

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 10 June 2020**

This was a remote meeting. *Councillors and the Parish Clerk participated from their homes by dialing into an audio only conference call. Members of the public were able to listen in to the meeting and participate in the Local Forum by phoning a central 0800 number and entering a passcode supplied on request from the Parish Clerk.*

PRESENT: Councillor M Ireland-Jones Acting Chairman
Councillors, R Pulford, M Thomas, P Brookfield, G Griffith, and N Parker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council, 1 member of the public and one member of the press.

A Tribute to former Cllr Eric Lord who passed away recently.

Cllr Lord served on the Parish Council for fourteen years. Cllr Pulford who served with him from 2013-15 said that Cllr Lord had left an indelible impression on him from that time. He served as the footpaths and trees officer. At that time there were quite a few floods in the village and a flood officer visited. Eric talked him into providing a copy of a map that enabled Eric with his expertise to drill down and achieve a high level of understanding. Eric “wore him down” to share this map. He served with Andrew Thompson on the Village design statement group producing this in 2009 for Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council but it was still in use under Cheshire East and has been adopted by Cheshire East and will be considered in all future applications. In 2014 as part of the Neighbourhood Plan team his local knowledge like that of Cllr Parker made a big contribution. Cllr Parker also praised Cllr Lord who had served from 2001 – 2015. He was tenacious and worked hard in a range of ways to really see things through. He was a good friend, a remarkable Parish Councillor and brilliant to work with. Above all Cllr Lord was a decent man who truly made a difference.

A minute silence followed

OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers

10.06.01 APOLOGIES

Cllr T Greco, L Potter, J Gillon and CE Cllr S Pochin. Cllr G Melia had indicated he would join the meeting later.

10.06.02 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

**10.06.03 MINUTES
(PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING ON 13 MAY)**

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 13 May. A hard copy will be signed by the Chairman at a future date when safe to do so.

10.06.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT – deferred

10.06.05 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

The Chairman invited Members to give a brief report on any matters they were aware of, including any areas they represented such as, policing, playing fields and footpaths.

Cllr Ireland-Jones reported on the Bunbury Community scheme which is still working well. The food bank collection point is outside the Village Hall. It is planned to purchase another box to swap books, dvd's and jigsaws.

Cllr Brookfield explained a footpath issue that a resident has contacted Cheshire East about. The resident had reported that bunbury fp 31 is 321 meters long, it should then meet up with haughton fp17 that is 432 meters long (measured from your site) and on foot. The foot bridge across the brook joining the two footpaths was removed by a farmer some years ago. As the brook is often very deep and very wide you cannot cross it safely and moreover there are no way markers to show the correct location of haughton fp17. There is an imminent danger of haughton fp17 being declared useless as you cannot access it.

Cllr.Melia joined the meeting.

Cllr Pulford had been contacted by a resident who was concerned that the footpath that crosses Town Field is obstructed at the narrow part where it leads down to The Square, between two gardens. He said the fence on the right, going towards The Square, is leaning over the path and obstructing it. Cllr Brookfield had investigated this and taken photos and shared these with Cllr.Pulford who agreed it is still passable. Cllr Brookfield will keep an eye on it. Cllr Brookfield had been having some difficulty contacting the rights of way officer. Cllr Pulford offered to ask Cllr Pochin if she could assist in making contact.

Cllr Thomas reported on the problem of walkers using Sadlers Wells wood who park in Sadlers Wells which is an unadopted road for access to properties. Cars are blocking access. Also, some dogwalkers are not clearing up after their dogs fouling in this area. Cllr Brookfield reported irresponsible dog owners were also a big problem down Birds Lane. Cllrs Brookfield and Ireland Jones will arrange to put up posters.

Cllr Griffith mentioned that outside the parish boundary, the Wild Boar had a lot of cars at night. This should be reported to the police.

Cllr Pulford reported from the Strategic planning update received from Cheshire East. In the February edition of the Spatial Planning Update it was reported that the council had received over 2,700 responses to the 'Publication Draft' version of the SADPD. Officers have been working through and carefully considering this feedback and a Report of Consultation is now available to view on the SADPD page of the council's website summarising the key points raised in the responses. It was reported in January that a decision would be taken over the summer as to the next step with the Plan. It is currently expected that this will be considered by the Council's Cabinet in September 2020.

Cllr Parker reported that the Playing Fields Treasurer was applying for a grant from Cheshire East for organisations affected by Covid.

10.0.06 PLANNING MATTERS

10.06.06.1 Planning applications, reserved matters and discharge of conditions applications received from Cheshire East since last meeting.

20/1930N Land adjacent to Woodworth House, Bird's Lane, CW6 9PU Proposed small agricultural shed.

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council has no objection to the application

20/1964N 2, Swan Lane, CW6 9RA Proposed garage. (the closing date 4 June has been extended by CE for comments from the PC)

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council objects to the application. This is a two storey building with a studio above on the plans but this information is not included on the application. The Parish Council would also ask planning to consider the input from a neighbour making a suggestion about the siting of the garage.

20/2197N Brook House, Birds Lane, CW6 9PU Variation of condition 8 to allow residential use on existing permission 13/0193N; Conversion of Redundant Stable Block into One Holiday Let Unit - Received after publication of the agenda.

RESOLVED to comment that Bunbury Parish Council has no objection

10.06.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council – For information only

The following information had been received and was noted: -

20/1399N 31/03/2020 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 15/05/2020

Location : Heath Croft, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury, CW6 9SX

Proposal Single storey enclosed porch extension, single storey rear extension and associated internal alterations

10.06.06.3 New Housing Developments

Cllr Ireland-Jones informed the meeting that he had nothing new to report.

10.06.06.4 Housing Strategy Consultation – for comments

Cheshire East Council has revised and updated its Vulnerable and Older Persons' Housing Strategy. This document sets out the strategic direction and priorities which will ensure that vulnerable and older residents are able to access safe and suitable accommodation across the borough. The draft strategy and an online survey are available on the Cheshire East Council website. The closing date for comments is 5pm on Monday 13th July 2020.

10.06.07. Cheshire East Licencing Consultation – for comment

The Orchard, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury, CW6 9SX Application For A Premises Licence: Licensing Act 2003

Notice was given that Love Delivery Limited applied on 20 May 2020 to Cheshire East Council in respect of the premises known as The Orchard, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury, CW6 9SX for a premises licence to provide the following licensable activities- Late Night Refreshment and Sale and Supply of Alcohol (consumption off the premises) for online sales only: Monday to Sunday 12:00 noon to 03:00 hours

RESOLVED: In response to this application Bunbury Parish Council objects

There is much local concern about this application as the exact nature of the activity is unclear from the application. The property is on the A49 – an extremely busy trunk road and so business activity from this property should be assessed by Highways before a decision is made. The licence is requesting 'late night refreshments' and a licence from 12pm-3am. There is concern that there could be disturbance to neighbours if there is business activity such as van deliveries from this residential property in unsociable hours.

10.06.08. Requests from Retailers - To consider the following: -

1. An application from the Bunbury Co-operative store who wish to place a "pop up shop" on the car park whilst the permanent shop is refurbished. The plan is to close the shop from Monday 10th August for 11 weeks. They have requested to site the popup shop on the Jubilee Fields car park against the hedge backing onto the bowling green to the left of the gate.

RESOLVED: to agree in principle and give approval for Cllr Ireland-Jones to negotiate with the Co-Op regarding the arrangements, a contribution to the playing field funds and consulting neighbours.

2. To consider if the Nantwich Plant stall can sell plants from their van by siting it on the Jubilee Car Park on a regular weekly basis. Currently they deliver but are looking to the future after Covid and are asking the PC to approve in principle and they will make a detailed proposal on timings if approved.

Resolved: not to totally object in principle but to seek more information about hours, a contribution to the Playing Fields and reservations were expressed that it was setting a precedent.

3. Similarly if the Ocean Wave fresh fish van is not able to use the Nags Head car park once it re-opens then could this be considered in principle too. (This is a precautionary measure only as it may be possible to continue at the Nags Head once it re-opens.) It operates 1hour 1 day.

10.06.09. Finance Matters:

10.06.09.1 Approval of payments - To approve payment of invoices received since the last meeting.

Cheshire Association of Local Councils £403.56 -Membership renewal
RESOLVED: To approve payment.

10.06.09.2 Accounts 2019/20 – The Clerk will report on Accounts and Audit :-

A Receipts and payments account 2019/20 had been circulated. The Clerk has prepared the accounts and these will be sent to the Internal auditor. The audited accounts will then be presented for approval by PC at July meeting.

The timetable for approval of accounts; the internal audit and the submission of the completed and approved Audit forms to External Audit has been extended due to Covid 19 and needs to be completed by September rather than July.

Part Two

Confidential matters - members of the press and public will be excluded from the meeting under the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1

9.3 Anti-Social Behaviour

The Chairman informed Members of a matter that has come to his attention and consulted them on plans to help prevent further occurrences. The Chairman and Cllr Brookfield are arranging to meet with the crime prevention officer and seek his advise on this confidential matter.

..... Chairman

Next meeting: 8 July 2020