

LITTLE BUDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Little Budworth Parish Council meeting held on
Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at Little Budworth Jubilee Hall

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Meeting started 7pm

Present	<p>Cllr Peter Robinson (PR) (Chair), Cllr Cora Cowap-Jones (Vice Chair) (CCJ), Cllr Linda Jones (LCJ), Cllr Dave Lee (DL), Cllr Jenny Marshall (JM,) Ward Cllr Charles Hardy (WC), In Attendance -Tracey Whitlow – Clerk (TW)</p>	
123	<p>Apologies for Absence were received & approved from: Cllr Caroline Hall (CH) Chris Lee (CL)</p>	
124	<p>Declarations of Members’ Interests: None</p>	
125	<p>Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 were approved & signed by the Chair.</p>	
126	<p>Ward Councillor Report: CWAC Finances – CW stated that CWAC are required by law to produce a balanced budget. They will be using reserves to balance this year, meaning that we can expect higher increases next year to cover. At present 70% of the council tax is spent on child/adult social care, leaving 30% for everything else, meaning that any cut backs can’t come from social care. Rural area will see more cut backs than urban. Encouraged to use Members budgets next year to cover costs of what CWAC will be unable to do, ie street care etc.</p>	
127	<p>Public Participation: None present</p>	
128	<p>Clerks Report: Bank – yet another form from Barclays to complete. Road Sweeper- NTC have come back with costings, PR & TW to look at alternatives, and liaising with neighbouring parishes to fully utilise. Members budget application has gone in for the memorial bench.</p>	<p>TW TW</p>
129	<p>Accounts/Financial:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cash book up to 26.11.24 approved. 2. Bank statements/reconciliation at 26.11.24 approved. 3. Note Income received/ratify payments made/authorise invoices received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November payroll • Refund MOP Christmas lights £6.99 • Vale Royal Grounds Maintenance – village green (year) £1920 • Refund Cllr lamp post poppies £95.00 4. Receipts None 	
130	<p>Correspondence: Longstone Lane Flood- email received from resident – TW has taken this up with Highways, and advised resident to report via report it app. Localities connection meeting cancelled due to lack of interest.</p>	<p>TW</p>

131	<p>Parish Councillor Vacancy: A member of the public has requested to be co-opted on to LBPC. Information circulated prior to the meeting. Discussed. Co-option proposed by PR, seconded DL voted unanimously. Resolved to co-opt Samantha Crossley-Spann to the LBPC. TW to contact and send relevant paperwork and set up email account.</p>	TW
132	<p>Budget Setting 2025-26: 3rd pass budget presented to council - reviewed, discussed, amendments noted. Resolved to accept the 25-26 budget. TW to circulate final copy to council.</p>	TW
133	<p>Precept setting: Following the budget approval, the precept was discussed. Unanimous vote – Resolved to set the precept for 2025-26 at £11,900, which is £900 higher than last year. This does not cover the budget, but the variance will be met from general reserves. CWAC have not released the tax base figures yet, so calculations to band D properties can't be made. TW to complete a per work for CWAC once received.</p>	TW
134	<p>Volunteer Scheme: CWAC have launched a new volunteer scheme, aimed at encouraging individuals to take ownership of their parish by carrying out small highway/street maintenance, volunteers would come under CWAC insurance whilst volunteering. This is in early stages, TW has a meeting for this in January, to bring back to a future meeting with further information, this would also cover the planting & litter picking volunteers. LCJ to look at doing posters for adopt a grid/adopt a sign for the village.</p>	TW LCJ
135	<p>Recreational Land: No further updates</p>	
136	<p>Grit Bins: TW has contacted CWAC to provide the grit. Response that due lack of finances this is not possible. JM to explore other options. WC offered a members budget grant for the bin. TW to follow up if JM can source a supply of grit.</p>	JM TW
137	<p>Highways: Modrem Green. Old garage on A54 – concrete blocks & machinery on the grass verge. Deemed as unsafe. CW to follow up.</p>	WC
138	<p>Planning Applications: No new planning applications received since the last meeting. 24/01975/FUL Oulton House Farm, Hickhurst Lane – erecting of double garage Approved</p>	
139	<p>Working Groups/committees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Litter Picks: As there is a lot of litter around, this will continue through the winter months. PR offered the thanks of the PC to JM for the ongoing organisation of the litter picking. PR also thanked Jon Rush for supplying refreshments to the volunteers following the last litter pick. Planting Group: Nothing to report. Oulton Park Liaison committee: Christmas lunch next week. Little Budworth Common: Another successful session. The Egerton Arms have offered the volunteers lunch in January. Thank you to the Egerton Arms. 	

	5. Little Budworth Charities. PR Attended the last meeting. They have agreed to contribute 50% to the painting of the railings around the war memorial if the PC pay the remaining 50%. Quotes to be obtained.	TW
140	Asset Maintenance & Register: 1. Village Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PR has carried out a visual inspection of the playground equipment. 2. War memorial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quote to be obtained for the cleaning of the memorial 	TW
141	Action List: discussed.	
142	Items for next meeting: Recreational land update, Environmental Plan. (CL to forward further details to all before the next meeting) VE Day	
143	Date for next meeting – Tuesday 7 th January 2025 7pm	

Meeting Closed 8.40 pm

Signed:

Date:

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