

Bunbury Parish Council

MINUTES

of the meeting held at The Jubilee Pavilion, Bunbury, on

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 7.20pm

Present: Councillors: Leslie Bottomley, Pamela Brookfield (Chair), Peter Gorman, Richard Slater, Mike Thomas and Andrew Thomson

In attendance: Maximilian Clay - Clerk to the Council
Borough Councillor Beccy Posnett and two members of the public

Mar24-1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Parker and the reason was approved.

Mar24-2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations

There were no declarations of interest.

Mar24-3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th February 2024 were a true record and that the Chair be authorised to sign them as such.

Mar24-4. Unitary Authority Councillor Report

Borough Cllr Posnett reported that:

- ◆ The school is getting additional quotations for its proposed car park.
- ◆ She had asked for Bunbury Lane to be swept again, as development works and run-off from fields had made it very muddy, and had reported road surface problems and faded white lines in various places around the village, including at the School Lane/ A49 junction.
- ◆ Cheshire East Council (CEC) had agreed a £3 rise to the cost of the Green Bin service from autumn this year.
- ◆ The old dog waste bins had been removed and replaced with new black versions, which are multi purpose.

Mar24-5. Public Forum

A member of the public spoke to express concern at the planning appeal to be discussed under item 7.a.i, below. She felt that nothing had changed and could not understand how an appeal seemed to have been accepted beyond the statutory six month limit.

Mar24-6. Members' Reports & Items for Future Agendas

- ◆ Cllr Gorman reported that the latest Newsletter had been delivered successfully to every house in the village and thanked Members for their efforts in accomplishing this. The use of Tilly's as a central distribution point had worked well. Other members reported very positive feedback about the newsletter itself.
The Traffic Management Working Group had met several times and would be presenting a draft questionnaire for consideration by Council at the next meeting.
- ◆ Cllr Thomson reported that the Allotments Working Group's work was progressing well.

Mar24-7. Planning

a. Responses to Application Consultations.

The Council considered the following applications:

i. 22/4203N - Parkside, Bunbury Lane, Bunbury - Appeal:

Appeal of Decision to Refuse outline permission for demolition of one dwelling and erection of up

to 25 entry-level homes (First Home dwellings), access off Bunbury Lane and all other matters reserved, dated 29th June 2023.

Information that an appeal had been launched had been received by indirect means. The Council expressed concern that it had not been notified of the appeal and resolved to write to the head of planning at CEC to express that concern and to find out exactly what was happening. If an appeal is (or has been) launched the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Thomson, will reinforce the Council's objections.

ii. 24/0849N - Heath House, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury:

To demolish existing Coach House, erect a new garage block with ancillary accommodation and erect a new detached dwelling with access, landscaping and ancillary works.

In discussion it was noted that the proposal is contrary to policy HOU.10 of the development plan on the basis that it would be back land development and in open countryside. Accordingly, it was resolved to object to the application and to ask for it to be called-in by the Ward councillor.

iii. 24/0972N Exchange House, Vicarge Lane, Bunbury

Front Porch.

The application was felt to be uncontentious and it was resolved not to object.

- iv.** It was understood that a new application relating to **trees at Foxdale** had been submitted. On hearing this Cllr Thomson declared an Other Interest and took no part in discussions. The application had been submitted in a meaningless way as the individual subject trees had not been identified. Because the deadline would fall prior to the next meeting it was resolved to delegate the matter to the Clerk, after consultation with Councillors.

b. Updates on Application Consultations considered previously or other planning matters:

Cllr Gorman reported that both the Trees and Ecology Officer had posted reports recommending rejection of the revised plans at Oak Gardens, involving the felling of trees. Councillor Thomson reported that CEC had published and adopted a sustainable drainage policy. This will now become a reference point for relevant planning applications.

Mar24-8. Cheshire East Ward Boundary Review

The Council considered the proposals affecting Bunbury Ward, which had been circulated in advance, and felt that they were sensible. It was resolved to support the proposals.

Mar24-9. Correspondence and Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that:

- ◆ A resident had written about the careless and dangerous parking around the triangle in the centre of the village, as they had witnessed several near-misses.
- ◆ A resident had written to inform the Council that heavy vehicles were passing over the weight-restricted bridge on Bowes Gate Road. It was thought that there is no signage at the A51 end of the lane to indicate the existence of a weight limit and that large lorries had little chance of turning around once they get to the bridge itself. The Clerk will check the signage situation and will ask the Ward councillor about getting appropriate signage.

Mar24-10. Finance & Governance

- a. Receipts and Payments** – The Council received the schedule of receipts and payments and resolved to approve the payments.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council

Chair

Date