

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL, FADDILEY ON 9TH DECEMBER 2019**

PRESENT: Cllr G Denny Chairman (in the chair)
Cllr J Pochin Vice-Chairman
Cllr G Samways Cllr S Thompson
Cllr J Scott Cllr A Morris
Cllr M Warburton Cllr R Clough

APOLOGIES: Cllr J Thomas

ALSO PRESENT Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council)
Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)
Four members of the public

660 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr J Thomas.

661 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-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.

There were no declarations of interest.

662 MINUTES – 11TH NOVEMBER 2019

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council held on 11th November 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

663 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

664 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were four members of the public present at the meeting. The focus of discussions was on the item 'Flooding in the Parish'.

- Residents asked for updates on the work of the Parish Council in relation to flooding in the parish
- Cllr Pochin reported that contact had been made with Cheshire East Council's Flood Protection Officer and asked him to review the situation
- The Cheshire East Council Officer agreed to review the position and would bring along a representative from the Environment Agency
- A site visit was organised and evidence of issues in the parish was presented, to get a picture of the water levels in the parish to see what had changed to mean that the flooding took place
- A few parts of the parish were examined including fields which may have led to flooding
- Some of the work in the fields appeared to have created greater problems including water not draining away properly and has run into the main road and created more flooding (including levels in the brook which were abnormally high)
- The drain near the brook appears to be either blocked or is not working
- Water on the road appears not to have drained via the highway drainage systems, as these appear not to have been cleaned out
- The site visit also included discussions with residents – although the whole picture is not entirely clear

- Cllr Pochin confirmed that dealing with these issues would take time as the Environment Agency would need to collect data
- Cheshire East Council confirmed that they will raise concerns about the highway drainage
- Cllr Thompson confirmed that there is a six-inch pipe across the fields and into the road
- Several areas will be looked at – including examining brooks; highway drainage; and crossroad drainage
- It was confirmed that it will be around six months before a report is produced
- Cheshire East has also investigated whether work has been carried out in these fields without permission – although Planning Enforcement has confirmed that no planning rules had been breached
- Cllr Pochin confirmed that the drains will be investigated, and any issues will be escalated to the appropriate organisation
- The Environment Agency report will be expected by March 2020
- The Chair confirmed that this item will be kept on the agenda for future meetings and issues will be communicated via the website/social media

665 FINANCIAL MATTERS

665.1 Authorisation of Payments

£227.76	Dr. M J Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (December 2019)
£56.94	HMRC – tax on clerk’s salary (month 9)
£34.50	Shires Pay Services – Payroll costs (M7-M9)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

665.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2019-30th November 2019)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2019-30th November 2019 was presented to Members, who noted the document.

665.3 Budget 2019/20

Members considered reports on the preparation of the budget for 2019/20: -

- Members went through the list of items on the budget
- It was agreed that several items would be amended including: -
 - Payroll services – up from £105.00 to £138.00
 - Internal Audit – up from £110.00 to £120.00
 - Insurance – up from £290.00 to £300.00
 - ChALC – up from £170.00 to £180.00
 - Website – up from £300.00 to £350.00
 - Defibrillator – up from £300.00 to £350.00

Other items to largely remain unchanged
- It was agreed to await the election of new MP before discussing road safety issues and will include Brindley and Faddiley Parish Council (including a report to that council in January 2020)

A final decision on the budget will be made at the next meeting of Burland PC in January 2020

666 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) attended the meeting and reported that the bin collection dates for the parish had been changed.

667 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

667.1 Flooding in the Parish

Discussed under 'Public Question Time' on the agenda.

667.2 Proposed Meeting with MP – Road Safety

It was confirmed that the arranged meeting with the sitting MP had been cancelled due to the upcoming election.

Cllr Pochin agreed to write a report on the issue and cover all affected parishes and will send the report to the new MP after the election.

It was also agreed to have a site meeting with the relevant agencies.

It was also reported that there were issues on Swanley Lane where building houses has resulted in difficulties. It was requested that the grass verges be repaired, and contact will be made with Cheshire East Council about this matter.

667.3 Speed Gun

Cllr Thompson reported that a training session had been arranged with six people present. A number of those trained had also carried out some work in the parish. It was reported that some vehicles had been caught and details were passed to the police. It was also reported that a box of equipment is available for use.

656.4 Location of SID

It was **AGREED** to purchase locate the SIDs on Swanley Lane.

668 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters to discuss.

669 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

- Cllr Denny reported that an invitation had been received to attend the Cheshire East Holocaust Remembrance Day on 8th January 2020

670 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 13th January 2020 at the Baddiley & Ravensmoor Methodist Chapel.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.00pm