

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 13 DECEMBER 2017**

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER- Dave Evans, Chairman of the Bowling Club was invited to explain the need for new grass cutting equipment; the specification and likely cost. This will be an agenda item at the January meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the Public.

13.12.01 APOLOGIES

Cllr T Greco, G Griffiths, M Thomas and G McCormack. Cllr Pulford informed Members that Cllr Thomas was making a good recovery in hospital.

13.12.02 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

13.12.03 MINUTES

(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 November)

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017.

13.12.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES

There were no Police representatives in attendance.

13.12.05 HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chairman will report on car park development at item 9.

13.12.06 PLANNING MATTERS

13.12.06.1 Planning applications received for comment

17/5696N Garden Land Adjacent Mayfield House, Moss lane, Bunbury

2no. residential units in large existing garden of existing property, Mayfield House, using existing private access drive to form new access to new properties. (CEC had extended the deadline for PC comments to 14 December)

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council has no objections.

17/6119N Land off Hill Close, Bunbury (received after the publication of the agenda)

Reserved matters approval.

RESOLVED: The PC does not object to the reserved matters approval but would ask Cheshire East Planning to ensure that the provision of affordable housing is adhered to. The Parish

Council strongly supports the retention of the 2 shared ownership properties and would not want these to be converted to social/affordable rent.

17/6228N The Willows, Bunbury Lane (received after the publication of the agenda)

Certificate of proposed lawful use for a single storey rear extension and internal changes.

RESOLVED: No comment needed.

13.12.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council

17/4562N approved with conditions 09/11/2017

Plot adjacent to Chapel Cottage, Bunbury Lane

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.

17/3103D discharge approved 15/11/2017

Land At Bunbury Heath, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury

Proposal Discharge of conditions 5 and 6 on approval 14/0381N - Outline application for erection of two detached family houses and double garages, closing of existing shared access and provision of new shared access with associated landscaping

17/4220N approved with conditions 23/11/2017

Land Off, Hill Close, Bunbury

Variation of condition 4 on approval 15/5783N - Proposed Residential Development for 15 Dwellings with Access from Hill Close

16/0173D Part approved/part refused 20/11/2017

The Old Methodist Chapel, College Lane

Discharge of Conditions 3 and 4 on Approved Application 15/3515N.

13.12.06.3 Section 106 agreement Hill Close Development 15/5783N and any other 106 agreements - Update from Cllr Pulford

Nothing has been received from CEC to suggest that there will be any contributions from Section 106 agreements. This agenda item is closed.

13.12.06.4 New Housing Developments – Update from Cllr Pulford

Cllr Pulford had nothing new to report. The site at the cricket ground has been fenced.

13.12.07 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL HOUSING STRATEGY 2018-2023 – Consultation

The PC has the opportunity to comment on this draft strategy that sets out a vision and priorities for housing. Members had viewed the draft strategy prior to the meeting and were awaiting comments from two voluntary local consultants. Cllr Jones highlighted the need to ensure that CEC maintains the local priority for allocating social housing in Bunbury.

RESOLVED: The Chairman will collaborate with the consultants and circulate a suggested response. Then a final response will be sent on behalf of the PC.

13.12.08 MUIR LAND OFF WYCHE LANE

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

The Chair and Vice Chair have attended an appointment with the solicitor to begin the legal process to take up the option. Correspondence with the solicitor has addressed the issue of access to the land being ensured.

13.12.08.2 To receive an update from Cllr. Pulford on the use of the land as a community woodland including fruit trees

Cllr. Pulford reported on a proposed meeting with a specialist consultant who is offering free advice on the trees after he does a site visit.

13.12.09 PLAYING FIELDS

13.12.09.1 Converting old playground to car park – An update

General update –Guinness (formerly Wulvern) and Strutt and Parker, the developers who are considering the request for a funding contribution, are expected to reply by Spring. If there is still no response from other developers by January a further request should be sent to them.

Relocation of benches- deferred.

13.12.09.2 Report from Playing Fields Committee

- **General Update** - Cllr. Parker reported that there had not been a committee meeting.
- **Playing Fields Lease** – Cllrs. Pulford and Parker reported that when they meet with the solicitor regarding the Muir Land they will also finalise the playing fields lease.
- **Improving “no dogs” signage**
Cllr Parker has investigated the suggested “pictograms” visual “no dogs signs” e.g. a red circle with a dog and a line through costing approximately £35 in total as agreed at the last meeting. They appear to be too flimsy and more expensive signs will need to be investigated.

13.12.10 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE REVIEW CONSULTATION - An update

The CEC Cabinet met on 7 November to consider the CEC Officer’s report, which included the recommendation to keep the 56 and 83 routes that serve Bunbury. A decision was made to keep the services that serve Bunbury but without the connection to Chester. New contracts are being sought. Elsewhere in the Borough there have been cuts including rural areas. The high number of responses to the consultation from all Bunbury service users and others was noted by CEC.

13.12.11 SEASONAL EVENTS – UPDATE ON ARRANGEMENTS

- **Bonfire night – Update on additional contributions received.** The Chairman reported that the contributions from Tilleys and from Burrows had been received out of their takings. This brings the final total income to £2512.50, giving a surplus of £699.99
- **Carols around the Christmas tree** – To update on arrangements
The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on proposed arrangements.

13.12.12 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT (COUNCILLOR M E JONES)

Cllr. Jones confirmed his resignation from Cheshire East Council.

13.12.13 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS – deferred due to time constraint

13.12.14 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on communications received:-

A meeting between all PC’s and CEC to look at future commissioning had been cancelled due to lack of interest. It was noted that Bunbury PC had expressed an interest in attending.

An email from a resident enquiring about the hedge in Wyche Lane – despite the absolute promise that it would be cut by now, still outstanding. Possibly due to weather. To be followed up.

13.12.15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 Notification of external auditor appointments for 2017/18 financial year

The Clerk reported on the appointment of external auditors. Under powers set out in Regulation 3 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015, Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) is responsible for appointing external auditors to all applicable opted-in smaller authorities. Bunbury PC is opted-in to the central procurement process and

therefore an external auditor has been appointed for BPC for the 5-year period commencing with the financial year 2017/18.

15.2 Additional payment for playground maintenance

To receive information from the Chairman and Vice Chairman on quotes being sought for the continuation of this service.

Awaiting a quote from Tarporley Landscapes.

15.3 Setting the budget and precept for 2018/19 - The Parish Council to completed the process of setting a budget for 2018/19 by examining the receipts and payments for the current year to date in a report produced by the Clerk.

The Clerk tabled a report and Members discussed budget matters. It was noted that future ongoing annual essential maintenance of the New Playground and repairs could be as much as £10,000 per year. Although the PC has sufficient reserves to cover this for 3 years the reserve may be needed for other large items of expenditure such as any major repairs to the pavilion.

RESOLVED: to agree the draft budget. To set the precept at the January meeting.

15.4 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques to be signed

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£642.74	Gross salary November - Marilyn Houston, Clerk
£240	Refund payment Christmas tree – Nick Parker
£458.01	Refund purchase PA equipment and stationary – Ron Pulford
£400.00	Christmas carol music – Crewe Brass Band

.....Chairman