

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BURLAND PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GOODWILL HALL,  
FADDILEY ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr J Thomas Cllr S Thompson Cllr S Stott Cllr G Samways	Chair Vice-Chair Cllr W Stewart
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cllr M Wood Cllr B Rushton	Cllr J Tyler Cllr E Clough
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Members of the public	Cllr S Davies (CEC)

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**PART A**

**998 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Rushton, Tyler, Clough, and Wood.

**999 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.

**1000 MINUTES – 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**1001 REPORT OF THE CLERK/CHAIR**

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

- Burland Action Group – no updates (but see minutes from Public Question Time below)
- Top Up Members Funding – application sent in and awaiting decision – no updates

**1002 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A number of members of the public attended the meeting. The following points were made.

- Resident One – announced that a party was to be held in the parish to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Location was to be Villa Farm. An organizing committee would be set up and anyone is free to join.
- Resident One – concerned about speeding, having written to the MP with no real response. The worry is that high speeds are not dealt with in the parish. Can the Parish Council assist with this?
- Resident Two – raised the issue of the junction of Cuckoo Lane – Parish Council reported that work is still ongoing with this and the Parish Council has requested a roundabout at the location.
- Resident Three – it was requested that the battery for the SID is passed on to those looking after the equipment.
- Resident Four – raised the issue of speeding, including asking if the road markings have been done; if the signage with yellow backgrounds has been installed; asked why the Speedwatch volunteers are located where they are located. The Parish Council said that neither CEC or the Police would deal with this and local solutions must be found. The resident asked for a site visit with the police and CEC.

**1003 HOUSING IN THE PARISH**

It was reported that representatives of the Muir Group will attend the next Parish Council meeting in May 2022.

## 1004 CHESHIRE EAST COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

It was reported to Members that, following conclusion of consultation on the Cheshire East Community Review, a number of recommendations have been made by Cheshire East Council which will affect the parish council of Burland. These were summarised as follows: -

- Cheshire East has accepted that the original proposals were not necessarily viable.
- Cheshire East has noted the submission evidence points to links between Burland and Acton and the preference of the existing Burland and Acton, Edleston and Henhull Parish Councils to merge.
- It has also been noted that Burland PC has had difficulty in securing nominations for councillors to sit on the Council.
- Cheshire East therefore recommends the merger of Acton, the residual part of Edleston and the residual part of Henhull with Burland to create “a larger, more viable council” to avoid a reduction in council seats and a much larger precept income.
- Cheshire East has recommended that this new council be called ‘Burland & Acton” Parish Council (the name suggested by Burland PC).
- Cheshire East also supports the wishes of Burland and Sound & District Parish Councils for the existing boundaries to be adjusted so that Ravensmoor lies entirely within the new merged parish.
- The new parish would have an estimated 916 electors by 2025 (501 in the current Burland parish area).
- Cheshire East recommends nine seats for the new parish and also recommends that the new parish be divided into three wards – Acton and the residual part of Henhull; part of the current parish of Burland (including Burland village) north of Dig Lane; and the residual part of Edleston and Ravensmoor
- These three parishes would be named ‘Acton and Henhull’; ‘Burland’; and ‘Ravensmoor and Edleston’.

These recommendations were approved at the meeting of the Cheshire East Community Governance Review Sub-Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, followed by the Corporate Policy Committee, to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Sandbach (requests to speak were made to Cheshire East by the Clerk and the Chair of Burland PC).

Members went through the proposals and agreed a form of words to put to the Corporate Policy Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022. It was noted that a number of things need to be done in time for the May 2023 deadline for the new Council. It was agreed to ask for more than nine councillors in the new council. Agreed that the name can be Acton and Burland Parish Council.

## 1005 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 1005.1 National Salary Award 2021/22

Members were asked to approve changes to employees’ pay following the National Salary Award 2021/22 (see attached document). The increase in pay has been calculated as 1.75%, backdated to April 2021.

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the National Salary Award 2021/22 as applied to the Parish Council.

### 1005.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.21-31.03.22)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021-31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was noted by Members. Cllr Davies said that he would check up on the status of the application for Members Top-Up Funding in the parish and Members also asked about re-doing the road markings on the A534.

### 1005.3 Budget Monitoring Statement (2021/22 – Quarter Four)

The budget monitoring statement for the fourth quarter of 2021/22 was noted by Members.

### 1005.4 Authorisation of Payments

£251.86	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (April 2022 includes back pay to April 2021)
£62.96	HMRC for month 1 of the tax year (2022-23) (Clerk’s salary includes back pay)
£580.00	Roy Aspinall (Spinners Wood Maintenance)
£173.88	ChALC Annual Subscription (2022/23)

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

**1006 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Stan Davies (Cheshire East Council) attended the meeting and gave the following updates.

- CEC looking at potholes and how they are repaired
- Quoted a parish which takes photos and sends letters when using the speed gun to speeding motorists
- Planning not getting any better – next committee meeting has been cancelled

**1007 HIGHWAY MATTERS/SPEED WATCH**

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

**1007.1 Road Safety Issues**

The Chair announced the establishment of a Road Safety Sub-Group for the parish which would include members of the public. This will be chaired by the Parish Council Chair and will look at options to tackle the issue.

**1007.2 Speed Gun**

It was reported that a number of sessions had taken place.

**1007.3 Location of SID**

It was reported that one SID will remain in place for the time being. Second SID will go in Ravensmoor, pending the installation of a pole. Members agreed to purchase a battery for the second SID.

**1008 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Council considered planning matters affecting the parish.

**1008.1 Planning Applications**

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council.

22/1260N      The Poplars, Hollin Green Lane, Burland CW5 8NN  
Demolition of existing house and shed and erection of new and detached garage.

Members had no objections to this application, but asked that the temporary lodge included in the plans should not be used after the planning changes have been made.

**1009 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION**

The following issues were reported under this agenda item.

- Cllr Stewart – reported that fly-tipping was happening at the lay-by by the Windmill and that CEC are considering surveillance of the area.
- Cllr Thomas – confirmed that a group of residents are working on a celebration for the Jubilee on 5<sup>th</sup> June from 12pm-4pm.

**1010 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (7.30pm).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 9.43pm