

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL,
FADDILEY ON 12th JULY 2021**

PRESENT:	Cllr J Thomas	Chair
	Cllr S Thompson	Vice-Chair
	Cllr J Scott	Cllr G Samways
	Cllr M Wood	Cllr B Rushton
	Cllr S Stott	

APOLOGIES:	Cllr R Clough	Cllr M Warburton
	Cllr S Davies (CEC)	

ALSO PRESENT Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)

PART A

890 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs R Clough and M Warburton and from Cheshire East Councillor Stan Davies.

891 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.

The following declarations were made by Members at the meeting: -

- Cllr Wood – declared a personal interest on the item referring to planning enforcement – renting the field next door
- Cllr Rushton – declared a personal and pecuniary interest on the item referring to planning enforcement – refers to own property

892 MINUTES – 14th JUNE 2021 (ORDINARY MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

893 MINUTES – 30TH JUNE 2021 (EXTRAORDINARY MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30th June 201 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

894 REPORT OF THE CLERK/CHAIR

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

- Update on planning enforcement issues – it was noted that this matter had been escalated to stage 2 of the Cheshire East Council complaints process
- Broadband Updates – Cllr Scott reported that she had chased up Airband and Connecting Cheshire but still waiting for approval of their build plans. Cllr Scott said that she will chase up again and reported that surveys had been carried out on Long Lane.
- Burland Community Action Group – it was reported that a lot of work had been done in terms of flood clearances. Cllr Thompson had spoken to local landowners who had been working to clear away the problems which caused flooding in the past. Cllr Rushton offered to help with the process and approach local residents about the issue. It was agreed to purchase sandbags if there are any severe weather warnings. It was confirmed that there had been no communication from the Environment Agency or from Cheshire East about this matter. Cllr Thomas said that Cheshire East had launched their Spacehive initiative which offered £100,000 of funding which could assist in the work of the Action Group.
- Casual Vacancies – these have now been filled.
- Telephone Box (Brook Lane) – it was reported that the box is not used, and it was

proposed to use it as a foodbank. It was agreed to investigate this idea. The Chair also asked Members to come up with ideas for the box in terms of future use.

- Police Cluster Meetings – it was reported that no venue had been found and Cllr Samways requested that the Goodwill Hall approach the police to offer the hall as a venue. The Chair said that she would follow this up.

895 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present. No issues were raised.

896 FINANCIAL MATTERS

896.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.20-30.06.21)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-30th June 2021 was noted by Members.

896.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 1 – 2021/22) (April-June 2021)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payment summary to the end of quarter one (2021/22) (Apr-June 2021) was presented to Members for note.

896.3 Authorisation of Payments

£234.18	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (July 2021)
£58.54	HMRC for month 4 the tax year (2021-22) (Clerk's salary)
£174.24	JDH Business Services (Internal Audit 2020-21)

RECOMMENDATION: Members **APPROVED** the above payments.

897 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) did not attend the meeting, having given his apologies. There were no updates provided.

898 COVID-19 UPDATE

It was confirmed that all lockdown rules would end on 19th July 2021 and Cheshire East Council has set out a statement on this matter. It was **AGREED** to continue to wear masks at meetings of the Parish Council and this will be advertised to the public.

899 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH

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

899.1 Road Safety Issues

Cllr Stott reported potholes on Ravens Lane had been worked on but still causing problems, especially when full of water. It was also reported that work had taken place on Dig Lane and Long Lane. It was reported that roads are falling away at the edges, including Swanley Lane (which has been reported). Cllr Wood asked about cleaning of signs, and it was agreed to report. It was also reported that pictures of Betley/Wrinehill had been taken and it was agreed to look at this as a model for the parish (could be a crowdfunding project). The Chair said she would share the programme of works with other Members.

899.2 Speed Gun

Cllr Thompson said that speed gun sessions had been started up again and that eight sessions had taken place with 95 vehicles recorded as being over the speed limit. Looking to get more people trained, with general re-training taking place for everyone.

899.3 Location of SID

It was agreed that the SID would stay on Wrexham Road and also in Ravensmoor. It was also agreed to cut back any obstacles to the SID in the area.

899.4 Gritting in the Parish

It was reported that Cheshire East Council had decided to cease gritting in the parish. It was suggested that grit bins be considered and agreed to ask Cheshire East how many would be needed for the area. It was also requested that information on how many nights saw gritting last year and for how many hours, together with the costs of gritting. It was

further agreed to consider this at the next meeting, including information on possible suppliers to provide the service in the area.

900 PLANNING MATTERS

The Council considered the following planning matters affecting the parish.

900.1 Planning Applications

The Parish Council considered the following planning application.

21/3323N Ravenswood House, Ravens Lane, Burland CW5 8PF
Proposed erection of Garden Machinery Store and Fuel Store.

Members had no objections to this application.

901 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION

- Skills Audit – this was circulated and provides a guide to the skills available to the council. The audit document will be sent to all Members and will look to simplify the document.
- Lay-bys – it was reported that drug dealing could be taking place, and this had been reported to the Police. It was suggested that signage could be used. Cllr Rushton agreed to keep an eye on the situation.
- Defibrillator – Cllr Thompson asked that the defibrillator at Ravensmoor be checked and agreed to do that every week. The Clerk was requested to provide Cllr Thompson with the NW Ambulance Service email about this matter.

902 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 13th September 2021.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 9.18pm