

Bunbury Parish Council

MINUTES

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

Monday 9th November 2022 at 7.20pm

Present: Councillors: Pamela Brookfield (Chair), Liam Anderson, Peter Gorman, Graham Melia, Nicholas Parker, Michael Thomas and Andrew Thomson.

In attendance: Maximilian Clay - Clerk to the Council
Two members of the public

Nov22-1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Barton had submitted apologies and the Council resolved to approve them.

Nov22-2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation considerations

There were no declarations of interest.

Nov22-3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on the 12th October were a true record and that the Chair be authorised to sign them as such.

Nov22-4. Cheshire East Ward Councillor Report

District Cllr Pochin was unable to attend but had followed up the discussions at the previous meeting with information about S106 monies and CIL funds.

Nov22-5. Public Forum

A member of the public reported that Father Christmas will be visiting Bunbury on the 17th December.

Nov22-6. Members' Reports & Items for Future Agendas

a. The following matters were reported:

- ◆ Construction traffic in the village is continuing to create problems around the triangle area, which is exacerbating the existing problem (Cllr Anderson). It was noted that a visit from Highways is outstanding.
- ◆ It was noted that the update of the County Speed Management Strategy has still not been published, despite it having been planned for Summer 2022 (Cllr Gorman).
- ◆ A problem had been reported using Fix My Street and had been resolved quickly - use of the app was recommended (Cllr Gorman).
- ◆ Cheshire East have published a draft Minerals and Waste Plan consultation, with a deadline of 21st December for responses (Cllr Thomson). (Cllr Thomson had written a summary in another context and could make that available to the Council - the Clerk welcomed this and will circulate it in preparation discussion).
- ◆ Bunbury now has a designated police officer - PC Adam Bradley and details have been placed on the noticeboard. Sharon Jones continues as Community Police Support Officer. It was noted that a police cluster meeting had not been held for some time but a meeting with the Police commissioner (postponed earlier in the year) would take place on the 17th November. (Cllr Brookfield).
- ◆ There had been one request for speed gun training and any further people interested could be added to the list. Training will now be planned (Cllr Brookfield).

b. Future Agenda Items

- ◆ Minerals & Waste Consultation.

Nov22-7. Planning

a. Responses to Application Consultations:

i. 22/4071N - Heath House, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury

Change of use from open countryside to designated garden land to be used in association with Heath House.

In discussion it was felt that this proposal could set a precedent that would be in conflict with both the existing and draft revised neighbourhood plan and that there was no clear rationale for the change. The Council resolved to object to the application citing the neighbourhood plan and PG6 in the local plan relating to change of use within open countryside, outside the settlement boundary.

ii. 22/4118N - Cayuga, Wyche Lane, Bunbury

Proposed rear extension. Proposed replacement side flat roof. Alterations to external windows and doors. Proposed photovoltaics. Proposed pergola in garden.

The Council resolved to make no objection

iii. 22/4121N - Lyndren, Wyche Road, Bunbury

Proposed two storey side extension. Proposed replacement and enlargement of existing rear dormer.

The Council resolved to make no objection

iv. 22/3593N - Foxdale, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury

Conversion of outbuilding at Foxdale into a four bedroom detached dwelling with new garden space and associated works.

In discussion it was noted that the proposal was to use existing openings for windows and doors and so there was little to object to. It was agreed that a construction management plan should be required, with particular focus on the management of construction related traffic and taking into account any ongoing works at nearby development sites. The Council resolved not to object but to seek a condition relating to the preparation of a suitable construction management plan, preferably with input from the village.

b. Responses to Application Consultations:

There were no updates available.

Nov22-8. Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Report

The draft plan had been circulated in advance. The Chair of the Steering Group explained that, once the draft had been approved by the Council, a Regulation 14 consultation period would start, with residents and Cheshire East Council (CEC). Publicity would be produced, including a leaflet to every house in the parish, to ensure that all residents are aware of the draft plan and their part in contributing to it. After the consultation, the Steering Group will review the feedback and carry out any redrafts before bringing it back for Council's final approval to send the plan forward to CEC as a Regulation 15 plan. At that point ownership of the draft plan shifts to CEC. CEC will then conduct a six-week consultation and, if all goes well, the Plan will be adopted after that. The new plan will sit alongside newly developed design guidelines.

After brief discussion the Council resolved to submit the plan, with the addition of drawings, maps and graphics, for consultation.

Nov22-9. Jubilee Tree

A report had been circulated in advance setting out options and price information. The Council resolved to obtain and plant a Maple on the large area of grass verge in front of the new Belfry Housing development as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, together with a Jubilee plaque. The costs will be in the region of £90 for the tree plus about £10 for a stake and tree protection and £60 for the plaque. It was noted that the planting season is coming to an end and so the tree would be planted in March. As the Council has a spare bench in store it was also resolved to place this near the tree.

Nov22-10. Correspondence

The Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

- ◆ From a resident expressing concern about the use of tyres at the play area. In discussion it was noted that RoSPA are happy with the use of tyres and that the play area had been safety-approved in this regard at all its regular safety inspections. The research relating to rubber

particles arises from the United States of America where shredded tyre rubber is used extensively. The Clerk would write to the resident concerned to reassure him.

- ◆ From a potential buyer of Norbury Cottage for development, asking whether the Council would have any views on development of the site. The Council resolved to reply pointing the correspondent to the Local and Neighbourhood Plans.

Nov22-11. Play Area Equipment

Members had received a written report in advance of the meeting. Following brief discussion it was resolved to spend up to £4,500 plus VAT to repair the roundabout and delegated the final decision concerning the appointment of contractors to the Clerk and Chair, in the light of final quotations and further information.

It was noted that the Council had already agreed to plan a programme of annual maintenance and as the current repairs would deplete the Play Area Reserve, thought should be given to raising funds to replenish it. It was agreed that any balance in the reserve after repairs would be put into an interest bearing account.

Nov22-12. Defibrillator

Members had received a written report in advance of the meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk would get in touch with the Dysart to thank them for housing the defibrillator and to discuss siting it in a position that is accessible to staff and customers of the pub and to offer assistance in registering the defibrillator with The Circuit.

Nov22-13. Sheep on Land at Tweddle Close

A local farmer had been approached to establish whether he could be interested in grazing sheep on this land. Cllr Anderson was mandated to visit the site with the farmer in question to explore specific possibilities and report back to the meeting.

Nov22-14. Events

Christmas Eve - The Clerk reported that he had booked the band for the carol singing and that Cllr Parker had arranged for the delivery and erection of the tree.

Nov22-15. Electric Vehicle Charging

Following a brief discussion of the principle of providing EV charging it was resolved that this could be something that would be helpful for the community and that it worth researching and so the Clerk would take this forward and report back to a future meeting.

Nov22-16. Finance & Governance

a. Receipts and Payments

The schedule of receipts and payments was received and it was reported that there were two additional items: £37.98 for reimbursement of printer ink costs to the Chair and £260 for the Christmas tree. Following brief discussion it was resolved to approve the payments.

b. Budget for 2023/24

The Clerk reported that the draft budget would be discussed at the next meeting and asked that any proposals for additional spending be notified to him by the end of November so that they could be included in the draft.

Nov22-17. Councillor Vacancy

The Chair reported that there were now two vacancies but no potential nominees at present and it was agreed that members would make renewed efforts to generate interest.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed as a true record by authority of the Council

Chair

Date