

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

PRESENT: Councillor R Pulford Chairman
Councillor M Ireland-Jones Vice Chairman
Councillors M Thomas T Greco, Joan Gillon, P Brookfield, L Potter and N Parker.

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

OPEN FORUM

There were no speakers.

09.10.01 APOLOGIES

Cllrs G Griffith, G Melia and CEC Cllr Pochin,.

09.10.02 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.

09.10.03 MINUTES

(PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING ON 11 SEPTEMBER)

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 11 September 2019.

09.10.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES

There were no Police representatives in attendance. They have a standing invitation to attend when available. Cllr Brookfield reported from the Bunbury Cluster meeting. The police reported on speed camera statistics and incidents. They are warning residents to be vigilant against callers at the door without ID. The police had reminded PC's that their Safeguarding named person needs regular refresher training. The Clerk will send the safeguarding policy to the new members.

09.10.05 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS REVIEW

Update Report from Cllr Pulford

Cllr Pulford reported that the parking sign for the playing fields and the box to be painted on the road outside the school should be in place soon, but overgrown hedges are blocking where the traffic signs will be. The Clerk will write to the Haberdashers who are the landowner.

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

None requiring comment from the PC.

09.10.07 PLANNING MATTERS

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

19/4408N Meadow Bank. Bunbury Common Rd, CW6 9 QD Alteration to existing single porch & entrance area and construction of new two storey porch and entrance.

RESOLVED: No objection.

09.10.07.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council

It was noted that notification had been received regarding: -

19/3460N 12/08/2019 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury approved with conditions 19/09/2019 Willowbank, Willow Drive, Bunbury, CW6 9NY Existing detached double garage. Convert half of the garage into an office.

19/3535N 31/07/2019 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury
negative certificate 18/09/2019 Homeland, Whitchurch Rd, Bunbury, CW6 9SX
Proposal Certificate of lawfulness for proposed garden buildings

19/1582D 28/03/2019 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury
approved 16/09/2019 Land Off, Oak Gardens, Bunbury
Discharge of conditions 10 & 11 on approved application 16/2010N - Outline application for proposed residential development for 15 dwellings with associated works

19/3644N 01/08/2019 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury
Refused: 24/09/2019 2, Wythin Street, Bunbury, CW6 9NS
Proposed hardstanding to provide private car parking for 2 Wythin Street

09.10.07.3 New Housing Developments

09.10.07.3.1 General update from Cllr Pulford
Cllr Pulford was not aware of anything to report

09.10.07.3.2 New Homes Bonus

Cllr Pulford reported that there were no updates from Cheshire East. In the meantime he is getting quotes for disabled access to the pavilion toilets.

09.10.08 PEDESTRIAN ISSUES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

09.10.08.1 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 reported that this was ongoing.

There is a possibility that a strip of land in School Lane could be used to improve safety. There is an asphalt pavement from Sadlers Wells that is then soil and asphalt again. Ownership of the land would need to be confirmed and then the owner could be consulted, Consideration could be given to the possible acquisition of the strip of land to be included in the plan as a fully functioning pavement. Highways would need to be consulted and could be asked to confirm ownership; to assess the feasibility and provide an estimate of cost

09.10.08.2 Footpaths/Public Rights of Way to consider any current issues

It was noted that the PC is waiting for a response from Strutt and Parker regarding replacing stiles with kissing gates.

09.10.09 PLAYING FIELDS - Report from Playing Fields Committee Chairman Cllr Parker

- **General Update** – Cllr Parker reported that several emails have been received from the bowling club. They asked for advice about VAT and this was given. The bowling club have obtained a £4,500 quote to replace the floodlights with LED lights. They had previously informed the PC that they were applying for grants but have been unsuccessful. A discussion ensued regarding the playing fields income. Concern was expressed that the pavilion wiring may need to be updated and the need to replace the pavilion was raised. The treasurer is to be asked for a breakdown of electricity costs. If the PC was to consider making a contribution to the lights, at least three quotes would be required.
The guttering needs clearing and various options were suggested.
- **Playing Fields Lease** – Deferred until a meeting of trustees can be arranged.

09.10.10 BRANTWOOD, SCHOOL LANE

CEC Cllr Pochin had been unable to attend but had sent a message that her key priority was to get some action on Brantwood, sympathising with the frustration felt by the village at what an eyesore it is. Cllr Pochin had reported the sighting of rats and received a response from the

environmental protection team. They will arrange for the area to be put on the sewer baiting programme and will request an officer visits to check if there is any evidence on the property and if so, will contact the owners to ensure they undertake a treatment.

A resident had suggested that the PC should buy it and turn it into a car park. It was noted that it is a listed building in the middle of a conservation area.

Cllr Parker had been told that rats were sighted in Hurst Close. He had alerted the residents and informed environmental protection. They only take action if rats are nesting.

09.10.11 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

See above.

09.10.12 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Thomas reported the details of a planning enforcement issue as follows:-

The original application for outline planning was 16/2372N for 2 houses at the junction of the A49 and south side of Heath Farm Lane. Reserved matters approval is reference 18/2776N where the landscaping plans indicate that the existing hedge bordering Heath Farm Lane (plot 2) is to be retained with sections removed to accommodate site entrances. However, the entire strip of hedging (probably about 40 metres) has been removed and replaced by a wooden vertical clapboard fence. In addition, the original planning condition 7 states that " landscaping shall demonstrate a net increase in vegetation across the site", which is not the case. Nature Conservation (Tim Body), in their response, required adherence to the condition 7 plan. The conditions should not be discharged. Also, the build on the north side of Heath Farm Lane, outline application 14/0381N, reserved matters approval/discharge 17/3153D, is the same. The hedging alongside the lane has been grubbed up and replaced with wooden vertical clapboard fencing contrary to the landscape plan.

The Clerk will pass these details on to Cllr Pochin, to take up with planning.

Cllr Potter reported on events in Bunbury including an open day at the school.

09.10.13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had circulated emails received.

The Pension Regulator was advising that an update on the PC pension obligations was required. The Clerk will deal with this.

The Store at Nantwich wants to visit Bunbury with their mobile grocery that doesn't use plastic packaging. Instead customers bring their own containers. Cllr Parker will liaise with them.

The ALIVE Project had decided not to continue the library project as planning permission was complicating matters.

09.10.14 KEEP BRITAIN TIDY – “There's no such thing as a dog pooh fairy” campaign. To receive an update

The campaign posters are being put up.

09.10.15 SEASONAL EVENTS – to begin planning

- **Remembrance** – Cllr Parker reported that liaison with the RBL was in hand.
- **Bonfire Night** – Cllrs Pulford and Parker updated on arrangements.
- **Christmas** – the tree has been ordered costing £240. Father Christmas and the Crewe Brass Band will be in attendance.

09.10.16 FINANCE MATTERS

09.10.16.1 To receive a report from the Clerk on the 2018/19 External Audit The Clerk reported that the external audit had been concluded satisfactorily and that copies of the signed documents Annual Governance Statement; External Auditor Report and Certificate and Notice of conclusion of audit for 2018/2019: can be viewed online <http://bunburyvillage.info/parish-council-accounts/> and on the PC noticeboard.

09.10.16.2 To receive a draft of the revised model financial regulations 2019 for adoption.

The Clerk had circulated an email from Chalc, that advised on changes to the model financial regulations and had begun to prepare a draft updated policy for the meeting. The Clerk reported that the revised regulations would require more complex financial reporting from the Clerk and

checks by a designated PC Member. The adoption of the policy was deferred to the November meeting.

09.10.16.3 To receive an update on the purchase of new lights for the Bowling Green.

This had been covered in the Playing Fields report at 09.10.09 above.

09.10.16.4 Approval of payments:-

£850 - Bacs	Lightech Sound & Light Ltd	Deposit on firework display
£430 - Cheque	Built To Last Joinery & Maintenance	Repair plastic roof, rotten timber soffit and replace gutter joints - Pavilion
£35 - Cheque	Royal British Legion	Wreath
£54 - Cheque	Keep Britain Tidy	Campaign posters
£360 - Bacs	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit
£240 - Cheque	DD Forestry	Christmas Tree

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