

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD REMOTELY ON 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr J Thomas	Chair
	Cllr S Thompson	Vice-Chair
	Cllr J Scott	Cllr M Warburton
	Cllr R Clough	

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr G Samways

**ALSO PRESENT** Cllr S Davies (CEC) Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)

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**843 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr G Samways.

It was reported that, although Cllr Samways had missed six months' worth of meetings, his explanation for non-attendance had been accepted by the Parish Council as a whole and he would continue as a Parish Councillor.

**844 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 Thomas and Clough declared an interest in planning application 21/1158N (Burland Hall). The Clerk advised that both leave the meeting for that item.

**845 MINUTES – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**846 REPORT OF THE CLERK/CHAIR**

The following matters were raised by the Clerk/Chair from the above minutes.

- Update on planning enforcement issues – Members considered the minutes from the Parish Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and **AGREED** to submit a complaint on the matter to Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire East Community Governance Review – the Chair/Vice-Chair agreed to work on a response to the proposals for Burland, including whether the parish wished to join with Acton parish
- Insight Magazine – it was confirmed that Acton were not doing any newsletters which included Burland, but it was reported that a new newsletter was being worked on
- Community Safety Funding – it was confirmed that this had not been pursued
- Broadband Updates – Cllr Scott reported that Cheshire East Council had got funding to improve fibre broadband. The aim is to get speeds improved in the area. Connecting Cheshire has been contacted and they are working on the process. The objective is to improve broadband access for 4,000 properties in Cheshire East through planning and building an improved network. This is likely to be delivered by March 2023.

**847 CASUAL VACANCIES**

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

**848 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were five members of the public present. The following issues were raised: -

- One resident asked about road safety on Wrexham Road – Members went through the work already done in this area and the desire to get the community involved.

## 849 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 849.1 Authorisation of Payments

£234.18	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (April 2021)
£58.54	HMRC for month 1 of the tax year (Clerk's salary)
£580.00	Roy Aspinall (Spinners Wood Maintenance)
£25.00	ChALC (Training Course)
£175.32	ChALC (Annual Membership Fee 2021-22)
	ChALC (payment for training)

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

### 849.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1<sup>st</sup> April 2020-31<sup>st</sup> March 2021)

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

### 849.3 Budget Monitoring Statements (Quarter 4 – 2020/21)

The budget monitoring statement for the fourth quarter of 2020/21 were presented for Members to note.

## 850 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) attended the meeting and reported that not enough issues were being dealt with around planning. It was suggested that parish councils within Cllr Davies's ward could come together to work on dealing with issues.

## 851 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.

## 852 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

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

### 852.1 Flooding in the Parish

It was reported that landowners had been examining the issues in the area and would look to jet the areas affected. Cllr Thompson said she would speak to landowners about this matter.

### 852.2 Road Safety Issues

No updates were provided, and it was reported that some potholes had been partially filled in, but problems remained on Swanley Lane and Long Lane. It was agreed to send pictures to the Clerk for posting on social media.

### 852.3 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. It was requested that anyone interested in being trained on the gun should contact the Clerk. It was also reported that six people in total had been trained and that there had been some interest from Brindley and Faddiley.

### 852.4 Location of SID

The Council reviewed the data from the SID going back to 2019. It was noted that speed was increasing year on year. Data will be presented to future meetings. It was mentioned that the SID may be taken to Ravensmoor. The Chair to speak to residents. Further data will be downloaded in June 2021 and the SID will stay on the main road.

### 852.5 Gritting in the Parish

No updates had been received from Cheshire East Council regarding longer term plans.

**853 PLANNING MATTERS**

*Cllrs Thomas and Clough left the meeting for the following item.*

**853.1 Planning Applications**

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

21/1158N      Burland Hall, Long Lane, Burland CW5 8NE  
Proposed change of use of adjacent field to domestic curtilage to allow alterations to existing drive and parking.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

*Cllrs Thomas and Clough returned to the meeting.*

21/1857N      8 Swanley Lane, Ravensmoor CW5 8PX  
Removal of conservatory, erection of single storey kitchen/family room on same footprint. New en-suite bathroom, over existing garage footprint, new porch over footprint of existing porch. New gateway and wall to Swanley lane, with reconstruction of entrance way and footway crossing.

The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**854 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION**

- Litter – complaints had been received from parishioners and it was proposed to establish a community litter pick. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Noticeboards – Cllr Thomas said that she would continue to look after the board on Long Lane Cllr Thompson volunteered to get keys for the board by the church.
- Standing Orders – it was agreed to review the Orders.

**855 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at 9.20pm