

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON 8th MARCH 2021**

PRESENT:	Cllr S Thompson Cllr J Thomas Cllr A Morris	Cllr J Scott Cllr M Warburton Cllr R Clough
APOLOGIES:	Cllr G Samways	Cllr S Davies (CEC)
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)	

828 ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR

Following the resignation of the previous Chair (Cllr G Denny), the Clerk requested nominations for Chair of the Parish Council.

Cllr J Thomas was nominated and **ELECTED** as Chair.

Cllr Thomas took the chair and asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Cllr S Thompson was nominated and **ELECTED** as Vice-Chair.

829 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Samways and Cheshire East Councillor S Davies.

It was formally announced that Cllr Georgina Denny had resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect. The Council agreed that Cllr Denny would be missed enormously and paid tribute to her work as a councillor.

830 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 made at the meeting.

831 MINUTES – 8TH FEBRUARY 2021

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th February 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

832 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters raised from the minutes.

833 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

834 CASUAL VACANCIES

It was announced that the Parish Council had two vacancies and that Cheshire East Council had been formally notified. In the event that insufficient numbers of parishoners request an election, new councillors will be co-opted at the annual meeting of the Council (likely to be in May 2021).

835 CHESHIRE EAST COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Parish Council considered the recommendations of the Cheshire East Community Governance Review. The recommendations for Burland are set out below.

- To transfer part of the existing parish of Edleston into Nantwich and to transfer the residual parish of Edleston into Burland (36 electors) to form a new parish made up of 537 electors
- A new name for this parish to be considered and whether the new parish should be called a 'parish' council

- To have eight members on the new council

Members considered these proposals and expressed concerns that it would mean a lot of new farmland coming into Burland as well as the edge of Nantwich Lake.

Members also noted that there was no reference to Ravensmoor in the proposals.

Finally, there were concerns that costs could increase for the Parish Council which will lead to an increased precept.

It was agreed that Cllrs Thomas/Thompson would work on a response to the recommendations.

836 FINANCIAL MATTERS

836 .1 Authorisation of Payments

£234.18	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Mar 2021)
£58.54	HMRC for month 12 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)
£90.00	ChALC (payment for training)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

836.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-28th February 2021)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-28th February 2021 was presented to Members for note.

836.3 Bank Mandate Changes

It was reported by the Clerk that changes had to be made to the Council's bank mandate. This was to remove the departing councillors and also to add the new Chair and Vice-Chair to the mandate.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that: -

That the name 'Georgina Denny' be replaced by the name 'Jo Thomas' on the bank mandate.
That the name 'Steph Thompson' be added to the mandate.

Based on the above, it was **RESOLVED** that the authorised signatories in the current mandate for the NatWest current account, be changed in accordance with the section on Authorised Signatories and that the current mandate will continue as amended.

837 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) gave his apologies and did not attend the meeting.

838 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.

839 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

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

839.1 Flooding in the Parish

Cllr Thompson reported that she attended a meeting held by Church Minshull Parish Council and the following points were made: -

- A number of people and agencies attended the meeting including the MP's office; Cheshire East Council; the NFU; the Environment Agency and other councils
- The meeting considered recent events and what could be done about this issue
- NFU made the point that the agencies involved did not work with each other and that rural areas are not prioritised
- Greater numbers of houses is making this situation worse as the infrastructure cannot cope with the extra people in these areas

- MP said that they are seeking to line up emergency funding and bring agencies together
- It was agreed that these agencies and people come together and that waterways should be dredged and also roads should be improved

The Chair mentioned that she had attended a session with Cheshire West Council and the local area is seeking to establish an Action Group to tackle these issues.

It was noted that HS2 will also have an impact on this issue.

It was confirmed that a group of landowners are coming together to deal with this issue and seek sort out the drainage pipes.

839.2 Road Safety Issues

It was reported that ChALC are holding a session on speeding and the Chair is to attend. Cllr Warburton confirmed that a petition is being put together about the A41. It was agreed to seek to build up a case and post items on social media and look to team up with other parish councils where possible.

839.3 Speed Gun

Cllr Warburton confirmed that she had been out with the speed gun and that the SID is important as it does make drivers slow down.

839.4 Location of SID

It was confirmed that the SIDs would be left in their current positions. It was confirmed that the SID now has links with software and needs to be re-erected. It was noted that the Brindley and Faddiley PC SID needs to be fixed.

839.5 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.

840 PLANNING MATTERS

840.1 Planning Applications

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

21/0773N The Cottage, Walleys Lane, Burland CW5 8LY
Change of use from field to provide rear garden.

The Council had no objections to the application.

841 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

- Broadband – it was reported that Connecting Cheshire had been contacted regarding the ongoing provision of broadband in the area and Cllr Scott is leading on this work
- Community Safety Funding – Cllr Thompson will check on the latest position.
- Enforcement Issues – these have been reported, but no response from CEC
- Insight Magazine – Cllr Thomas will check on the latest position.

842 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 12th April 2021.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at 9.18pm