

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE BURLAND AND ACTON  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ACTON PARISH HALL ON 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PRESENT:** Cllr W Stewart Chair  
Cllr L Williams Vice-Chair  
Cllr S Stott Cllr J Thomas

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr P Percival Cllr M Wood  
Cllr N Jackson C Mace  
Cllr C Lewis-Jones Cllr J Pearson (CEC)  
Cllr B Posnett (CEC)

**ALSO PRESENT** Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)

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**PART A**

**194 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Wood, C Lewis-Jones, N Jackson, C Mace and P Percival. Apologies were also received from Cheshire East Councillor B Posnett.

**195 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.

**196 MINUTES - PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2024**

Members **APPROVED** the minutes of the Burland and Acton Parish Council meeting held on 18th July 2024 as a correct record and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

**197 MINUTES – EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST AUGUST 2024**

Members **APPROVED** the minutes of the Burland and Acton Parish Council extraordinary meeting held on 21st August 2024 as a correct record and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

**198 REPORT OF THE CLERK/CHAIR**

Members considered the following matters from the above minutes.

- Monks Lane – no updates on the project
- Spinners Wood – Members considered the issue – it was noted that issues had been raised by local residents. Members agreed to continue to monitor the issue.
- Car Park Maintenance – no updates on the possible purchase of the car park
- Parking – the issue is being looked at by Cheshire East Council as part of the wider project on highways in the parish. Members agreed to request that those reporting speeding issues pass them onto Cheshire East Highways.
- Website – will look at add photographs to the Members area
- Pathways – it was agreed that volunteers could keep the path clear from Wilbraham Road to the canal towpath

- Speed Limits – it was noted that Cllr Pearson had been asked about reducing the weight limit for the road. Will amend the action.
- Ravensmoor – will produce a report
- Website – to provide updates.

**199 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**200 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**200.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statements (1.4.24-31.8.24)**

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

**200.2 Internal/External Audit 2023/24**

Members noted the Internal Audit report for 2023/24 and resolved to **APPROVE** the report. Members requested that the VAT returns are completed by the end of the calendar year.

**200.3 Authorisation of Payments**

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

£545.90	Mark Bailey – Clerk (August/Sept 2024)
£136.48	HMRC – Tax on Clerk salary (months 5/6 2024/25)

**201 BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllrs Posnett and Pearson did not attend the meeting and provided apologies. Members asked if a written report could be submitted if Councillors cannot attend. Issues include highways – traffic calming issues in Acton, school parking in Acton, increase in weight limits on Swanley Lane, and the issues at Wood View.

**202 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH**

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

**202.1 Road Safety**

It was reported that Cllr Thomas has road safety materials and spoke to PCSO Jones about re-training on the speed gun. It was requested that a location in the parish is identified and passed onto the police to organise sessions. It was also reported that SIDs had not been registered with Cheshire East Council.

**202.2 Speed Gun**

As per above.

**202.3 SID Location**

Members agreed to keep the SIDs in the same places. It was also reported that there were no updates on the flashing sign – will report to Cllr Pearson (**ACTION**).

**203 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Parish Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

**203.1 Planning Applications**

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications.

24/2300N Land off the Peacock Roundabout, Willaston CW5 6NF  
Advertisement consent for roadside advertising hoarding.

Members had no objections to the application.

24/3223N Timbers, Sound Lane, Ravensmoor, CW5 8PS  
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Members had no objections to the application.

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

Members had no objections to the application but noted objections from neighbouring properties.

**203.2 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**

Members noted that a consultation is taking place on changes to the NPPF.

**204 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

The following issues were raised under this agenda item.

- Burland Green – area opposite Harbrook Engineering – it was reported that there had been a lot of complaints about traffic not being able to turn left due to the overgrown hedge in the area. The Parish Council agreed to report this on behalf of the community (**ACTION**).
- Fly Tipping – it was reported that there had been fly tipping in the parish.
- Police Cluster – it was reported that the number of thefts had reduced.

**205 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Acton Parish Hall.

**206 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.

**PART B**

**207 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

Members agreed to defer this item pending further discussions.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at pm