# MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL 13 April 2022

**PRESENT:** Chair, Cllr P Brookfield,

Councillors, N Parker, G Melia M Thomas P Gorman, L Anderson and L Barton

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council and 2 Members of the public.

New Councilors Peter Gorman, Liam Anderson and Linda Barton signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

No speakers. One of the members of the public had spoken in the Annual Parish Meeting that preceded this ordinary meeting.

#### 13.04.01 **APOLOGIES**

Cllr. A Thomson, G Griffith and CE Cllr S Pochin.

## 13.04.02 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

**MINUTES** - To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting on 9 March 2022.

**RESOLVED**: To approve with amendments. Cllr Thomas had given his apologies, had not attended and had not reported in Parish Councilor's reports.

## 13.04.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Pochin had sent apologies.

## 13.04.05 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chair invited Members to give a brief report on any matters they were aware of, not covered by the agenda.

Cllr Melia who is a Bunbury School Governor, reported that the school had lots of new families but are not seeing anything of the development money received by Cheshire West or Cheshire East. Cllr Pochin could be asked about this.

Cllr Parker informed the meeting that he had reported a damaged grid on school lane on Fix My Street detailing the location and adding a photo. The dog fouling on Bowes Gate Rd reported by a resident at the last meeting was cleaned up by the Lenghthsman.

Cllr Gorman passed on a request from the Village Day committee for the PC to consider funding the arts workshop again, costing about £300. To be put on the May Agenda.

Cllr Barton asked about the ownership of the notice boards on the wall of the Village Hall some of which need repair as does the footpath underneath. As far as Members are aware each individual organization has responsibility for their own board. The PC boards are in good condition. Members were not clear if it was a foot path or a road but thought it would be the responsibility of CE Highways. Cllr Brookfield will speak to a member of the Village Hall about this.

## 13.04.06 PLANNING MATTERS

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

**22/0940N Witch Hazel, Bunbury Lane, CW6 9QS** Variation of condition 2 on application 21/4845N - Internal alterations and ground floor extension to front of house and first floor extension to side and rear

**RESOLVED**: Bunbury Parish Council has no objections.

Cllrs Anderson and Barton abstained.

21/5402N Homestead, Bunbury Lane, CW6 9QZ THIS APPLICATION HAD BEEN

RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS PUBLISHED. As it was not considered likely to be contentious comments were made.

**RESOLVED** whilst not objecting to the application Bunbury PC would request that CE include a condition limiting the use of the building and workshop for domestic use associated with Homestead.

Cllr Melia abstained.

13.04.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council – For information.

21/1499N 25/03/2021 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)

Decision: approved Decision Date: 08/04/2022 Location: LAND AT VICARAGE LANE, BUNBURY

Proposal Erection of 7 new dwellings with associated access.

The PC noted that in response to the consultation on this application the PC had not objected but had asked that the affordable housing is offered as discounted housing and made available to people in housing need with a local connection.

# 13.04.06.3 Appeal Application No: 21/0344N Trigfa, School Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9NR Proposed 5 bedroom detached dwelling - Update

A Notification had been received from Cheshire East Planning in March—"Following refusal of planning permission, an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the above planning application. The appeal is to be dealt with by means of Written Evidence and a site visit by an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate. You are invited to comment on the appeal on the Planning Inspectorate website.

At the March meeting Members discussed the above appeal and noted that on the Cheshire East application website there was no statement of case submitted by the appellant only the form for an appeal. The PC resolved **to** strongly object to the proposal and support the Borough Council in refusal of permission. To contact the Planning Officer to state that, as interested parties, have until the 5 April to respond to the appeal however it is difficult to do so without a statement of case from the appellant.

Cllr Thomson wrote to CE and the website was updated with the required documents.

### 13.04.06.4 New Housing Developments in Bunbury

### **General Update**

Since the last meeting The Chair and Vice-Chair have been looking into the problem of HGV's not using the correct route to development sites. However, the advice is not to speak to the Developer direct. The police have checked the signage that directs the lorries delivering to sites and will speak to developers.

Neighbourhood Plan – Update on the Review provided by Cllr. Thomson via email. "Everyone in the Parish can expect a consultation through their door sometime after April 19th, which should be returned by May22nd. There will be an opportunity to complete a consultation online and collect additional forms from Tillys, Burrows, Co-op and the Church. These premises will also be the collection points for the return of the forms. We need to make sure as many people as possible fill them in. In addition I have had a zoom meeting with AECOM, consultants employed by Locality and whose services are free to us, to start the process of them producing a Design Code for the village over the next 3 months."

## 13.04.07 Playing Fields - update from Cllr Parker

Cllr Parker reported on maintenance issues. Awaiting a response from Reeves on the gate post and on the metal gates onto the car park. These should be repaired after Easter.

Still waiting for Ace Play to respond regarding repairs in the play area. Will visit with Cllr Brookfield. The ROSPA inspection of the playground is to be scheduled in April.

**13.04.08. CONSULTATIONS** -To consider responding to any consultations on the CE website.

No comments.

## 13.04.09. LOCAL POLICING ISSUES - To receive an update from local police if available.

None were present. Cllr Brookfield was due to attend a PCC meeting, but it was cancelled. Members were asked to forward any issues to the Chair to be raised when the meeting is rescheduled. There has been vandalism at the carpark in the evenings and gatherings with motor bikes. Cllr Brookfield spoke to the PCSO who will patrol. The damage to the bollard can be repaired. Cllr Brookfield has been informed that the local police officer Nicky Berry is transferring to Winsford and its not clear if she will be replaced This is a question to ask the PCCommissioner. Also, regarding the closure of Nantwich Police Station.

### 13.04.10. Seasonal Events

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – update on plans.

Cllr Brookfield has applied for the grant towards hanging baskets around the village.

**13.04.11. Correspondence –** To respond to correspondence received.

Correspondence had been circulated or covered earlier.

**13.04.12.** The Future of the Pavilion Project – to receive an update.

Nothing further to report at present

13.04.13. Co-option to Parish Council Casual vacancy – to receive a report from the Clerk.

A notice of the vacancy has been posted on the Cheshire East website as required. If there is no call for an election, the PC can fill the vacancy by co-option.

13.04.14. Finance Matters:

13.04.14.1 Approval of payments

13.04.14.1.1 Reimbursement of expenses

The Clerk is not claiming any expenses for 2021/22.

13.04.14.1.2 Payment of invoices received.

None

**13.04.14.2 Monthly Finance Report –** to receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk had reported payments, receipts and bank balances for the year end 2021/22 in the Parish meeting preceding this meeting.

Part Two Exclusion of Press and Public

## 15. Parish Clerk's annual salary review

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has published a briefing on the national salary pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract. This applies to the Parish Clerk. The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has announced that an agreement has been reached between the National Employers and the NJC Trade Union Side on the new pay scales for 2021-22 to be implemented from 1 April 2021.

It was noted that Bunbury Parish Council is contracted to implementing the nationally agreed increase for the Parish Clerk's pay rate for 21/22 backdated to April 2021. The Clerk had circulated information on the new pay rate for the salary scale point that the Clerk is on.

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