was noted.

8.2 Review of maintenance work – nothing to report.

9. Community Centre / Village Hall items – nothing to report.

10. Newsletter / Website / Facebook – It was noted that there would be no January 2025 Newsletter

11. Finance

11.1 Approval of payments - The payments on the list provided to councillors in advance of the meeting were noted and cheques were signed for these.

11.2 October 2024 Accounts – This had been distributed prior to the meeting and was considered and approved.

11.3 Bank reconciliation at 31 October 2024 – This had been distributed prior to the meeting and was considered and approved and signed

11.4 Preliminary Precept Discussion - Details that had been distributed prior to the meeting were considered including a v4 budget for the current year to inform the discussion. The amount considered at the 11/9/24 Finance Subcommittee meeting of £45,000 was approved.

11.5 Newsletter invoicing – Invoices will be issued together shortly once all have been finalised.

12. Any Other Business

12.1.1 Draft Emergency Plan v2 – The draft distributed before the previous meeting was not discussed but would be considered in January. **Clerk to action.**

12.1.2 WDC Flooding Advice – to be considered in January – **Clerk to action.**

12.2 Thermal Imaging camera – details to be provided to the Open Door to determine if there was any interest. **Clerk to action.**

12.3 An advert for councillors on Facebook was approved. **Cllr R Treacy-Hales to action**

12.4 The Clerk reported that Ian McCloskey had sadly resigned as a BPC councillor this morning and he was thanked for all his work and contributions over recent months and years.

13. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 20h00 in the Budbrooke Community Centre.

The meeting ended at 21h04

Abbreviations: BCA – Budbrooke Community Association / 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 / 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 / HM – Hampton Magna