

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 9 JANUARY 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Pulford Chairman  
**Councillor** M Ireland-Jones Vice-Chairman  
 Councillors, M Thomas, G Griffith, C Green, N Parker and P Brookfield

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council. five members of the public and one member of the press.  
 Cllr Green was also attending in his position as the Cheshire East Bunbury Ward Councillor.

**OPEN FORUM**

A representative from Bunbury WI spoke about planting a tree on the playing fields. This is to be arranged with Cllr Parker, Chairman, Playing Fields Committee.

Pat Blackwood spoke about the ALIVE project in Bunbury having written to the PC requesting a donation to the costs. This is under the umbrella of the PCC and aims to alleviate loneliness and isolation. A breakdown of costs was requested for the PC to consider at the next meeting. A resident who had spoken at the PC meeting in January again expressed concern about pedestrian safety. Cllr Pulford addressed some of the points made and explained that this was on the agenda.

Another resident spoke about road safety, in particular towards the village from the church and expressed concern that overgrown hedges were a problem. Cllr Pulford replied that the PC has written to landowners and taken this up with Highways.

Cllr G Griffith joined the meeting.

09.01.01

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. G McCormack, L Potter and T Greco.

09.01.02

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

Members were invited to declare any personal interest (non-pecuniary) or disclosable pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

None.

09.01.03

**MINUTES**

**(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER)**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2018.

09.01.04

**LOCAL POLICING ISSUES**

There were no Police representatives in attendance. Cllr Brookfield reported from the Police Cluster meeting. There were no reports of any criminal activity in Bunbury during the last quarter. The data from the speed cameras was not available as the Police have new IT equipment that is not compatible. To be rectified. The Chairman referred to item 6.1 on the agenda, the opportunity to comment on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Stakeholder Bulletin.

09.01.05

**PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS REVIEW– Report from Committee**

Cllr Pulford will arrange a meeting to discuss traffic calming, parking restrictions, accident figures, speed limits etc. The speed gun sessions will restart in the Spring. The monitoring report that was produced in 2016 was referred to. Members recalled that the only speeding incidents were found to be 1 or 2 individuals. The Clerk will check the website to see if the report is still available to view.

09.01.06

**CONSULTATIONS - To consider responding to any current consultations on the Cheshire East Website**

**It was noted that an emailed Stakeholder Bulletin had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner.** It included the statement that "as part of their annual police funding announcement in December 2018, the Government indicated that Cheshire Constabulary would

receive funding to cover unavoidable pressures on policing. However, the Government expects Cheshire taxpayers to fund almost two thirds of this through an increase of the policing precept in local council tax payments.\_

**The Commissioner went on to say:-**

"I am asking residents and businesses in Cheshire if they are willing to support an increase to the police precept by an extra £2 per month for an average band D household. This would help Cheshire Police to reinvest in neighbourhood policing and tackle serious and complex crime.

I would be grateful if you could give me your views via the survey link below so that I can make a decision which is truly reflective of the Cheshire residents that I represent.\*

["https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=154529255291"](https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=154529255291)

The PC considered that individuals may wish to comment. The Clerk was asked to forward the Stakeholder Bulletin to a resident, present, who is in contact with Bunbury Action Group.

**CEC Consultation on Adult Social Care** (available on CEC website) - individuals may wish to comment

**09.01.07 PLANNING MATTERS**

**09.01.07.1 Planning application received from Cheshire East since last meeting.**

**18/6026N Ivy House, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BUNBURY, CW6 9SX.** Outline Application with some matters reserved for a new dwelling (infill) using the existing access

**RESOLVED: No objection**

**18/6123N The Briars School Lane.** Ground & first floor extensions and alterations to garage

**RESOLVED: No objection.**

**09.01.07.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council**

None to report.

**09.01.07.3 New Housing Developments**

**09.01.07.3.1 General Update from Cllr Pulford**

Cllr Pulford reported that Duchy homes are hoping to complete in April on the Grange site;work has started on water infiltration testing on the Oak Gardens site and there is nothing new to report on Hill Close.

**09.01.07.3.2 Cheshire East Local Plan – Site Allocations and Development Policy**

Cllr Pulford had nothing new to report.

**09.01.08 LAND OFF WYCHE LANE OWNED BY THE PC ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY- to receive an update from Cllr Pulford on the development of the land as a community woodland including fruit trees**

Cllr Pulford reported that the trees should be planted before the end of March.

**09.01.09 PEDESTRIAN ISSUES WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

**09.01.09.1 Cheshire East's Sustainable Modes of Travel to Schools Strategy Consultation**

- To receive an update on the journey to School safety issues and possible funding for pavements if the school has a travel plan.

Cllr Ireland-Jones explained that the PC was working with the school to try and help them to benefit from this national government initiative. He offered to meet with the resident who had spoken about this in the local forum to further explain any misunderstanding of the role and influence of the PC on planning and highways issues.

**09.01.09.2. Footpaths/Public Rights of Way – to consider any current issues**

The Clerk reported that a further email had been received from the member of the public regarding ROW/318761 Proposal to Modify Public Footpath Diversion Order Bunbury 14 (Part). thanking the PC for writing to the Inspector giving full support to the points made in their letter to the Inspector.

#### **09.01.10 SEASONAL EVENTS**

- Christmas Eve carols around the tree – Cllrs Pulford and Parker reported that the event was very successful and thanked the volunteers and local farmer who had helped with the tree. The collection for Tarporley Hospital raised £342. It was suggested that the sound system should have an additional speaker. Cllr Pulford will get a quote.

#### **09.01.11 NEW HOMES BONUS - UPDATE**

Cllr Green reported that CEC officers are working on the submissions and a meeting is to be arranged.

#### **09.01.12 PLAYING FIELDS - Report from Playing Fields Committee Chairman Cllr Parker**

- **General Update** A parent had emailed the Clerk about an area on the playground where the play bark had worn away and this has been dealt with.
- **Playing Fields Lease** – awaiting Trustees to be recruited.
- **The Request from Salvation Army to place a clothing recycling bin on PC land** – To be referred to the Playing Fields Committee in the first instance. The next meeting is on 24 January.

#### **09.01.13 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

CEC Cllr Chris Green reported on:-

- CEC secured £4000 additional funding for Domestic Abuse
- Planning appeals are taking note of the Local Plan. Six out of eight recent appeals have been dismissed.
- Streetlight not working referred to Housing Association who have responsibility has been re-reported.
- The next Full Council meeting is in February.
- The CIL funds process. It had previously been noted that Bunbury was rated zero and would not receive any.

#### **09.01.14 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Pulford reported the sad news that former parish councilor Eric Lord's wife had passed away. Members expressed their sympathy and remarked on how Cllr Lord had served the Parish Council.

#### **09.01.15 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had circulated emails received.

#### **09.01.16 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **09.01.16.1 Setting the Budget and Precept for 2019/20**

The Clerk tabled a list of payments and receipts and the bank balance; actual to end of September 2018 and anticipated to end of year. This showed that reserves were low and that anticipated expenditure 2019/20 would be likely to increase in some areas.

It was noted that if the precept remained at the current £21,000 the Band D current council tax would be £33.45 per annum. Increasing the precept would increase the Council Tax proportionally

**RESOLVED:** that the budget drafted at the meeting be approved and the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of £25,000 from Cheshire East Council.

##### **09.01.16.2 Authorisation of Cheques to be signed – None**

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