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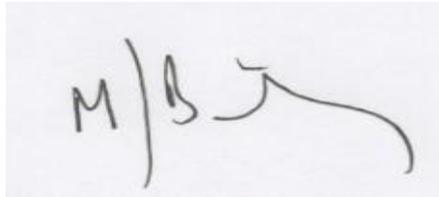
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NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council

DATE: MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2021
TIME: 7.30 pm
VENUE: GOODWILL HALL, WREXHAM ROAD, FADDILEY
CW5 8JF



Signed: _____

Date of Issue: 5th Oct 2021

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To: Members of the Parish Council
Copies: Borough Councillor Stan Davies (Wrenbury)

Note:

Members of the public are asked to print their own copy of the agenda from the website. Members of the public without access to the Internet are asked to contact the Clerk by no later than noon on the day of the meeting to ensure that sufficient spare copies of the agenda are available. This meeting will be held according to latest government guidelines relating to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

AGENDA

PART A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Clerk before 6.00 pm on the day of the meeting, if possible.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they have 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. If declarations are not made at this point in the proceedings, they should be made as soon as the Member becomes aware of an interest.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare (or not) is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the circumstances of the matter in hand.

3 CHESHIRE EAST COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Cheshire East Councillor Sarah Pochin and Acton, Edelson and Henhull Parish Council Chair (Cllr Carol Mace) will be attending the meeting to discuss this item.

Members to consider the proposals for the parish as part of the ongoing Cheshire East Community Governance Review. Members will recall that the proposals for Burland parish are as follows: -

Edleston and Burland

- *The existing housing of the parish of Edleston is largely an overspill from the adjacent Nantwich urban area.*
- *Transferring the Edleston overspill area into the parish of Nantwich would reflect the town's expansion and bring all of the overspill within Nantwich.*
- *A total of 651 electors (2025) would be transferred to the North and West parish ward of the parish of Nantwich.*
- *Cheshire East Borough Council is therefore proposing the transfer of this area into the parish of Nantwich.*
- *This transfer will mean that the residual parish of Edleston is left with 36 electors and will cease to be viable as a separate parish.*
- *There is much to be said for merging the residual parish of Edleston with the parish of Burland to form a new parish.*
- *This merger would form a new parish comprising Edleston's 36 electors with Burland's 501 electors (2025 electorate) to form a new parish with 537 electors.*
- *The current governance arrangements for Burland are as shown below. It should be noted that at the 2019 ordinary elections, five out of nine members were co-opted.*
- *Both Edleston and Burland are in the Wrenbury borough ward, so a merger of the two involves no risk in the conduct of elections. This is a particularly important consideration in the Borough Council's proposal for this merger.*
- *The electorates of both parishes currently vote together at Acton Village Hall, a point which further supports the Borough Council's proposal that they be merged.*
- *A name for the new parish should be considered, and the Borough Council welcomes proposals on this point.*
- *The Council also requests comments on whether the new parish should have the style of 'parish' or one of the alternative styles that the Council may recommend where a new parish is being created: 'community', 'neighbourhood' or 'village'.*
- *The Borough Council does not consider that a warding arrangement is appropriate for the merged parish, as the electorate of the residual area of Edleston is too low to support a warding arrangement.*
- *It is proposed that the council of the merged parish should have eight seats, a council size that would reflect the Cheshire East average for a parish of this size, giving a ratio of 67.1 electors per parish councillor.*

The proposals for Acton, Edleston and Henhull parish areas is as follows: -

- *The parishes of Acton, Edleston and Henhull are grouped under a common parish council. The three parishes all share the western boundary of the parish of Nantwich.*

- *The parishes of Acton and Henhull are in the Bunbury borough ward, while the parish of Edleston is in the Wrenbury borough ward and forms a distinctive salient of that ward that is nearly separated from the remainder of the ward.*
- *In considering the expansion of Nantwich into two of these three parishes (Henhull and Edleston), the Borough Council has been mindful of its desire to avoid risk in the conduct of elections. Such risk arises where the electors of a single parish election find themselves voting at the same polling station for two different borough ward elections (or vice versa). The Borough Council seeks to mitigate such risk, particularly through the provision of a different polling station (possibly in the same building or polling place). In some instances, however, the size of the affected electorate may be so small that it is not viable to provide a separate polling station.*
- *Acton and Henhull Nantwich has expanded significantly into the parishes of Edleston and Henhull. Local Plan Strategy site LPS 46 is a major new housing development which is in Henhull, but which is adjacent to the existing urban development in Nantwich and is a consequence of the town's expansion. Transferring this area into the parish of Nantwich would reflect this expansion and (along with the proposed Nantwich-Worleston boundary change set out later in this section) would bring all of LPS 46 within Nantwich.*
- *The Borough Council therefore proposes that the expansion area be transferred to the parish of Nantwich. A total of 545 electors will be transferred to the North and West parish ward of the parish of Nantwich.*
- *The Borough Council notes that this proposal is aligned with pre-consultation survey responses for Nantwich, in which many residents in Acton, Edleston and Henhull indicated their acceptance of the probability of a boundary change.*
- *This transfer will mean that the residual parish of Henhull is left with 38 electors and will cease to be viable as a separate parish.*
- *There is much to be said for merging the residual parish of Henhull with the parish of Acton to form a new parish, not least because they already come under the same grouped parish council. This merger would form a new parish comprising Henhull's 38 electors with Acton's 277 electors (2025 electorate) to form a new parish with 315 electors.*
- *As noted already, both Henhull and Acton are in the Bunbury borough ward, so a merger of the two involves no risk in the conduct of elections.*
- *The electorates of both parishes currently vote together Acton Village Hall, a point which further supports the Borough Council's proposal that they be merged. A name for the new parish should be considered, and the Borough Council welcomes proposals on this point.*
- *The Council also requests comments on whether the new parish should have the style of 'parish' or one of the alternative styles that the Council may recommend where a new parish is being created: 'community', 'neighbourhood' or 'village'.*
- *The Borough Council does not consider that a warding arrangement is appropriate for the merged parish. The electorate of the residual area of Henhull is too low to support a warding arrangement, and the properties in its area are all comparatively close to the settlement of Acton.*
- *It is proposed that the council of the merged parish should have seven seats, a council size that would reflect the Cheshire East average for a parish of this size, giving a ratio of 45 electors per parish councillor*

RECOMMENDATION: Members are asked to note the above information and put forward proposals to be included in the Community Governance Review process.

4 MINUTES – 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2021.

<https://burlandpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DRAFT-Minutes-13-September-2021.pdf>

5 REPORT OF THE CLERK/CHAIR

To report on the following matters from the above minutes.

- Planning Enforcement Issues – update on Parish Council complaint
- Broadband – update on current position
- Burland Action Group – updates
- Police Cluster Meetings – update
- Defibrillator – to provide updates

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public can ask a question or address Members on any matter of Parish Council business.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following financial matters will be considered at the meeting.

6.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statements (1.4.20-30.09.21)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2021-30th September 2021 is presented to Members for note.

<https://burlandpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Burland-Parish-Council-Ledger-01.04.21-30.9.21.pdf>

6.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 2 – 2021/22) (Apr-Sept 2021)

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

<https://burlandpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Budget-Mon-Sept-2021-03.10.21-BM.pdf>

<https://burlandpc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Budget-Mon-Sept-2021-03.10.21-RP.pdf>

6.3 Authorisation of Payments

£234.18	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (September 2021)
£58.54	HMRC for month 7 of the tax year (2021-22) (Clerk's salary)
£41.40	Shires Accountants (Payroll Costs – M4-M6 2021/22)
£25.00	Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreath)

RECOMMENDATION: Members are asked to approve the above payments.

8 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor W S Davies to report on any Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

9 COVID-19 UPDATE

The Parish Council is invited to consider updated information on the local response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including the development of the community post-pandemic.

10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Parish Council is to receive an update on highway matters in the parish and/or affecting the parish.

10.1 Road Safety

To consider any issues relating to road safety, including the conditions of the roads.

10.2 Speed Gun

This item is for Members to provide an update on issues relating to use of the speed gun.

10.3 Location of SID

The Parish Council is to agree the location of the SID in the period up to and including the next Parish Council meeting.

10.4 Gritting in the Parish

To provide any updates on this item.

11 PLANNING MATTERS

This is for the Parish Council to discuss any planning issues affecting the area.

12 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION

Members may share any information, but formal decisions cannot be taken under this item.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th November 2021 – 7.30pm – Goodwill Hall

Notes

1) Members of the Public

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

Members of the public are not able to participate in meetings but are able to ask questions or make a statement, prior to the start of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, staffing matters, contracts, and financial affairs of other parties.

2) Parish Councillors

A) Notice of items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

B) Planning Grounds The grounds on which observations can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects | 8 | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance | 9 | Effect on highway safety |
| 3 | Siting | 10 | Landscape |
| 4 | Design | 11 | Listed buildings |
| 5 | External appearance | 12 | Conservation areas |
| 6 | Compatibility with street scene | 13 | Land |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, contamination, amenities, and privacy | 14 | Flooding |

Non-Relevant Matters

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| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6 | Business competition |
| 2 | Effects on private rights | 7 | Personal circumstances – health/finance |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds | 8 | Ownership |
| 4 | Effect on property values | 9 | Moral issues |
| 5 | Private opinions | 10 | Matters which might breach legislative requirements |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.