

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 11 October 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R Pulford Chairman  
Councillor N Parker Vice Chairman  
Councillors, M Ireland-Jones, L Potter, M Thomas, and P Brookfield

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

**The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

**OPEN FORUM**

A resident asked if it was known what impact there would be locally if changes to allocation numbers announced by the Government meant the Local Plan had to increase by 40%. The Chairman referred the resident to Andrew Thompson who was looking into this.

**11.10.01 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs G Griffiths, G McCormack, T Greco, C Green and CEC Cllr Michael Jones.

**11.10.02 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.

**11.10.03 MINUTES  
(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 September)**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017.

**11.10.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES**

There were no Police representatives in attendance.

**11.10.05 HIGHWAYS REVIEW**

The Chairman reported on:-

- Speed watch. The training is being held on 17 October.
- Car park on Old Playground – Letters requesting financial support have gone out to Developers. No replies to date.

**11.10.06 PLANNING MATTERS**

**11.10.06.1 Planning applications received for comment**

17/4898N

To construct a single storey extension to be used as a boot room.  
BOWES GATE COTTAGE, BOWES GATE ROAD, BUNBURY, CW6 9QA

**RESOLVED:** The PC does not object to the application

17/4707N

Proposed two storey rear extension, new front porch and replacement garage.  
Woodworth House, BIRDS LANE, BUNBURY, CW6 9PU

**RESOLVED:** The PC does not object to the application

17/4562N

Alteration to planning approval 15/5830N (Construction of One Detached Two Storey Dwelling with the Garden to the Side of Chapel Cottage), to include the addition of a basement.  
PLOT ADJACENT TO CHAPEL COTTAGE, BUNBURY LANE, CW6 9QS

**RESOLVED:** The PC does not object

17/5067N

Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage  
THE CROFT, BUNBURY LANE, BUNBURY, CHESHIRE, CW6 9QU

This was not on the agenda as received after the agenda was published. Members thought it necessary to comment on the application. Members were aware that the neighbors may have comments to express and a Member who lived nearby will ask them if they had been notified.

**RESOLVED:** Bunbury Parish Council has no objection to the application in principle but wants to draw the Planning Officers attention to the application to the anomaly that the application is for construction of a double garage, but the plans show a two-story building with windows on the upper story. This is more than a garage.

17/3560N and 17/3559N - Applications regarding Brantwood had been received after the agenda was published. It was noted that the closing date for comments is midnight on 8 November; the date of the next PC meeting. The Clerk confirmed that comments can be put on the planning website directly after that meeting.

#### **11.10.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council**

15/1666N

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 27/09/2017

Applicant : Rural Housing Trust

Agent : Strutt & Parker LLP

Location : Land at Bowe's Gate Road, Bunbury, Cheshire, CW6 9PL

Proposal The erection of 11 no. new dwellings including affordable housing

#### **11.10.06.3 Section 106 agreement Hill Close Development 15/5783N, The Grange 14/3167N and any other 106 agreements - Update from Cllr Pulford**

Nothing in general to report on 106 agreements.

There has been no reply from Cheshire East to the letter about the Grange. The meeting with Mr G McCormack, the developer of the Grange went ahead on 5 October with the PC being represented by Cllrs. Pulford, Ireland-Jones and Greco.

The agreed conclusion as reported by Cllr Pulford was:-

*We have looked at this issue and concluded that there is no evidence of a formal offer from the developer to gift the land to the Parish Council, nor was there a formal request from the Parish Council that the land should be gifted to them. Consequently, the land remains in the ownership of the developer. We consider that this issue is now closed.*

#### **11.10.06.4 New Housing Developments – Update from Cllr Pulford**

Nothing to report.

#### **11.10.06.5 Cheshire East Council Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule Consultation (Until Monday 6th November)**

Concern was raised that Bunbury has been zero rated. It was noted that possible funds are not very large. The figure worked out is an average £277.50 for a development of 15 houses.

**RESOLVED:** To object to the zero rating. The Chairman to draft a response.

#### **11.10.07 Muir Land off Wyche Lane**

**11.10.07.1** Action to take up the option on this land including instructing Hibberts – an update

The Clerk has asked Hibberts to begin the legal process to take up the option.

**11.10.07.2** To consider the use for the land.

**RESOLVED:** To consult with residents on the proposal for a low-density woodland area planted with British native species, with a small number of benches. A letter to be sent to nearby residents.

**11.10.08 PLAYING FIELDS****11.10.08.1 Converting old playground to car park – An update**

**General update** – The PC has write to Developers and is awaiting a response.

**Relocation of benches**- deferred.

**11.10.08.2 Report from Playing Fields Committee**

- **General Update** - Cllr. Parker reported on some small items of maintenance due to vandalism. An article is to be included in the Link and on website to highlight the problem. The playground is inspected weekly.
- **Playing Fields Lease** – Cllrs. Pulford and Parker had nothing new to report from the solicitor who is working on the lease.
- **Request for support on improving “no dogs” signage**  
The Playing Fields Committee are suggesting that visual “no dogs signs” e.g. a red circle with a dog and a line through. Cllr Parker will investigate signs that can be approved.

**11.10.8.3 To agree a response to the CEC consultation on dogs in public places**

The deadline had passed. Conclusions to be reported on when available.

**11.10.09 SOCIAL HOUSING NEEDS IN BUNBURY – an update on information to be added to the PC web page.**

Flyers are being printed.

**11.10.10 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTATION**

The consultation has finished. No response from CEC yet.

**11.10.11 SEASONAL EVENTS – UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS**

- **Wreath for Remembrance Sunday** – Cllr Parker has made the necessary arrangements.
- **Bonfire night** – The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on arrangements for the Bonfire and Fireworks display on 5 November.
- **Carols around the Christmas tree** – The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on arrangements. The tree is being delivered on 26 November. Still trying to book a band and get a PA system.

**11.10.12 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT (COUNCILLOR M E JONES)**

Deferred.

**11.10.13 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

- Cllr Parker reported that the overgrown hedge at Brantwood has not been cut despite being reported to Highways. A letter is to be sent from the PC to the landowner.
- Cllr Ireland-Jones has updated the website with the social housing information.
- Cllr Brookfield has reported issues with footpaths to the CEC officer.
- Cllr Potter reported on issues that RBL are addressing.

**11.10.14 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that communications received had been circulated.

**11.10.15 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**15.1 Insurance cover** - The Parish Council was asked to approve the recommendation from Cane and Co Insurance Brokers to arrange the PC and Playing Fields insurance cover with Ecclesiastical. The Clerk had circulated the details prior to the meeting including the three alternative quotes obtained and the option to get a discount if signing a loyalty agreement.  
**RESOLVED:** to approve the recommendation and sign the 3year loyalty agreement.

**15.2 Additional payment for playground maintenance.**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman confirmed that payments due in September to C Warburton Garden Services were for maintenance set out in the schedule of works. Quotes are being sought for the schedule of works going forward.

**RESOLVED:** to approve £822.95 including labour and materials for grounds maintenance of track and playground

**15.3 To receive and approve the completed Annual Return including the External Auditor's report.**

The Clerk had circulated the document. The external audit has been completed with no issues raised. The Clerk was commended for her work.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the Annual Return including the External Auditor's report.

**15.4 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques to be signed**

**RESOLVED:** That the following payments be authorised:

£642.74	Gross salary September - Marilyn Houston, Clerk
£34.71	Materials for maintenance works - NickParker
£2915.08	Insurance – Came &Co
£360.00	External Audit Fee - BDO

.....Chairman