BUTLERS MARSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 15th March 2017

Present: Mr. I. Crockett (I.C.), Mr W.H. Faulkner (WHF),

Mr. D. Nelson (DN), Mr. J Read (JR) Two village residents were also present

Apologies: Mrs. S. Henderson, Cllr. C Mills

Minutes of the previous meetings:

The minutes of the two previous meetings had been distributed; the clerk distributed revised versions of the minutes of the meeting held in December 2016.

Both sets of minutes were agreed and signed.

Matters arising:

The clerk reported problems with trying to arrange awareness/training sessions for the defibrillator. The Ambulance service was insisting that volunteers for the village contact list had to attend training in Warwick AND undergo Criminal Record checks.

The clerk will clarify this and contact volunteers to see if they were willing to attend training in Warwick and undergo the checks.

The clerk will also find out who will pay for the checks.

Correspondence:

The clerk had circulated copies of the draft Rural Growth Plan; the Parish Council had no comments to make.

The clerk had distributed copies of the Housing needs survey which showed a demand for two homes - a one bed flat for rent, and a bed flat for shared ownership.

It was agreed that the Parish Council endorsed the report which the clerk will make available to village residents.

Community Speedwatch:

The clerk had spoken with the village liaison (Mr. K. Weaver) who had reported that he was finding it very difficult to progress matters with the other villages with whom a joint purchase was planned.

As Mr. Weaver would shortly be leaving the village a new liaison/lead would be required.

The clerk will arrange for this to be put in the village newsletter.

Finance:

The clerk reported that the Parish Council had met all statutory requirements with regards to workplace pensions; the statutory declaration had been made.

Payment of £80 was due for eight (8) Parish Council meetings in the church.

This was proposed by I.C., seconded by W.H.F. and agreed unanimously

Footpaths SS6a & SD93 (temporary closure)

W.H.F. declared an interest as the owner of the land over which part of one of the footpaths passed.

This was to be recorded in the minutes.

The clerk had received a letter concerning the matter following publication of the agenda; copies were distributed.

J.R. asked how often the paths had been used before the closure. It was not known, but the feeling was that it had been a popular way across the fields into Kineton.

D.N. suggested that the paths should be re-opened, if necessary on an "alternative" route immediately adjacent to the original line of the path which had been washed away.

Dr. Bearman pointed out that it was still quite possible to walk alongside the river Dene next to the original path and suggested that the path be realigned.

D.N. suggested that the clerk contact Warwickshire County Council (W.C.C.) to find out what plans there are to re-instate/repair the footpath. W.C.C. would also be asked to consider negotiating with the land owner to re-align the footpath.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council supports reinstatement of the footpaths. The clerk will liaise with W.C.C. accordingly.

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There being no matters to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

Date/ time of next meetings (Parish Council A.G.M./Annual Parish Meeting/Parish Council meeting):

Wednesday 3rd May 2017 7.00 p.m. in the Church