

# Bunbury Parish Council

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## MINUTES

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.35pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Leslie Bottomley, Pamela Brookfield (Chair), Nick Parker, Richard Slater Mike Thomas and Andrew Thomson.

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

### **May24-1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gorman, and the reason was approved.

### **May24-2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **May24-3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 were a true record and that the Chair be authorised to sign them as such.

### **May24-4. Unitary Authority Councillor Report**

Borough Cllr Posnett reported that:

- ◆ There is a consultaion about closing some domestic waste and recycling centres but these are mainly in the north of the Borough, which is perceived to be over-served.
- ◆ There are several other live consultations at present, on Air Quality Strategy, Carbon Neutrality Action Plan and Licencing Policy.
- ◆ The new mayor, Borough Councillor Marilyn Huston had been installed at the Annual Meeting of the the council.

### **May24-5. Public Forum**

No matters were raised.

### **May24-6. Members' Reports & Items for Future Agendas**

- ◆ Cllr Parker drew attention to the fact that the frame around the village sign was in need of repair. As the WI had provided the sign, he had checked to with them as to whether they had any objection to works being carried out and, as they did not, this matter would be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.
- ◆ Cllr Brookfield reported PCSO Sharon Jones had suggested that photographs be taken of any inconsiderate parking in the village and passed on to her so that such incidences can be followed up. PCSO Jones was also supportive of sharing the speed gun with Stoke and Hurleston Parish Council and would be happy to provide training.

### **May24-7. Planning**

#### **a. Responses to Application Consultations.**

There were no planning matters for consideration.

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

The development of a new garage at Willow Hill had been approved and work had started at Manor House.

#### **May24-8. Cheshire East Local Plan Review**

A paper by Cllr Thomson had been circulated in advance and was reviewed by the meeting. Cllr Thomson explained that new Government policy had introduced five-yearly local plans with a 30 month development period. The current 'issues papers', issued by Cheshire East Council, were the start of that process.

Following discussion, the Council resolved to adopt the recommendations in Cllr Thomson's paper and to submit these in response to the consultation. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Thomson for his work on the matter.

#### **May24-9. Bus Service Review**

Members expressed great concern at the proposal to scrap the number 70 bus, which is the only timetabled bus to serve Bunbury and other local villages. While it was noted that there is a dial-up service, this has to be booked specifically for each journey (and return) and some people would struggle with this. It was resolved to object to the removal of the service and Members would monitor useage over the next week or so in order to provide firm information on usage.

#### **May24-10. Traffic Management Working Group - Questionnaire**

The Council resolved to approve the questionnaire as now drafted.

#### **May24-11. Additional Bin at Bunbury Mill**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **May24-12. Replacement Gate Post**

As quotations for the work had not yet come in, the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **May24-13. Clerk's Report**

The annual play area safety report had been received and would be placed on the next agenda, for discussion.

#### **May24-14. Finance & Governance**

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

#### **May24-15. Communications**

- a. **Items for the WhatsApp Bulletin**

It was resolved to highlight the Council's response to the Bus Service review.

- b. **Items for the Newsletter**

It was resolved to include items on the refurbished track at the playing field, the Local Plan review, a reminder about keeping hedges under control, and the presentation of the Chair's cup at the annual parish meeting.

**Reserved Business** (Members of the Public left the meeting)

#### **May24-16. Lengthsman Services contract.**

Following the resignation of the previous provider, the Council resolved to award the contract to Peter Wilson. The contract will be for 4 hours per week routinely and up to 6 hours when necessary. The initial cost of the contract was agreed at £13.50 per contract hour with an increase at six months to £14 provided that the service was being provided satisfactorily.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**

*Signed as a true record by authority of the Council*

*Chair*

*Date*