

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 12 April 2017**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council
8 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

A resident of Wakes Meadow spoke against application 17/1622N expressing concerns about a silver birch with a TPO being affected and the increase in size of the footprint bringing this up to the boundary, taking light from the neighboring property. The resident suggested the solution was for the property to be extended on the south side. Another resident had noticed someone acting suspiciously by the school. This had been reported to the police, the school and neighbours.

12.04.01 APOLOGIES

Cllr G Griffiths and C Green.

12.04.02 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

12.04.03 MINUTES

(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 MARCH)

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017

12.04.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES

There were no Police representatives in attendance. Cllr. Pulford, reported that Cheshire Constabulary have withdrawn support to community speed watch schemes, presumably for budget reasons. The order for high visibility vests and a rucksack to be put on hold.

12.04.05 HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chairman will report on the car park and access path in the playing fields item.

12.04.06 PLANNING MATTERS

12.04.06.1 Planning applications received for comment

17/0636N HOPE COTTAGE, SCHOOL LANE Certificate of lawful existing use of land used as an extension to the garden

RESOLVED: The PC objects to the application on the grounds that:-

- The PC believes the garden being extended as described would block Public Footpath 12
- It is apparent that the owners have already developed the area which is outside the settlement boundary and would ask planning to take this into account

17/1622N THE CROFT, BUNBURY LANE, BUNBURY Proposed rear two storey extension

RESOLVED: The PC objects to the application

It is taking light away from the neighbouring property at 2. Wakes Meadow

The increased percentage of the footprint in relation to the size of the plot

It is overdevelopment of the site.

The position of the garage is a risk to the tree with a TPO. This is referred to in the officer's report for 15/4268N

17/1659N 12, Darkie Meadow, Bunbury Rear single storey bedrooms extension

RESOLVED: The PC does not object to the application

12.04.06.2 Application re TPO

17/1681T Homeland, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BUNBURY,

T1 Beech - Crown clean. Crown Lift up to a height of 5m. Crown thin by 15% of crown mass.

RESOLVED: The PC does not object to the application

12.04.06.3 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council

17/1295D approved 15-Mar-2017

ORCHARD HOUSE, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BUNBURY

Discharge of condition 4 on approval 16/2131N

12.04.06.4 Brantwood – Planning enforcement

Emails had been received from planning enforcement explaining the reason why the container has not been removed. An update to be requested in three months.

12.04.06.5 New Housing Developments – Bunbury

The Chairman had heard that the Strutt & Parker development by the new surgery had been reduced from 12 dwellings to 7 and development has been moved away from the boundary. The officer's requirement that the design should be plain rather than copying features from nearby houses have been dropped. The Chairman pointed out that the PC had not objected to 12 dwellings.

12.04.06.6 Appeals against refusal of planning permission

Appeal against refusal of application 16/0646N 6 and Land rear of 6 Bunbury Lane

Outline application for the demolition of one bungalow and the erection of 15 dwellings, including associated access at land east of Bunbury Lane,

The PC had objected to the application on grounds of co-location.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman will send a written response to the inspectorate restating the reasons for the objection and refer to the neighbourhood plan with explanation.

Cllr Mc Cormack abstained.

Appeal against 16/2010N Land off Oak Gardens

No result yet, probably May or June.

12.04.07 PLAYING FIELDS

12.04.07.1 Disposal of Old Playground Equipment

A contractor has not yet been found to remove the equipment at no cost. There is a resident who is interested as the safety standards only apply for public use. A notice to be put on the noticeboard to ensure any other interested individuals have a chance to apply.

12.04.07.2 The future development of the area.

An estimated figure of £40,000 for car park development had been quoted by a contractor but it was thought that they were not interested in the job and therefore were not competitive. The next step is to ask to meet with Cheshire Est Highways, the 106 Officer and the Ward Councillor. Other quotes to be sought. Cllr McCormack offered to measure up the site.

12.04.07.3 Report from Playing Fields Committee – Report from Cllr. Parker

- Update – The problem with the heating control is ongoing. Disabled access and facilities are being looked at with a view to getting a grant.
- Playing Fields Lease – Cllrs. Pulford and Parker have rewritten the lease. This now needs to be discussed with Hibberts solicitors. The Clerk has contacted them.

12.04.08 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

- Repair and refurbishment of noticeboards on Village Hall.- Cllr. Pulford reported that the new boards have been made and are ready to be hung this week.
- Replacement of bench at the Triangle and refurbishment of base – The bench has been installed but there has been some damage to the base. It is being looked at.

12.04.09 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (COUNCILLOR M E JONES)

CEC Cllr. Jones had sent apologies, report deferred

12.04.10 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Thomas had reported a leaning telegraph pole in Sadlers Wells to Highways. An advertising board had been put up on the corner of Darkie Meadow and removed after Cllr Thomas had asked if permission was given.
- Cllr Greco reported problems with the footpath at Townfield, Whyche Rd. The Chairman will report it to the landowner. The hedge has not been cut for 3 years. Cllr Greco asked for an update on the 106 agreement for the Grange. The Clerk will look into it.
- Cllr Potter gave details of upcoming events in the Village including Village Day 24 June and appealed for raffle prizes.
- Cllr Parker appealed for volunteers to collect on gates at Village Day.
- Cllr Pulford reported on the outcome of the Chalc meeting re Local Plan. Andrew Thompson will respond on behalf of Town and Parish Councils and Cll. Pulford will also submit comments on behalf of BPC, as advised by Andrew Thompson.
- Members discussed issues of the number of homes needed by Local Service Centres and the Community Investment Levy. Cllr Pulford referred to the PC being able to raise objections if need be using the fighting fund.

12.04.11 CORRESPONDENCE

Had been circulated.

12.04.12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.04.12.1 Establishment of a Pension scheme to comply with statutory requirements.

The Clerk reported that this was now set up but requires a direct debit form to be authorized

even if payments are not anticipated.

12.04.12.2 Audit of accounts

12.2.1 Report on arrangements for internal and external audit of 2016/17 accounts from the Clerk

The Clerk reported on arrangements for Internal and External Audit of 2016/17 accounts

12.2.2 Authorisation of Section 1 of BDO Annual Audit form

RESOLVED: That the Chairman is authorised to sign the Section1 form as completed.

12.2.3 To receive and approve annual risk assessment

RESOLVED: That the risk assessment that had been circulated is approved.

12.04.12.3 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques to be signed

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£642.74 Gross salary March - Marilyn Houston, Clerk

£238.34 Lengthsman duties April

£100.63 Reimbursement of expenses as specified– Ron Pulford

.....Chairman