

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL  
09 March 2022**

**PRESENT:** Chair, Cllr P Brookfield, Vice Chair Cllr A Thomson  
Councillors, N Parker, M Thomas and G Griffith.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council, CE Cllr Sarah Pochin, 5 Members of the public and 1 Press (The Paper)

**OPEN FORUM**

Residents spoke, commenting on dog fouling, planning issues including 22/0595N; footpath 11, the fence and a notice about the path's status; heavy vehicles crossing the Bunbury Locks bridge; potholes on Bunbury Common Road and a pond survey.

Cllr Brookfield thanked the speakers and explained that these issues would be responded to during the meeting under relevant agenda items.

Cllr Pochin

**09.03.01 APOLOGIES**

Cllr G Melia.

**09.03.02 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.

None

**09.03.03 MINUTES** - To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Ordinary Meeting on 12 January 2022 and 9 February 2022.

**RESOLVED:** To approve.

**09.03.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Pochin:-

Responded to residents' concerns expressed in the Local Forum.

Will look at the North West Water planning application site and if there is a problem will raise it.

Could look at provision of extra bins and would need the locations to be specified

Has made further requests for the lines to be repainted at the Triangle and for street cleaning.

Advised that potholes need to be reported on the CE website and footpath issues to CE Rights of Way.

Is organizing a vigil for Ukraine on 11 March in Crewe, as the Mayor.

Would like to plant a tree in the village for the Queen's Jubilee so is requesting suggested location.

CE have increased Council Tax 2.99%.

The Ukraine flag has been raised at Westfields.

**09.03.05 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

**Dogfouling-** Cllr Thomas - Dogs on Playing Fields are still a problem.

Cllr Parker will ask the Lengthsman to visit the area identified by the resident.

Cllr Brookfield will go out again with the Can of Red Chalk spray. Also will look at the footpath issue and report to Cheshire East. People in the village are collecting items for Ukraine and responding to the requests to donate money to the Red Cross.

**Defibrilators-** Cllr Griffith asked about operating them and was told the unit audibly gives instructions. Cllrs Parker and Cllr Brookfield are looking into new regulations on registering them. The Clerk had thought that there was a group in the village that would be doing this and will investigate.

**09.03.06 PLANNING MATTERS**

UNCLASSIFIED

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

**22/0595N North West Water Waste Treatment Works, Bowes Gate Road, CW6 9QA**

Installation of 4 kiosks in association with permitted development works.

**RESOLVED** Whilst the Parish Council accept the need for the upgrade to the treatment works as proposed and, the fact that some of the work is 'permitted development', the PC does have a number of concerns that the PC feels have not been fully addressed by the current submission. These include all of the following matters:-

The Mill, which is a Grade 2 Listed Building, is adjacent to the Treatment Works. The PC has concerns about the number and size of vehicles that will be associated with the proposed works (20HGV's each day), the impact that these may have on the fabric of the building and its role as a tourist attraction in the area. Presumably the HGV's will be approaching the site from the direction of the A51 and the PC would point out that the bridge over the canal has a weight limit of 7.5 tonnes. Routing of any HGV's to the site, especially when bringing in the proposed kiosks, will be critical. Any other route to the site through the village is also problematical because of local traffic, lack of pavements, historic buildings, narrow roads and sharp bends near to the Church.

**09.03.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council – For information.**

**21/5525N** 03/11/2021 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011) approved with conditions Decision Date : 03/03/2022: **5, Aldersey Way, CW6 9GN** Single storey extension off domestic garage.

**21/5136N** 04/10/2021 South (CE) Delegated Agenda Bunbury (2011) Decision : approved with conditions Decision Date : 01/03/2022 Location : **Birchfield, Bowes Gate Road, CW6 9PJ** Proposal Erection of rear single storey extension. Relocation of kitchen window to side of proposed garage. Removal of existing polycarbonate lean-to roof and formation of garage with mono pitched roof within courtyard. Replace existing side door in east elevation with window. Replace existing window in north elevation with new front door, timber surround and hood/canopy. Insert new second floor window to east elevation. Insert three roof lights in main roof facing south. Alter existing staircase from first to second floor. Repair and replace certain windows

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**09.03.06.3 Appeal Application No: 21/0344N Trigfa, School Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9NR Proposed 5 bedroom detached dwelling**

A Notification had been received from Cheshire East Planning – “Following refusal of planning permission, an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State in respect of the above planning application. The appeal is to be dealt with by means of Written Evidence and a site visit by an Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate. You are invited to comment on the appeal on the Planning Inspectorate website.

Members discussed the above appeal and noted that on the Cheshire East application website there is no statement of case submitted by the appellant only the form for an appeal.

**RESOLVED:** to strongly object to the proposal and support the Borough Council in refusal of permission. To contact the Planning Officer to state that, as interested parties, have until the 5th April to respond to the appeal however it is difficult to do so without a statement of case from the appellant. To ask has a statement of case been submitted and if so when will it appear on the Council's web site? If no case has been submitted will the Cheshire East ask the Inspectorate for an extension of time for all parties to respond?

**09.03.06.4 New Housing Developments in Bunbury**

**General Update** Residents are moving into St Boniface Way. At the Surgery site, a lorry was blocking the road and there is concern that this could be an ongoing problem. The signage is inadequate. The Chair and Deputy will go and speak to the Developer.

**Neighbourhood Plan – Update on the Review from Cllr. Thomson.**

The group met on 22 February. The questionnaire design and printing were discussed. Following the return of the questionnaires the group will look at the existing evidence base and commission further work should it be required. Members of the group were invited to attend the Cheshire East Neighbourhood Plan virtual forum. The next meeting is on 22 March.

The issue of the pond survey raised in the local Forum could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan review.

**09.03.07 Playing Fields - update from Cllr Parker**

Cllr Parker reported on maintenance issues. Awaiting a response from Reeves on the metal gates repair. In the Play area the two 2 items for repair the zip wire and the support for horizontal bars went out for quotes. Have only received one quote from a ROSPA certified company, Ace play Ltd

There was a problem with other gates being vandalised but a kind volunteer had sorted it out. The Playing Fields Committee has met and set future dates every three months. Have not charged the co-op for electricity during the time they operated in the car park. The payment is being followed up.

**09.03.08. CONSULTATIONS -To consider responding to any consultations on the CE website.**

There is an ongoing Parks consultation that individuals may wish to respond to.

**09.03.09. LOCAL POLICING ISSUES – To receive an update from local police if available.**

None were present. Cllr Brookfield had contacted the PCSO regarding HGV's exceeding the weight limit on the bridge at Bunbury Locks. The response was that there are similar issues in other areas but the problem is that the police have to follow the vehicle along the whole restricted area have informed Nick y Berry PB has checked the signage that directs the lorries delivering to sites and will speak to developers. Cllr Griffith reported that the litter bin by Darkie Meadow was kicked down the street.

**09.03.10. Seasonal Events**

**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – update on plans in the**

Cllr Pochin had advised there may be funds available for street parties etc and will send details to the Chair. Cllr Brookfield reported that red, white and blue decorations and hanging baskets are being suggested.. Mike Dodds can supply plants and hanging baskets. Also met with the vicar who had an idea to have red, white and blue Church decorations. Beeston Castle Fete is celebrating the Jubilee.

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

**Dog Fouling-** Email from a resident of Bunbury who lives near Bunbury Mill and have recently discovered numerous bags of dog waste and dog fouling littered along the verge and hung in the hedges on Bowes Gate Road between Mill Lane entrance (lane leading to Bunbury Watermill) and the bridge which the River Gowey runs under.

He wanted to ask if the Parish Council have any policies/advice regarding dog waste litter and/or if there are Government signage available that could be placed in the affected area?

**Email Request from Residents for the PC to express their support for their application to join the public sewer.** A number of properties on Bowes Gate Road and Bunbury Common jointly decided to apply for sewage connection in response to a change in regulations governing septic tanks. This was dismissed by United Utilities after two working days without following procedures. It was reinstated as an application and taken up as a dispute by The Environment Agency. Currently they are awaiting the feasibility report from United Utilities.

**RESOLVED:** to express support for the application.

**Other Correspondence** had been circulated or covered earlier.

**09.03.12. The Future of the Pavilion Project – to receive an update.**

There has been a very limited response to the fundraising. There will be more attempts to generate support at a future date.

**09.03.13. Co-option to three Parish Council Casual vacancies – to receive the applications and consider co-option.**

**Three applications had been received.**

**RESOLVED:** to co-opt Liam Anderson, Linda Barton and Peter Gorman onto the PC.

**09.03.14. Finance Matters:**

**09.03.14.1 Approval of payments**

**09.03.14.1.1 Reimbursement of expenses**

Outstanding payments approved in January to Cllrs Parker and Thomson need to be processed.

Clerk's expenses deferred.

**09.03.14.1.2 Payment of invoices received.**

Roger Morris Pest Control £50

CHALC training £60

**Resolved:** approved.

**09.03.14.1.3 Approval of quote** from ACE Play Ltd for repairs to play equipment £1829.78

**RESOLVED:** approved.

**09.03.14.2 Monthly Finance Report – to receive a report from the Clerk.**

The Clerk reported payments, receipts and bank balances for end of February.

**Marilyn Houston Clerk to BPC    bunburyclerk@aol.com**

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