

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 10 APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: Councillor R Pulford Chairman
Cllr M Ireland- Jones Vice Chairman
Councillors, Cllr. G Griffith, N Parker, L Potter and P Brookfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council. 2 members of the public and one member of the press.
Cllr Pochin was attending in her position as the newly-elected Cheshire East Bunbury Ward Councillor.

OPEN FORUM

A resident referred the PC to 19/1582D Discharge of conditions on approved application 16/2010N - Outline application for proposed residential development for 15 dwellings with associated works Land off Oak Gardens. The public are not able to view the updated protected species report. Cllr Pulford informed the resident that the PC had queried this with CEC. The reply had been that the reason it was not made public was that the location of protected species was contained within the report.
The PC noted the concerns.

08.05.01 APOLOGIES

Cllr M Thomas

08.05.02 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.

08.05.03 MINUTES

(PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL)

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10 April 2019 and to defer approval of the minutes of the Ordinary meeting to next month. These were not available as the Clerk had to prioritise work on the annual accounts.

08.05.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES

There were no Police representatives in attendance. They have a standing invitation to attend when available. Cllr Brookfield reported information received from the PCSO's.

08.05.05 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS REVIEW

Update Report from Cllr Pulford

Cllr Pulford had met with the Headteacher, Nicola Badger, to go through the Highways report that was presented at the PC meeting in April. Mrs Badger was pleased that the painted bus/taxi bay is to be funded. The school needs to raise £20,000 for the staff car park. CEC Cllr Pochin offered to enquire about Cheshire East funding. The school will continue to work with Cllr Ireland-Jones and Jake Lomax on the Travel Plan. Highways have scheduled a speeding survey and a traffic count on School Lane in June.

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

None requiring comment.

08.05.07 PLANNING MATTERS

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

None received

08.05.07.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council

19/1417N approved with conditions 29/04/2019

Wyche House, Wyche Lane

Proposed side/rear single and partially two storey extension

This was noted.

08.05.07.3 New Housing Developments -

08.05.07.3.1 General update from Cllr Pulford

Cllr Pulford had nothing to report.

Members asked about problems reported by residents including down Bunbury Lane and Hill Close. A pump had been going all night. This was because of a problem with surface water following heavy rain, the portaloo toilets were outside the site. This was for half a day whilst United Utilities were digging a hole on site. Council officers have been on site at Oak Gardens inspecting the environmental issues. It is believed the development will be delayed whilst another variation is submitted.

08.05.07.3.2 Cheshire East Local Plan – Site Allocations and Development Policy

Cllr Pulford reported that Parish Councils are waiting for a meeting to be scheduled by Cheshire East.

08.05.08 TWEDDLE GROVE (Land off Wyche Lane owned by the PC on behalf of community)

- To receive an update from Cllr Pulford on the development of the land as a community woodland. – Cllr Pulford had nothing to report other than under the following headings.
- To consider issues raised in correspondence from neighbouring residents. Emails had been received asking specific questions:-

Is it a communal area? Can football nets be put up? The new trees that have recently been planted are lovely but nothing has been done about the rest of the land, the nettles are already really thick and at knee height. It looks a right mess. Are there plans to do something nice here? Why weren't the residents of tweddle close informed of the land being made public before it was announced. Can signs be put up stating that it is a dog free zone as it has been agreed that it is to be dog free?

The gate into the area is also padlocked can it be removed for local resident's access? Why has the adjacent landowner Mr McCormack been burning a bonfire in this communal land?

The Clerk had contacted Mr McCormack and had received the following information:-

We have trimmed the grass and weeds along both sides of the fence this week.

We did have a bonfire and burnt all the cuttings from the large hedge which divides our property and the old Muir land.

I have cut the hedge and weeded both sides since we have lived here for some 27 years. I also collected all the cuttings along the wire fence which have been dumped over the years by the gardeners who have looked after the old Muir grassed area and burnt these as well. As agreed at the Parish Council meeting last week my fencing guy will be coming soon to replace the old wire fence and replace with a post and rail wooden fence to match up with the surrounding fencing and install a new smaller gate. So just tidying up the area.

You may also want to look at the access road which I believe you have to maintain I have started to clear back the overgrown area to find the stone border on both sides.

There are three bins along the access between the houses which is clearly marked as to be kept clear at all times. I also watered the new trees as they had not been watered since they were planted.

The Clerk had thanked Mr McCormack.

Cllr Pulford reported that the PC had paid the contractors who maintain the Playing Fields as a one-off to mow the vegetation. Cllrs Pulford and Ireland-Jones are coming up with a specification for a tender to award a long term contract to maintain this area and the new car park area on the Playing Fields. This will take some time, the development is a work in progress and there are various things to be sorted out, for instance there is designated access to the paddock belonging to Mr McCormack. It is not a recreational sports ground or a communal space but a designated public green space that has been planted with trees after public consultation. Residents in Tweddle Close and the immediate area had been consulted personally by letters that were hand-delivered, it has been an agenda item for the Parish Council over a period of years and has been reported on in the Link.

RESOLVED: To confirm it is public open space which has been designated as a woodland for people from the village to walk around walking area.

- To consider the ongoing maintenance of the area.- Covered above.

08.05.09 PEDESTRIAN ISSUES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

08.05.09.1 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.

This had been covered at 5.1.

08.05.09.2 Footpaths/Public Rights of Way - to consider any current issues

Cllr Brookfield reported that Townfield had manure sprayed over the footpath and it was ploughed up but has been reinstated by the passage of walkers. The walking group had identified access issues on some stiles and that she had reported these to the CEC PROW officer but it seems that the farmer was not agreeing to changes. Cllr Pochin asked for the details to be emailed so she could liaise with Cllr Brookfield and the PROW officer. Cllr Pulford suggesting a site meeting looking at where kissing gates are needed so that Walking for Health group can access.

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

- **General Update** – Cllr Parker reported on repairs to the pavilion. The Fire safety audit and electrical safety checks are being arranged. The Treasurer had asked if the PC paid room hire for their meetings. This had been the case some years ago when the previous treasurer was in post. In more recent years the PC has taken over the costs of repairs instead.

RESOLVED: Confirmed that the PC as the owner of the pavilion is not charged for the regular monthly meetings.

Cllr Parker took no part.

- **Playing Fields Lease** – Deferred.

08.05.11 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Cllr Pochin expressed her delight to be present as the ward councilor to serve the people of Bunbury. Contact details are on the Cheshire East website. Her priorities are strategic e.g. isolation and rural transport. Cllr Pulford mentioned that the PC had made an unsuccessful bid from the New Homes Bonus fund for accessible toilet facilities. Cllr Pochin will inform the PC when the fund is available again.

08.05.12 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Brookfield reported on a new Keep Britain Tidy scheme to counter dog fouling. The details of promotional material to be purchased will be circulated. To be on the agenda at the next meeting for a decision on purchasing these materials.

Cllr Pulford reported that Full Circle Productions had approached the Dysart Arms, the Church and a Homeowner about possibly filming a World War 2 drama for 4/5 days in September. Cllr Pulford explained that the PC were not asked for permission but advice on community issues. He had suggested that they contact the Medical Centre to avoid inconvenience to patients. Cllr Irland-Jones reported that their had been positive views from some residents

Cllr Potter reported on events around the village. Village Day are looking for volunteers. There has been a positive response to the new newspaper.

08.05.13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had circulated emails received.

Emails had been received from residents objecting to the use of the Playing Fields car park by Duchy Homes contractors during the development and pointing out that nails and other sharp objects had been dropped causing a hazard.

Cllr Pulford replied that during times when they could not park on site this had solved the problem of congestion on Wyche Lane. The difficulty with any hazards on the playing fields site is that the PC does not have a 365 day 24 hour response resource. In between the scheduled playground checks the PC is reliant on the users contacting the Parish Clerk when they spot something and a response can be organized.

A request had been received from Beth Hayward for volunteer stewards for the Fun Run on 12 May.

08.05.14 FINANCE MATTERS

08.05.14.1 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for External Audit

08.05.14.1.1 To receive the annual internal audit report completed by the authority's internal auditor

The Clerk had circulated the report.

RESOLVED: to accept the report

08.05.14.1.2 To complete and approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and to Approve Section 2 Accounting Statements of the AGAR

The questions to answer in Section 1 had been circulated. The Chairman went through them and Members agreed responses.

RESOLVED: to approve the completed Annual Governance Statement.

The accounting statements had been circulated.

RESOLVED: to approve Section 2. Accounting Statements

08.05.14.2 Approval of payments -

Membership renewal fees:-

Cheshire Association of Local Councils	£403.56
Cheshire Community Association	£50
Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society	£8

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