

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 10 MAY 2017**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council, CEC Cllr Michael Jones
3 Members of the Public

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

No speakers.

10.05.01 APOLOGIES
None

10.05.02 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

10.05.03 MINUTES

(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 April)

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2017 with additional detail at 12.04.12.3 reimbursement to R. Pulford was for varnish and a brass plaque

10.05.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES
There were no Police representatives in attendance.

10.05.05 HIGHWAYS REVIEW
The Chairman reported that Highways had given a quote of £82,000 for the car park and access path in the playing fields and asked Cllr Jones to arrange a joint meeting with the officer for S106 agreements.

10.05.06 PLANNING MATTERS

10.05.06.1 Planning applications received for comment

17/2226N COBB HOUSE, BUNBURY LANE Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey extension

RESOLVED: The PC does not object to the application

10.05.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council

None to report.

10.05.06.3 Decision Notice and 106 agreement Hill Close Development 15/5783N

Cllr. Pulford gave an update. Outline approval given but as part of 106 agreement 5 affordable

houses and an open space at the back of the plot have to be provided with a management plan. A footpath shown on the plans from the development onto the playing fields will need Parish Council permission.

10.05.06.4 Any other 106 agreements

Cllr Pulford confirmed that he recalled attending a meeting where gifting a piece of land on the Grange development to the community had been suggested and that he had approached Sadlers Wells about a project. The PC has been misquoted as not supporting this. A letter is to be sent to planning from the PC contesting this.

Cllr Green left the meeting.

10.05.06.5 New Housing Developments – Bunbury

Cllr. Jones spoke about the Supreme Court Judgement repeating what was in an email he had sent to the Parish Council:-

Earlier today (10 May 2017), the Supreme Court handed down their judgment in the Moorfields Willaston case that was heard February. This was the end of a lengthy 3year process which vindicated the position taken by Cheshire East Council that guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was being applied incorrectly. We took this action on behalf of our residents and to ensure that local planning policies which seek to protect green belt, green gap, or other important landscapes, get the recognition they deserve.

The Supreme Court judges unanimously agreed with our argument on the legal point regarding the interpretation of policies in the NPPF and what policies for the supply of housing means. This is a momentous decision that will affect planning decision making nationally as it means that, as we have previously argued, a narrow interpretation must be taken in deciding what policies are 'for the supply of housing'. Previous courts and planning inspectors had adopted a wide approach which meant that green belt, green gap and other environmental policies to protect land from development were given much reduced weight and this decision now reverses that. The court was clear that they do not see a reason to treat policies as out of date simply because of a shortfall in other policies.

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10.05.06.6 Public path diversion order Footpath No 12

This had been granted by Cheshire East and had been circulated to Members for information. The PC had previously expressed concern that it was too narrow but it is now 2.5 metres wide.

10.05.07 PLAYING FIELDS

10.05.07.1 Disposal of Old Playground Equipment

It has not been possible to get a contractor to remove the equipment at no cost. The Chairman and Vice Chairman expressed their willingness to dismantle the equipment themselves. Members were in agreement that this was not necessary.

RESOLVED To pay a contractor to remove the equipment and clear the ground.

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

- Update – The report had been delivered during the annual meeting.
- Playing Fields Lease – Cllrs. Pulford and Parker have an appointment with Hibberts solicitors.

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

CEC Cllr. Jones expressed his concerns regarding:-

- Cheshire East being investigated by the HMRC regarding meeting minimum wage

- Overspent budget
- Delay in closing land deals and collecting S106 money

10.05.09 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Brookfield has been in touch with the CEC Footpaths Officer. There is less budget this year for improvements. They are aware of the problems with the Wyche Lane footpath. The landowner has been contacted. Cllr Brookfield had attended the police cluster meeting. There will be some training and support available for community speedwatch.
- Cllr Thomas had again, reported the leaning telegraph pole in Sadlers Wells to Highways.
- Cllr Mark-Ireland had asked about a hedge that needs cutting but was told that birds are still nesting.
- 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 Potter gave details of upcoming events in the Village including Village Day 24 June and appealed for raffle prizes. A contractor had visited the old playground site and provided an estimate of £7,800 plus VAT to clear the area and around £20,000 to surface the car park. Cllr Pulford will speak to him.
- Cllr Pulford appealed for volunteers to collect on gates at Village Day.
- Cllr Parker informed the meeting that Colin Knowles, the former Clerk to the PC with 7 years service had passed away. A minute of silence was observed. A letter of condolence will be sent to the family.

10.05.10 CORRESPONDENCE

Had been circulated.

10.05.11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.05.11.1 Subscriptions and membership renewals.

The Clerk reported that the following were due:-
 Cheshire Association of Local Councils – £379.75
 Cheshire Community Action - £50.00
 Playing Fields Association - £20.00
 Mid-Cheshire Footpaths Society - £8.00

RESOLVED: To pay these subscriptions.

10.05.11.2 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques to be signed

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:
 £642.74 Gross salary April - Marilyn Houston, Clerk

.....Chairman