

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE BURLAND AND ACTON
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 18th JUNE 2024**

PRESENT:	Cllr W Stewart Cllr L Williams Cllr P Percival Cllr J Thomas	Chair Vice-Chair Cllr C Lewis-Jones
APOLOGIES:	Cllr N Jackson Cllr M Wood	Cllr S Stott Cllr J Pearson (CEC)
ALSO PRESENT	Cllr B Posnett (CEC) Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Members of the public	

PART A

161 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Stott, M Wood and N Jackson.

162 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 interests declared by Members present.

163 CASUAL VACANCY

Members noted that a vacancy existed on the Parish Council. As per the Council's Standing Orders, the vacancy has been advertised with a notice sent to Cheshire East Council asking if the electors of the parish wish to hold an election to fill this vacancy. As no election was requested, the Parish Council is invited to co-opt to fill this vacancy. It was agreed to advertise the vacancy and gauge any interest.

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166 REPORT OF THE CLERK/CHAIR

Members considered the following matters from the above minutes.

- Monks Lane – work has started on the area but no notification has been received of a formal start date.
- Road Safety – the issue with the flashing 30 mph sign in Burland has been reported as relating to the electricity supply.
- Ravens Lane – the appeal was reported as pending.
- Car Park Maintenance – no updates.

167 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The following matters were raised by members of the public present.

- Resident One – raised the state of the path from Wilbraham Road to the canal towpath. It was suggested that Cheshire East PROW Officer could be contacted about the matter. It was also asked whether landowners/Cheshire East Council are responsible for the area. It was also requested that the insurance position is checked regarding work by volunteers. It was noted that there is a precedent for the Parish Council to maintain this footpath, but to contact the landowners (Dorfold Estates) and set out their responsibilities relating to the cutting back of hedges both in this location and also relating to rabbit guards installed as part of hedge planting on Monks Lane.

168 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Parish Council considered the following matters under this agenda item.

168.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statements (1.4.24-31.05.24)

Members noted the Burland and Acton PC ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2024-31st May 2024.

168.2 Authorisation of Payments

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: -

- £255.61 Dr Mark Bailey – Clerk (June 2024)
- £68.20 HMRC – Tax on Clerk salary (month 3 2024/25)
- £320.70 Dr Mark Bailey – Clerk (backpay to April 2023)
- £220.32 HMRC – Tax on Clerk Salary (backpay to April 2023)
- £1,878.68 Hiscox Insurance (Insurance Premium 2024/25)
- £15.30 Acton Parish Hall (Room Hire)

169 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Becky Posnett (Cheshire East Council) attended the meeting and raised the following points.

- Pre-Election Period – lot of committee meetings cancelled until after the General Election. One committee which has continued to work is Children and Young Families to consider the Ofsted report which rated the service as 'Inadequate'.
- Schools – picked up issues regarding heating systems (relating to Acton School).
- Tree Policy – it was reported that the Health and Safety Executive is suing Cheshire East Council regarding tree safety,
- Devolution – plans being developed to bring Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Warrington to realise the potential benefits of devolution.
- Road Safety – raised the issue of safety on Swanley Lane and the potential need for a reduction of the speed limit. It was suggested that Cllr Pearson is contacted to take this forward.

170 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

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

170.1 Road Safety

There were no updates provided at the meeting.

170.2 Speed Gun

There were no updates – it was reported that the flashing 30mph sign issue is being chased up.

170.3 SID Location

Members agreed to keep the SID in Burland in the same place and to do the same in Ravensmoor and Acton.

171 PLANNING MATTERS

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

171.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications.

24/1731N The Hollies, Chapel Lane, Baddiley CW5 8PT
Variation of Condition 2 on approval 23/0621N for proposed detached dwelling inside garden area(s) with associated parking.

Members had no comments to make on the application.

24/2087N 4 Shores Lane, Burland CW5 8LU
Proposed replacement stables

Members had no objections to the application.

172 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

There were no issues raised under this agenda item.

173 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 18th July 2024 at Acton Parish Hall. It was agreed to hold future meetings, if possible, on the third Thursday of each month except for August.

174 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members agreed to exclude press and public due to confidential nature of items in accordance with section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This is pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

175 GARDENING SERVICES

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender from Nick Jackson pending requests for additional work on all signs in the parish. Members further agreed to assess the work required in the parish as a whole. It was agreed to review after three months.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at 8.54pm