

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
11 NOVEMBER 2020**

**This was a remote meeting.** *Councillors and the Parish Clerk participated from their homes by dialing into an audio only conference call. Members of the public were able to listen in to the meeting and participate in the Local Forum by phoning a central number and entering a passcode supplied on request from the Parish Clerk.*

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Ireland-Jones Acting Chairman  
Councillors, N Parker, M Thomas, P Brookfield, G Griffith, L Potter G Melia

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council, three members of the public. Two representatives from Huxley Primary PTA. A member of the press and CE Cllr S Pochin tried joining but were unable to do so due to technical difficulties.

**Technical difficulties delayed the start of the meeting**

**OPEN FORUM**

Two representatives from Huxley Primary School PTA spoke to raise awareness that the school was facing closure. There is an online consultation that can be accessed on the school or the Cheshire West and Cheshire Council website. There is a school development plan being produced to keep open and try new "flexi schooling". Diversifying is proposed as a way forward. The representatives will send a link to this information that can be placed on the Bunbury village website.

**11.11.01 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Ron Pulford. T Greco has resigned.

**11.11.02 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

**11.11.03 MINUTES**

**(PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING ON 14 OCTOBER)**

The Chairman asked all Members if they accepted the minutes.

**RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 14 October. A hard copy will be signed by the Chairman at a future date when safe to do so.

**11.11.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Pochin's report was deferred.**

**11.11.05 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

The Chairman invited Members to give a brief report on any matters they were aware of, not covered by the agenda.

Cllr Potter reported that the Co-op will be open on Friday. The Church services continue online every Sunday. The Chippy and pub takeaways are operating. There will be Advent windows in the village in December.

Cllr Parker had dealt with a problem regarding the bin and racks at the Co-op. Brantwood hedge is looking better having been cut.

Cllr Thomas reported that homeowners are being asked to trim hedges.

Cllr Brookfield reported on footpath concerns in two areas where land has been ploughed and the footpath lost. She had contacted CE and copied Cllr Pochin in. There is a delay at CE due to workload. Farmers can plough but must reinstate the footpath. Cllr Brookfield has inspected both again. The one from College lane to the Dysart was not reinstated so she has sent further details to Cllr Pochin.

Cllr Brookfield had received no communications from police liaison about any issues in Bunbury.

Cllr Ireland-Jones reported that the Pizza van service was deferred due to lockdown. A tree has been pruned by Monkey Business. The car park bollards have been installed and the keys received. A policy can be discussed at a future meeting regarding their use. The hole in the car park has been filled in by the Co-op contractor. Cllr Ireland-Jones has spoken to the owner of a van being left in the car park. They have a shortage of alternative space, so this was accepted for the moment but has been moved to a corner spot.

Cllr Griffiths had technical problems, then was able to rejoin the meeting.

## 11.11.06 PLANNING MATTERS

### 11.11.06.1 Planning applications, reserved matters and discharge of conditions applications received from Cheshire East since last meeting.

**20/4536N 4, GRANGE CLOSE, BUNBURY, CW6 9QL** Amendment to S106 Agreement relating to the mortgagee clause on application 14/3167N - Outline Application for demolition of existing derelict house and outbuildings. Construction of two storey apartment block consisting of 4 apartments, 6 detached two storey houses & 4 affordable houses.

**RESOLVED:** no comment

**20/4712N Redcliffe, WYCHE LANE, BUNBURY, CW6 9PS** Proposed extension and reconfiguration to provide family room, kitchen and additional bedroom

**RESOLVED:** no comment

**20/4897N 26, THE HIGHLANDS, BUNBURY, CW6 9NT** Proposed rear dormer to existing first floor Proposed first floor front gable end extension Proposed side/ rear first floor extension

**RESOLVED: No comment**

### 11.11.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council – For information only

None reported.

### 11.11.06.3 New Housing Development

Cllr Ireland-Jones informed the meeting that Duchy Homes are about to start on the development at the end of Bunbury Lane. He will approach them and establish a contact.

## 11.11.07. Playing Fields

### 11.11.07.01 General update from Cllr Parker

Cllr Parker reported on the completed inspection of fire extinguishers. The defibrillator will be filled on Monday.

**11.11.07.02 To consider a request from Early Birds Preschool** - to put up a banner at the playing fields.

The PC noted that they had previously agreed to a Tilly's banner. They are not commercial and are local.

**RESOLVED:** approved

## 11.11.08. Consultations

**11.11.08.01 Cheshire East** -To consider responding to any consultations on the CE website.

Nothing new to respond to.

**11.11.08.2 Government Planning White Paper** To update on a response from the PC.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/907647/MHCLG-Planning-Consultation.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907647/MHCLG-Planning-Consultation.pdf)

Cllr Ireland – Jones has sent the response in. He has spoken to the MP about it and copied it to him.

**11.11.09. Local Policing Issues** – To receive an update from local police if available.

None were present.

**11.11.10. Village Maintenance team** - An update from Cllr Ireland -Jones  
Bulbs have been planted and some other maintenance jobs done.

**11.11.11. Seasonal Events** – to receive information on events.

**Bonfire Night** - Fireworks display on 5 November. About £1,100 has been raised so far. A final report will be given at the next meeting.

**Remembrance Sunday** - Clls Ireland-Jones, Parker and Pochin were in attendance. The Reverend Tim Hayward had worked hard on the arrangements and was thanked by the Parish Council. Cllr Parker will confirm the cheque details for wreath donation.

**Christmas** – Crewe Brass have offered to supply recorded music as unable to attend due to Covid. It is unlikely that there will be a gathering. Instead of carols around the tree on Christmas Eve plans are being made for Father Christmas to visit the primary and preschool to give out sweets.

Cllr Brookfield will confirm arrangements.

**RESOLVED:** to donate up to £100 to ensure there are enough supplies to give out.

**11.11.12. Correspondence – To respond to correspondence received**

The Clerk will respond to the Bowling Club's request for a copy of the renewed insurance, Cllr Thomas rejoined the meeting having experienced technical difficulties during the previous agenda item.

**11.11.13. Casual vacancy** - Subject to the notice period having completed without a call for an election, to receive applications from candidates seeking co-option.

Two candidates attended the meeting and gave a short presentation.

**RESOLVED:** Lesley Davies was co-opted.

A notice will be published to fill the vacancy created by Cllr Greco's resignation.

**11.11.14. Finance Matters:**

**11.11.14.1 Approval of payments: -**

**11.11.14.1 To approve payment of invoices received.**

Lightech £1,440 Fireworks display.

Amazon £132.65 Collection Buckets – Refund payment by P Brookfield

DD Forestry £250 Christmas tree

**RESOLVED** approved

In addition, an update was given on payments previously approved.

Cllr Parker reported that the dog bins are overflowing so he will contact the Lenghtsman to work additional hours and report back to the Acting Chairman and the Clerk for payment to be made.

The PC will review the current grounds maintenance at the next meeting.

**14.1.2 Reimbursement to Clerk of out of pocket expenses 1<sup>st</sup> half of year 2020/21**

Deferred.

**14.2 Review of current year spending** - The Parish Council started the process of setting a budget for 2021/22 by examining the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the financial year 2020/21 receipts and payments in a report produced by the Clerk.

Members asked questions about the likely level of the end of year balance. Projects to be funded next year and the level of reserves to be discussed at the December meeting

..... Chairman

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