

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD REMOTELY ON 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Denny Chairman (in the chair)  
Cllr S Thompson Cllr J Scott  
Cllr J Thomas Cllr M Warburton  
Cllr A Morris Cllr R Clough

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr G Samways

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

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**816 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Samways.

It was also announced that Cllr Jon Pochin had resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Council agreed that Cllr Pochin would be missed enormously and paid tribute to his work as a councillor.

**817 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.

Cllrs Clough and Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application 21/0276N (Villa Farm).

**818 MINUTES – 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**819 MATTERS ARISING**

The following matters were raised from the above minutes: -

- The Clerk confirmed that the precept request for 2021/22 had been made to Cheshire East Council.

**820 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There was one member of the public present at the meeting. The following matters were raised.

- Flooding – a resident reported that pictures had been posted on Facebook about flooding. The Clerk updated the meeting on the position – awaiting reports from Cheshire East Council and the Environment Agency following visits in November 2019. It was reported by Members that a meeting of local landowners had taken place in January 2021 to see what could be done about the situation. It was announced that a community group will be set up to seek to tackle the issue of flooding with the Parish Council offering support where necessary. It was agreed to approach Cheshire East Council about the entire situation and the findings of the meeting in January 2021. The drainage will be checked when the waters subside as it is thought that some of the drains are not working properly. Members raised their concerns that issues are not being dealt with by Cheshire East Council. Cllr Thomas raised the example of a blocked gully which has been reported on a number of occasions from April 2019 onwards with no work done. Cllr Davies agreed to chase these matters up with Cheshire East Council.
- Enforcement – a resident attended and raised the issue of the stables on Ravens Lane. It was reported that a static caravan is in place and also a children's play area. Some of this work has been reported to Cheshire East Council and has not been

challenged. In addition, a seven foot fence has been erected It was agreed that Cllr Davies would take up this matter with Cheshire East Planning.

## **821 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **821 .1 Authorisation of Payments**

£234.18	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Feb 2021)
£58.54	HMRC for month 11 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)
£60.00	Adam Keppel-Green (website domain renewal 2018-22)
£98.39	Cllr Jon Pochin (reimbursement – defibrillator pads)
£41.40	Shires Pay Services (Payroll Costs M10-12)

**RESOLVED:** The above payments were approved by the Council

### **821.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1<sup>st</sup> April 2020-31<sup>st</sup> January 2021)**

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020-31<sup>st</sup> January 2021 was presented to Members for note.

## **822 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) attended the meeting and gave the following updates.

- Cheshire East Council had approved a council tax increase of 4.99%.
- Planning at Cheshire East is understaffed and there are 600 applications in the system

## **823 COVID-19 REVIEW**

It was reported that all vulnerable shielders have been contacted. All seems to be going well. Vaccinations care being administered at Nantwich Town Hall. Cheshire East Council were praised for their work in this area.

## **824 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH**

The Parish Council considered highways issues in the parish and affecting the parish.

### **824.1 Flooding in the Parish**

See minute 820 (above) for update.

### **824.2 Road Safety Issues**

There were no updates to report on this matter.

### **824.3 Speed Gun**

Cllr Thomson reported that there had been no updates, although the local PCSO had been on Wrexham Road with the Tru-Cam in the last few days.

### **824.4 Location of SID**

It was confirmed that the SIDs would be left in their current positions. It was confirmed that an approach to TWM had been made, and various costed updates had been quoted by the company. It was agreed that Cllr Clough would approach TWM to get the latest data downloaded. Cllr Thomas offered to help this process and seek support to develop the SID and improve its working.

### **824.5 Gritting in the Parish**

No updates had been received from Cheshire East Council regarding longer term plans. It was reported that Swanley and Marsh Lanes had been gritted, but no gritting on Long Lane.

## **825 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **825.1 Planning Applications**

The following planning application had been received by the Parish Council.

21/0276N	<u>Villa Farm, Wrexham Road, Burland CW5 8LR</u> Erection of a Class E(e) Medical and Health Service Building and associated car parking.
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The Council noted that, whilst there were some minor concerns with parking, there were no objections to this application.

*Cllrs Clough and Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application. Both stayed in the meeting but took no part in the discussion.*

21/0481N Gradeley Green Barn, Hollin Green Lane, Burland CW5 8NN  
Proposed first floor Granny Annex extension over garage.

Members had no objections to this application.

**826 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION**

- Defibrillator – it had been reported that a red light had been flashing on the defibrillator but this was due to the cold weather. It was agreed to contact the NW Ambulance Service to check on this. Members agreed to check on the situation.
- Litter Bin – it was reported that there had been issues with the bin recently, but these had been cleared up (Cllr Davies was thanked for his help on this, together with Cheshire East Council)
- Litter – a proposal to have more bins on the main road and more signs was put forward
- Insight Magazine – this is not being produced at the present time
- Broadband – it was reported that Connecting Cheshire had been contacted regarding the ongoing provision of broadband in the area

**827 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.00pm