

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE PLAYING FIELDS PAVILION, BUNBURY ON 10 JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor R Pulford Chairman
Councillor N Parker Vice Chairman
Councillors, L Potter, G Griffiths and P Brookfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the Public.

10.01.01 APOLOGIES

Cllr T Greco, M Ireland-Jones, C Green, McCormack and M Thomas .

10.01.02 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

10.01.03 MINUTES

(ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13 December)

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

10.01.04 LOCAL POLICING ISSUES

There were no Police representatives in attendance. Cllr Pulford will attend the police cluster meeting on 18 January.

10.01.05 HIGHWAYS REVIEW

The Chairman will report on car park development at item 9.1

10.01.06 PLANNING MATTERS

10.01.06.1 Planning applications received for comment

17/6227N

Proposed change of use of two existing barns to form two residential units, two detached garages and associated infrastructure works

Heath Farm, WHITCHURCH ROAD, BUNBURY, CW6 9SX

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council has no objections.

10.01.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council

17/5876N 16/11/2017 South (CE) Delegated Agenda

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 05/01/2018

Location : 4, The Square, WYCHE ROAD, BUNBURY, CW6 9PW

Proposal Resubmission of previously approved application P04/1234 - First floor extension over the existing single story and a small single story extension to be used as a utility room. Reskin existing single story with bricks to match the original house.

10.01.06.3 New Housing Developments – Update from Cllr Pulford

Cllr Pulford was not aware of anything new to report.

10.01.07 MUIR LAND OFF WYCHE LANE**10.01.07.1 Action to take up the option on this land including instructing Hibberts – an update**

The Solicitor is drafting a letter for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign to go to Muir to begin the legal process to take up the option.

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

Cllr. Pulford reported that a date for the site visit has not been set yet with the specialist consultant who is offering free advice on the trees.

10.01.08 PAVEMENT ON WYCHE LANE

Two emails have been received from a resident of Wyche Lane with this suggestion and some information on users of the route. These were circulated to Members before the meeting. The benefits of a footpath were discussed. It was noted that agreement would need to come from Highways and there were regulations which specify a minimum width of 1.4 metres. It was thought that a feasibility study had previously been undertaken, the outcome of which was not positive. The Clerk to ask Highways to look at the feasibility from a planning view.

10.01.09 PLAYING FIELDS**10.01.09.1 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. There is still no response from the other developers so a further request will be sent to them.

Relocation of benches- deferred.

10.01.09.2 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 is investigating the “pictograms” visual “no dogs signs”

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

CEC Cabinet approved a report which including keep the 56 and 83 routes that serve Bunbury but without the connection to Chester. These have now gone out to tender.

10.01.11 SEASONAL EVENTS

- **Carols around the Christmas tree** – To report on the event
The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported that Crewe Brass Band were marvelous. About 200 people attended.
Cllr Parker took the sealed collection boxes back to Tarporley Hospital and is waiting to hear how much was collected.

10.01.12 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

An election to the vacancy is being arranged by CEC.

10.01.13 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr. Parker reported that a resident in Wyche Lane is celebrating a 100 birthday. The Clerk will send a card from the PC.

Cllr. Pulford was contacted by the So Cheshire website with a request for a comment from Bunbury Parish Council regarding the current campaign for Beeston and Tarporley Railway Station to be re-opened.

Cllr Pulford asked if Members felt that there is support for the initiative from the local community. A majority of Members were in favour in principle of the station reopening on environmental grounds. It was noted there were other factors that would have to be considered if the station were to be reopened.

Cllr Griffiths will report the continuing problem of construction traffic using Long Lane to Highways.

Cllr Potter wanted to congratulate Ted Fowles who was awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours. Cllr Potter is donating a bench to the community and has suggested siting it on the playing fields, so will seek permission from the playing fields committee. Cllr Potter proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Clerk for their excellent performance of their duties over the past 12 months.

10.01.14 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that communications received had been circulated.

10.01.15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.01.15.01 Purchase of grounds maintenance equipment for the Bowling Green

Details of the specification and quotes had been circulated before the meeting. The equipment will cost £7000 in total. The Bowling Club has fundraised £5000.

RESOLVED: to approve a contribution of £2000 towards the purchase of new grounds maintenance equipment.

10.01.15.02 Additional payment for playground maintenance

The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported that further quotes are being sought for the continuation of this service.

10.01.15.03 Setting the precept for 2018/19

The Parish Council completed the process of setting the precept to be requested for 2018/19 Cheshire East Council fixed its Taxbase for the financial year 2018/19 by Resolution of the Council on the 14th December 2017. The Taxbase for Bunbury Parish Council area is 632.34 compared to a current amount of 633.54.

As an indication, if the current Band D Council Tax (of £31.57 per annum) remained the same, this would reduce the precept from £20,000 to £19,962. Alternatively, if the precept remained at £20,000 then the Band D Council Tax would increase to £31.63 when using the new taxbase. If the precept is increased by 5% to £21,000, the Band D Council Tax would increase by £1.58 per annum.

RESOLVED: to set the precept at £21,000.

10.01.15.4 Authorisation of Payments – Cheques to be signed

RESOLVED: That the following payments be authorised:

£642.74	Gross salary December - Marilyn Houston, Clerk
£234	Purchases for carols around tree (PA and miscellaneous equipment) – Ron Pulford

.....Chairman