

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF BUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL
13 OCTOBER 2021**

PRESENT: Chair, P Brookfield, Vice Chair, A Thomson
Councillors, N Parker, M Thomas, L Gregory, G Melia and G Griffith.

IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Houston, Clerk to the Parish Council, 2 Members of the public, Sue Briggs-Harris, Press.

OPEN FORUM

A resident spoke on the Cheshire East 20mph zones proposal and wanted to ask Cllr Pochin what progress was being made. It was thought that a boroughwide review was taking place. The Chair explained that traffic issues were on the agenda.

The same Resident asked about the walk to school travel policy. This is still with the school to progress.

The Resident spoke about "car coming first" and that needs to change He also reported on Village Day and that the Committee wanted to ask the PC about donating a bench or instead paying towards a project out of Village Day funds. Thanks to the PC for funding the workshop. The Parade route worked well

Cllr Brookfield thanked the speaker.

13.10.01 APOLOGIES

Cllrs, Potter, Ireland-Jones, L Davies and CE Cllr Sarah Pochin

13.10.02 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

**13.10.03 MINUTES
(PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**

The Chair asked all Members if they approved the minutes of the Ordinary meeting on 8 September 2021.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes.

13.10.04 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Deferred

13.10.05 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

Cllr Thomson had attended the Chalc induction for new councillors and found it very worthwhile. Cllr Gregory reported on footpath 19 where a gate was leaning. The footpath officer said that the landowner had removed it. Footpath maps are still selling well. Some footpaths are closed around the new housing development

Cllr Melia mentioned the traffic chaos outside the co-op is a problem.

13.10.06 PLANNING MATTERS

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

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None had been received before the publication of the agenda. Since then, the following had been received and circulated to Members for comment: -

21/4839N Heath Farm, Whitchurch Rd.CW6 9SX Single storey replacement extension across rear of residential dwelling.

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council has no objections

21/4845N Witch Hazel Bunbury Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9QS Internal alterations and ground floor extension to front of house and first floor extension to side and rear.

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council has no objections.

21/5021N The Croft Bunbury Lane, Bunbury, CW6 9QU Proposed Timber Framed Double Garage.

RESOLVED: Bunbury Parish Council has no objections

13.10.06.2 Decisions made by Cheshire East Council – None reported

13.10.06.3 New Housing Development- Update

o **Update-** nothing to report No feedback from Cardamine Gardens.

- o **Neighbourhood Plan** –Cllr Thomson reported that he has begun the process of Review. Cllr Thomson, Bill Alan, Lucy Munro. Isobel Noonan, Miranda Hewish, Bob Harris, Jayne and Peter Gorman have arranged to meet and discuss how to organise the process to include a housing needs survey, information on the village website and report back to the PC. A maximum grant of £9000 could be available. It may take about a year. It will stand alone as a development plan so there is no deadline from Cheshire East.

13.10.07. PLAYING FIELDS

13.10.07.01 General update from Cllr Parker -

Cllr Parker reported on maintenance issues, the Zipwire seat needed repair and there is also a split in the horizontal bars. A ROSPA registered contractor is to be contacted. £26,445 in the PlayGround account for repairs.

13.10.07.02 Report back from AGM. This had been held the previous evening.

13.10.07.03 Any other matters – Nothing further to report

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

None requiring response.

13.10.09. LOCAL POLICING ISSUES –

To receive an update from local police if available. None were present. Cllr Brookfield had not received any information. On the Police website there is a reminder to lock outbuildings, cars etc. There will be a Cluster meeting at the end of October in person for the first time. The police give out information on all incidents in the Bunbury Ward.

Speeding reduction proposal from Chalc and Police and Crime Commission at a potential cost of £5000 per annum. The PC had been invited to join a scheme in an email that had been circulated to Members. The estimated cost to the PC would be £5000 p.a.to fund a Speed Indication Device. This would not be a detection service that could be used to prosecute but a survey monitor. It may not be suitable for the areas where speeding is a concern in Bunbury as it needs a length of road to measure. The previous speeding surveys indicated that the major problem was in the middle of the night and the same individual but generally the average speeds detected were not above the limit. Members went on to discuss traffic issues.

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There is a need to relaunch the speed gun training. Cllr Brookfield is waiting for the police to restart this. Various traffic calming measures such as an island or gate were mentioned. For new Members Cllr Parker recounted what had been covered in the last meeting with the Highways officer and why such solutions were not suitable. The Clerk will look up the report to circulate. Speed bumps are generally not in use nowadays because of building damage and air pollution.

RESOLVED: the PC is not in favour of the proposal.

13.10.10 TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES

- o **Transport Solutions Service “go-too” demand responsive Bus service pilot.** Cllr Thomson reported back from the information session in Bunbury that he attended with three regular bus service users. They were unsure how it would meet their demands and couldn't get an answer until this pilot has started. They questioned if they had an appointment could they rely on getting there in time and the cost etc. The worry was that it will replace the regular service. Cllr Parker went to the presentation at Dorfold Hall by the Deputy Leader of Cheshire East, the project manager and the software manager. It has been piloted in other areas and it was explained that when a booking is made it will go on the system and allocated a half hour window which could be updated as other bookings are made. There is no intention of dropping regular bus service in the next 3 years. It is funded separately by the government to the CE budget for subsidising buses. It can go to any point in the very dark green area on the leaflet. There are 2 buses and a 3rd in emergencies when needed.

- o **Emails from residents regarding safety in the centre of Bunbury and along School Lane.** The emails were read out and a discussion ensued. Cheshire East not the PC is responsible for the Highway and the Police for traffic enforcement. It is not within the remit of the PC. It is currently illegal to park in certain places but resources for enforcement is a problem. The PC would want to move forward proactively with Highways and the Police. Previously there have been joint projects with the school monitoring dangerous parking around the school on road junctions etc. Notices were produced that could be put on cars. It is up to everyone to do something about it. As part of the Neighbourhood Plan review, can look at suggestions for redesigning centre of village and traffic calming.
It is a priority to get the CE Highways officer out to Bunbury again and an update on the 20mph zone on School Lane. Further comments included that a long time ago yellow lines at corners were considered. The minimum length they have to be would extend fully around the triangle and down school lane. Could drive away local use of shops and businesses and enforcement is an issue. There are currently lines on the road that are worn away. This needs to be reported on the Highways website. Cllr Brookfield had reported fly tipping and it was removed.

13.10.11. SEASONAL EVENTS

Trunk or Treat Halloween - Lucy Oates from Early Birds Bunbury Pre-School will be organising a car boot style Trick or Treat event on 31 October with face painting, games and fundraising from 3.30 until 7pm. About 10 cars have booked. The bollards won't be raised. Cllr Brookfield will contact the organizer re cordoning off an area and putting up signs.

Bonfire night - November 5 Cllr Brookfield is liaising with Lightec the Firework company used by the PC, who have provided an estimate for a similar display to that in 2019 which the Clerk has circulated. Tarpoley Landscapes are arranging to cut the turf and collect the enclosure for the bonfire. Collection of pallets to be arranged. Gates open 6,30, bonfire lit 6.45 and Fireworks at 7. Burrows will do BBQ and Tilleys refreshments and a coffee van. Gate Marshalls were confirmed. The Clerk to get the float. Posters being organized. Entry will be £4 per adult and under 16.s free .

RESOLVED: to approve the estimate for the firework display and payment of the deposit.

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Remembrance – The Wreath has been ordered. The Parade will be restricted numbers. Cllrs Parker and Brookfield will represent the Parish Council.

Christmas eve Carols. Crewe Brass band have been booked. Clerk to contact re invoice. The Clerk has ordered the 20ft tree which usually costs £250 from DD Forestry, for 27 November. Cllr Parker confirmed arrangements for installation. Cllr Brookfield will coordinate Father Christmas.

Suspended standing orders to continue for a further 10 mins

Cllr Brookfield suggested that the PC should explore if donations from Bonfire evening and the Carols around the tree activity could be on behalf of the Pavilion new build

13.10.12. CORRESPONDENCE – To respond to correspondence received.

United Utilities – not relevant to Bunbury
Village Day bench agreed in principle

13.10.13. THE FUTURE OF THE PAVILION PROJECT – to receive an update.

Cllr Davies sent a report. There has been no responses from residents to volunteer for a position on a committee apart from treasurer
Brian Blake has found a website that purchases can gift aid and has registered the pavilion.
The next meeting is 21 October.

13.10.14. TOP UP HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE SCHEME – Update.

Nothing to report. No response yet.

13.10.15. FINANCE MATTERS:

13.10.15.1 Approval of payments: -

13.10.15.1.1 Reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

Clerks expenses deferred.

13.10.15.1.2 To approve payment of invoices received.

Chalc –2x training @ £25 Total £50
PKF- External Audit for year ended 31 March 2021 £240.00
Cheshire Community Action Membership £50
Roger Morris – football pitch maintenance £50

RESOLVED to approve.

13.10.15.2 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT – The Clerk reported receipts, payments and bank balances for September 2021.

RESOLVED: to note the report.

13.10.15.3 To receive a report from the Clerk on the 2020/2021 External Audit including documents that can be viewed online
<http://bunburyvillage.info/parish-council-accounts/> and on the PC noticeboard after the meeting.

RESOLVED: to note the report and thank the Clerk for achieving a clean bill of health for the financial accounting again.

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