

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 8 MARCH 2017**

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

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

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

**OPEN FORUM**

All residents present agreed with what was said by three residents who spoke against application 15/5782N expressing concerns about co-location. Questions were asked about the appeal on the Wulvern application and associated issues. The Chairman and Cllr Michael Jones answered these.

**08.03.01 APOLOGIES**

Cllr. P Brookfield and T Greco.

**08.03.02 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.

Cllr. Pulford declared a non-pecuniary interest in 6.1. application 17/0396N.

Cllr. G McCormack declared a pecuniary interest in 6.1 applications 17/0546N and 17/0956N

**08.03.03 MINUTES**

**(EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY)**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017

**(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY)**

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2017

**08.03.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES**

There were no Police representatives in attendance. Cllrs. Ireland-Jones, Pulford, Parker and 2 residents have volunteered to be trained in the use of the speed gun. Cllr. Griffiths also offered to help when available. The activity will be supervised by the police. High visibility vests and a rucksack to be ordered

**08.03.05 HIGHWAYS REVIEW**

The Chairman reported that a contractor was going to give a free estimate for tarmacadam for the car park and access path.

**08.03.06 PLANNING MATTERS**

**08.03.06.1 Planning applications received for comment**

**17/0396N**

5<sup>th</sup> house on the Outspan site, Sadlers Wells, where there is already permission for 4 houses for comment by 22 February extension requested.

**RESOLVED:** The PC has no objection to the application but would ask that section 106 contribution is requested from the developer

**15/5782N Hill Close**

To reconsider 15/5782N because of the change of circumstances brought about by the alternative application on the same site, 15/5783N having been approved by planning. The PC

did not object to 15/5782N, but did suggest a few conditions in the response to consultation. 15/5782N has a Planning Committee date of 29th March.

**To decide the view of the PC to enable the Chairman to attend the Planning Committee meeting and give the PC's view.**

The Chairman reminded Members that the PC came to this decision without the benefit of knowing that the committee would subsequently approve 15/5783N. The PC did not provide a response to consultation on 15/5783N because it didn't have a Transport Statement.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had spoken to CB homes to try unravel the confusion caused by multiple applications. The conversation was reported to the Clerk at the time to be put on record. He was told that they want **15/5783** to go ahead and are sorting out section 106 contributions at the moment and then would plan to withdraw **17/5782N**. Members discussed the issues including access, co-location and the uncertainty regarding the Wulvern application. Cllr Thomas joined the meeting A consensus of opinion was reached on these

**RESOLVED:** Bunbury Parish Council agrees to the Chairman attending the planning committee and expressing the view of the PC if the opportunity arises.

Cllr McCormack abstained

**17/0546N**

**Erection of temporary site compound for use as offices, stores and welfare facilities (for a maximum period of 18 months).THE GRANGE, WYCHE LANE, BUNBURY** by 8 March extension requested.

Cllr McCormack moved away from the meeting table and took no part in the discussion or voting.

**RESOLVED:** No objection

**17/0956N**

**Erection of 1No 'V' stack non-illuminated sign and 1 No non-illuminated free standing sign with 4No flag pole advertisements THE GRANGE, WYCHE LANE by 14 Mar**

**RESOLVED:** Bunbury Parish Council objects to the application. The flag poles and the height of the sign are not in keeping with the character of the village and location near to the church. No flag poles and more discreet signage would be more acceptable. The lane is not a thoroughfare. Any access traffic will be slow moving so the proposals are unnecessary.

Cllr McCormack rejoined the meeting.

**17/1104N Reserved matters application for key agricultural workers dwelling New Farm, BUNBURY COMMON ROAD, BUNBURY**

**RESOLVED:** No objection

**17/1193N Construction of single storey garden room to the rear of the property Bunbury Heath Cottage, School Lane, Bunbury**

**RESOLVED:** No objection

**08.03.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council**

**16/5153T Refused works to protected tree 17-Feb-2017 Homefield, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BUNBURY**

It was noted that the work was cosmetic only.

**08.03.06.3 Brantwood – Planning enforcement**

No update received from planning enforcement. An update to be requested.

**08.03.06.4 New Housing Developments – Bunbury**

The Chairman reported that the Strutt & Parker development by the new surgery was delegated to an officer to decide. Members objected to an officer's comments that the design should be plain rather than copying features from nearby houses. The Chairman will pass that opinion on.

**08.03.06.5 Appeal against refusal of application 16/2010N Land off Oak gardens Update** - The process is ongoing.

**08.03.07 PLAYING FIELDS**

**08.03.07.1 Disposal of Old Playground Equipment**

A contractor has been contacted to remove the equipment at no cost.

**08.03.07.2 The future development of the area.**

An estimated ball park figure for car park development is being sought.

**08.03.07.3 Report from Playing Fields Committee – Report from Cllr. Parker**

- Update – The problem with the heating control is ongoing. Disabled access and facilities are being looked at with a view to getting a grant.
- Playing Fields Lease – Cllrs. Pulford and Parker have rewritten the lease. This now needs to be discussed with Hibberts solicitors. The Clerk will contact them.

**08.03.08 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

- Repair and refurbishment of noticeboards on Village Hall.- Cllr. Pulford reported that the new boards have been made and are waiting on an improvement in the weather, to be varnished.
- Replacement of bench at the Triangle and refurbishment of base – The bench has been installed and a new plaque. The old plaque needs to be attached to a new base.

**08.03.09 NOMINATION OF TRUSTEE(S) FOR SADDLERS WELLS COMMUNITY WOODLAND**

This is necessary as the trust has changed its status to a Charitable Organisation.

RESOLVED To nominate Cllr. Ron Pulford

**08.03.10 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (COUNCILLOR M E JONES)**

CEC Cllr. Jones reported:-

- Bunbury PC could be self-certifying if the threshold goes up
- The noise nuisance from a shotgun bird-scarer at Bunbury Heath is being dealt with.
- There have been complaints about potholes as repairs have not been lasting
- An updated 106 agreements report has been obtained including Bunbury that can be discussed with the Officer and PC Chairman.

**08.03.11 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

- Cllr Griffith commented on the new streetlights that have improved with less light pollution.
- Cllr Thomas asked for an update on the "Old Bakery". Cllr Jones will find out where CE legal are up to.
- Cllr Ireland-Jones reported on updates made to the website. An invoice is needed for a financial contribution from the PC.
- Cllr. Green left the meeting
- Cllr Potter gave details of a Sandstone Trail celebratory event. The Chairman confirmed that the PC could not make a financial contribution. The Headteacher at Bunbury School is to be congratulated for her leadership having been given a favourable mention in the Ofsted report.

**08.03.12 CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter of thanks received from NW Air Ambulance
- Letter from resident regarding traffic survey had been dealt with

**08.03.13 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**08.03.13.1 Establishment of a Pension scheme to comply with statutory requirements.**

The Clerk reported that this was now set up but requires a direct debit form to be authorised.

**08.03.13.2 Clerk's 4th quarter out of pocket expenditure for approval**

The claim form was tabled detailing meeting expenses and stationary totaling £109.74

**RESOLVED:** That payment be authorised:

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

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

£642.74 Gross salary February - Marilyn Houston, Clerk

£tbc Lengthsman duties March plus any increase agreed at agenda item 14 - Chris Warburton

£8.39 website domain fee – Mark Ireland-Jones

**Part Two**

Confidential matter - members of the press and public were excluded from the meeting.

**14. Lengthsman Contract**

Members were asked to review work schedule, hours and payment as required by the contract

**RESOLVED:** To increase payment per hour backdated to 1 Nov 2015. To increase hours paid to 5hrs per week backdated to 1 May 2016. To review the terms of the contract again in Nov 2017.

.....Chairman