

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
14 OCTOBER 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, G Melia and CE Cllr S Pochin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council, 4 members of the public and one member of the press.

OPEN FORUM

A resident spoke on behalf of parents, many of whom had emailed letters to the Parish Council regarding tree pruning on the playing fields, appealing to the PC to reconsider this as it will affect the "climbing tree". The popularity and importance of tree climbing as part of the playground experience was extolled at length including the arguments made in the letters received and quoting play experts.

Cllr Parker explained that initially tree maintenance had been looked at in the overall maintenance survey with the regular contactor. A further survey report has since been sought specific to the trees including the tree causing concern to users of the playground. The proposal is now to keep the tree in a safe and healthy state with some minor pruning. This will be covered later in the agenda under tree maintenance.

Two other residents supported what was said by the first speaker.

14.10.01 APOLOGIES

Cllrs Ron Pulford, L Potter and T Greco.

14.10.02 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

14.10.03 MINUTES

(PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING ON 9 SEPTEMBER)

The Chairman asked all Members if they accepted the minutes.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on 9 September. A hard copy will be signed by the Chairman at a future date when safe to do so.

14.10.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr Pochin reported:-

A Cheshire East Overview - The Council has financial concerns that hospitality and events are suffering a damaging loss in income and the effects on the local economy.

Bunbury is now in Tier 2. The pubs are still open but there is talk of moving into Tier 3. Although in tier 3 they can get income for employees, pubs may prefer to stay open so Cllr Pochin will be consulting them.

There may be a danger of losing Nantwich Show altogether and the Cheese Show has moved to another show ground.

Rural winter gritting routes - some other parishes have gaps please let Cllr Pochin know if need more routes in Bunbury.

On Monday there is a virtual Area Highways Group meeting where small jobs less than £10,000 can be added to the list but it can take years to get to the top of list. Some suggestions can be put forward.

The Chair mentioned the drain on Bowes Gate Rd that a resident had highlighted. Cllr Pochin thinks that this is being dealt with but would be under general maintenance rather than the works budget. Members asked about ongoing flooding issues, Cllr Pochin has flagged these up

14.10.05 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 Griffith informed Members that the housing issue he had raised previously has been resolved as the family have been allocated a home in the village. This was welcomed.

Cllr Brookfield reported on footpath concerns in two areas where land has been ploughed and the footpath lost. Cllr Pochin asked for the CE footpaths officer to be kept informed.

Cllr Brookfield had received a communication from David Keane the Police and Crime Commissioner introducing the new team who will be based at the Goodwill Hall at Faddiley. The contact is still 101 or 999 in an emergency. Cllr Brookfield has had lots of contact as there are regular patrols and received reports that officers seized cannabis in a stop and search on the car park involving someone not from Bunbury.

Cllr Ireland-Jones reported that the Chairman's Cup was presented to Fiona Parker the other day on the Nag's Head car park. The Community scheme is still available.

Cllr Ireland-Jones reported on a meeting he and Cllr Parker had on the planning fields regarding trees with Dan Hind from Monkey tree. A full report had been circulated to Members

On the climbing tree, only very minor pruning is needed and the tree would still be suitable for young children to enjoy climbing. He identified a couple of low branches that need removing from trees in the car park. He offered to do this work for free to support the community.

RESOLVED: To authorise the work to go ahead and for an annual inspection to be scheduled.

10.10.06 PLANNING MATTERS

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

None received.

10.10.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council – For information only

The following information had been received and was noted.

20/3555N 14/08/2020 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 16/09/2020

Location : **Greenacres, Wyche Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9PS**

Proposal Alterations to front elevation roofs, and new render finish throughout.

20/3647N 21/08/2020 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 16/09/2020

Location : **Heather House, Bunbury Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9QU**

Proposal Infill existing covered car port with new dining room and build single storey utility room extension

20/2497N 27/07/2020 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 15/09/2020

Location : **The Cedars, Whitchurch Road, Bunbury, CW6 9SX**

Proposal Erection of a detached family dwelling and Garage, new access and associated landscaping. (Approval of all reserved matters on application 14/2348N, 17/4186N)

20/2289N 05/06/2020 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)

Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 04/09/2020

Location : **6 & Land rear of no.6 BUNBURY LANE, Bunbury, CW6 9QZ**

Proposal Reserved matters application for approval for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following outline approval

16/0646N - Outline planning application for the demolition of 1 bungalow and the erection of 15 dwellings, including associated access at land east of Bunbury Lane, Bunbury

20/1474N 06/04/2020 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011)
 Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 10/09/2020
 Location : **Stoneleigh, Vicarage Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9PE**
 Proposal Proposed single storey rear extension and internal alterations
 Comments Deadline

14.10.06.3 New Housing Development

Cllr Ireland-Jones informed the meeting that Duchy Homes have started knocking down the bungalow behind Bunbury Lane. There is no information from Strutt and Parker on the development by the surgery.

14.10.07. Playing Fields

14.10.07.01 General update from Cllr Parker

Cllr Parker reported that replacement chairs for the pavilion have been obtained from Nantwich Civic Hall. The hedge trench and re-seeding on the playing fields has been completed. On Tuesday next week North Staffs Fire are checking the extinguishers. Following the ROSPA inspection Cllrs Parker and Ireland-Jones, have been meeting with Beth Hayward. An update will be reported at the next meeting. Bulbs have been delivered so the planting sessions can be arranged. Members thanked Cllr Parker for watering the new grass daily, acquiring the chairs and contributing £50 to bulbs.

14.10.07.02 To consider proposals - to inform playing fields and car park users that overnight parking, dogs, domesticated animals and livestock are not allowed through additional signage etc.

Cllr Ireland-Jones explained the background to this proposal. During 2020 there have been a number of issues including Covid, anti-social behaviour, fly tipping and the Co-op popup shop. The PC have taken advice from the crime prevention team and have tightened up the rules around the playground and this seems to be having a positive effect. Now the PC needs to look at the car park. Going back to first principles, this was intended to offer parking for users of the playing fields and those visiting the village including the local shops. If it is agreed this is what the PC would like to see, then guidelines should be put in to reflect this. Bollards are being installed and if it is agreed that the car park is intended for short term parking then visitors would need to be advised that overnight parking, is not expected and timings would need to be agreed. Regarding enforcement the first step is communication and if the PC agrees on a set of rules then signage should be put up. if at some point in the future we need to take enforcement action then this will require further research and debate but we can't do that unless we have tried a light touch approach first with clear communication.

RESOLVED: not to put up notices stating "no overnight parking" at present. To make it clear no dogs are allowed beyond the entrance points and no other animals including livestock.

This will set the expectation. Where the PC is aware of owners of vehicles they will be spoken to. Enforcing these regulations will be reviewed if needed. A policy regarding use of the bollards will need to put on a future agenda to decide a policy for use and put up notices.

RESOLVED: to get a quote for new signs to reinforce the point that dogs are not allowed anywhere on the playing fields site.

14.10.08. Consultations

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

CEC Corporate plan

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/consultations/corporate-plan-consultation.aspx

The Chair has read through this top level document and doesn't think the PC needs to respond but if any Member wants this on next agenda they should let the Clerk know

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14.10.08.2 Government Planning White Paper To consider a response from the PC.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907647/MHCLG-Planning-Consultation.pdf

The deadline is 29 October so a final response needed to be agreed .

Cllr Ireland-Jones had drafted a document which he had circulated for Members to consider as a starting point. The subteam setup at the last meeting had contributed comments.

Cllr Ireland-Jones invited members to make any further comments and residents. The sub team can then finalise the detail.

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

None present.

14.10.10. Requests from Retailers

14.10.10.1 Co-Op - an update. The opening of the shop is scheduled for mid- November but the date for closing the popup needs to be confirmed. It is hoped that there won't be a gap. Tarporley co-op is having a refurbishment in January which may impact on parking in Bunbury. The Chair will speak to them about parking.

10.10.10.2 Trading from the car park. The PC has received a number of enquiries about trading from the car park including a Nantwich plant trader and a mobile pizza van - To consider whether traders should, in principle, be allowed to trade from vans in the car park

RESOLVED: to approve with regard to the wood fired pizza van for a trial period up to Christmas for collection only and agree hours that are reasonable i.e. early evening and ask traders to make a contribution to the PC to be negotiated, subject to consulting village takeaway and confirming they have necessary insurance.

14.10.11. Village Maintenance team - An update from Cllr Ireland -Jones

The team is being organized.

14.10.12. Seasonal Events – to receive information on any planned events and possible funding requirements

Bonfire Night - Fireworks display on 5 November. All the leaflets have been delivered. The message is to stay at home to watch the display and comply with law. Will need to purchase collection buckets. The Just giving website has been set up. Will need volunteers to man the gates from 6.30 to the end of the display which starts at 7.15 to prevent anyone entering the playing fields

RESOLVED: to approve a budget of £1200 plus VAT for Firework display.

Remembrance Sunday - to confirm arrangements and the annual wreath order. Going ahead with 30 people invited including Clls Ireland-Jones, Parker and Pochin Cllr Parker has liaised with the vicar. He will confirm the bank details for wreath donation.

RESOLVED: to donate £40 for the wreath.

Christmas - Cllr Parker will arrange for tree installation. This will be on 29 Nov provisionally. The PC may not be able to have carols around the tree on Christmas Eve.

RESOLVED: Defer decision on Father Christmas visiting the village to November meeting.

14.10.13. Correspondence – To respond to correspondence received

14.10.13.1 Emails from residents re:-

- Trimming trees on play area. – the correspondence had been raised in the Open Forum and the matter had been covered in Councillors reports at agenda item 5.
- Parking – Playing Fields concerns regarding overnight parking and animals on the playing fields had been covered at 7.2
- Footpath and environmental health issue. This had been forwarded to Cllr Pochin.

14.10.13.2 Any other correspondence - none

14.10.14. Casual vacancy – There is a vacancy as Cllr Gillon had regretfully resigned. Members asked for their thanks to be conveyed to her for her help on several matters. A notice of vacancy will be posted.

14.10.15 Defibrillator - installation and Memorandum of Understanding Community Public Access Defibrillators (CPADs) To receive an update on installation and consider signing an MOU on behalf of the PC.

The first has been installed on the village hall and the second will be installed on the pavilion shortly

RESOLVED: to sign the Memorandum of Understanding

14.10.16. Finance Matters:

14.10.16.1 Approval of payments:-

14.10.14.1 To approve payment of invoices received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED approved PC to pay invoice totaling £900 and the Playing Fields will donate £750

Following the closure of the meeting Cllr Parker paid tribute to former Councillor Edith Williams.

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