

# Bunbury Parish Council

## MINUTES

of the meeting held at The Jubilee Pavilion, Bunbury, on  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.20pm**

**Present:** Councillors: Tracy Cosgrave, Maya Fowler, Peter Gorman, Nick Parker, Michael Pollen, Matthew Randall, Richard Slater, Mike Thomas, Andrew Thomson (Chair), Jane Turner.

**In attendance:** 2 members of the public.

### **Feb26-1. Apologies**

Cllr Mike Thomas had tendered apologies and these were approved.

### **Feb26-2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Considerations**

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation considerations.

### **Feb26-3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were a true record and that the Chair be authorised to sign them as such.

### **Feb26-4. Unitary Authority Councillor Report**

Borough Cllr Posnett reported that Cheshire East Council (CEC) will be increasing Council Tax by 9.99% and that a carbon dioxide pipeline is planned that would cut across parts of the CEC Bunbury Ward but that, as a Government infrastructure project, it would not be consulted upon by CEC.

### **Feb26-5. Public Forum**

No matters were raised.

### **Feb26-6. Members' Reports & Items for Future Agendas**

- ◆ Cllr Thomson reported that Mr Bill Stockton, a formr Chair of the Council had died and that his funeral would take place in early March.
- ◆ Cllr Parker reported that the large bins in the car park had been replaced and emptied. He also reported on problems of accessing the CEC recycling centre.
- ◆ Cllr Randall reported that:
  - There had been a serious accident at Tattenhall involving runners which he felt highlighted the dangers of poor street lighting in villages, and especially in Bunbury around the Triangle. He felt that this was an issue that needs addressing.
  - The School-related 20mph sign on the approach from the west is absent which means that traffic that had been limited to 20mph in one direction would meet traffic coming in the other direction at 30mph or more. It was felt that the sign had been removed and that the matter should be discussed at a future meeting.
  - The path on the A49 to the north of School Lane has become narrowed by the intrusion of detritus and needs attention.
  - The amount of dog faeces on paths has increased and he would like addressing this problem to be placed on a future agenda; other Councillors supported this.
- ◆ Cllr Pollen asked how problems relating to Highways, including street lighting, could be raised with CEC and was informed that there are three ways; directly via the CEC website, via Borough Cllr Posnett and via the Clerk.
- ◆ Cllr Gorman: noted that some photos of councillors were absent from the website and he felt that it would be timely, with four new councillors, to have photos for all councillors.
- ◆ Cllr Slater reported that the new defibrillator at the Dysart, that had been provided by the Council was now up and running.

## **Feb26-7. Planning**

### **a. Responses to Application Consultations:**

Two application consultations had been received since publication of the agenda:

#### **i. 26/0299/CLPUD: Lisadel, School Lane, Bunbury**

*Certificate of lawful development for single storey rear extension.*

It was noted that the proposed extension matched the one on the neighbouring property and seemed unproblematic. The Council resolved to make no objection.

#### **ii. 26/0443/PIP: Land To The Rear Of Heath House Whitchurch Road, Bunbury**

*Permission in principle for the erection of up to 5 no. dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated infrastructure works.*

In discussion it was noted that the proposal was for development in Open Countryside and back-land, that it would produce significantly increased volumes of traffic off the same access and onto the A49 and that the tilted balance should not apply. Furthermore a similar application had previously been rejected on appeal. The Council resolved to object to the application on those grounds and to ask the Ward Councillor to call-in the application.

### **b. Updates on Application Consultations considered previously or other planning matters.**

A new National Design Guide had been issued and the Chair will summarise this for the benefit of Members. A consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework is open until the 10<sup>th</sup> March. It was resolved that the Chair would draft a response, in conjunction with the Clerk.

## **Feb26-8. Village Day Stall**

Following discussion at the previous meeting it had been agreed that a presence at Village Day would be desirable and that costs would be investigated. The Chair reported that the Clerk had provided information to the effect that a three-sided display board would cost c £170 and gazebos cost from £50 upwards, depending on how robust they are. Cllr Pollen offered to provide a gazebo which, it was noted, would reduce costs. It was noted that a stall would create a considerable amount of work and that the Council would need to decide on the issues to be highlighted: street lighting, dog faeces and parking were raised as possibilities. The Council resolved to move forward with the proposal to have a stall.

## **Feb26-9. Bunbury Jubilee Playing Fields Charity Appointments**

The Council resolved to appoint Cllr Parker as a Trustee of the Charity.

## **Feb26-10. Traffic Management**

The Council discussed the idea of producing a template for a standard letter to be sent to householders who gain planning permission, asking them to consider parking arrangements for tradesmen's vehicles, with a view to minimising dangerous or disruptive parking. It was resolved that a letter would be drafted for agreement at the next meeting.

## **Feb26-11. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk was absent.

## **Feb26-12. Bins at the Triangle**

The Clerk had reported, via the Chair, that replacement bins with minimal openings (to prevent litter overflowing or being blown about by wind) would cost in the region of £640 each and that, for comparison, the current bins would cost about £400 each.

In discussion it was suggested that a trial, similar to the now permanent arrangement at the play area, be introduced whereby the bins were removed for a trial basis, resulting in a substantial reduction in littering. The Council resolved to remove the bins for a trial period.

## **Feb26-13. Wyche Road Width Restriction**

The previous meeting had decided to discuss the idea, at the suggestion of a resident, of lobbying CEC to erect width restriction signs because of the extreme narrowness of the highway and the problem of larger vehicles getting stuck. In discussion it was noted that some delivery and refuse collection vehicles, as well as emergency vehicles would not be able to enter if a mandatory restriction were to be put in place. It was therefore resolved to establish whether

an advisory sign could be put in place before making a final decision.

**Feb26-14. Police Cluster Liaison Meetings Representative**

The Council resolved to appoint Cllr Cosgrave as its Police Cluster Liaison Meeting Representative.

**Feb26-15. Village Sign Maintenance**

Cllr Randall proposed that the village name sign be replaced a few yards further from the bend in the road, so as to avoid it being hit in the future. It was resolved to seek to have this work carried out.

**Feb26-16. Finance & Governance**

**a. Receipts and Payments** - Members received the schedule of receipts and payments and approved the payments.

**b. Provisional Dates for Meetings in 2026/27** - The Council noted a schedule of provisional dates; the actual dates will be agreed at the Annual Meeting in May. It was noted that Cllr Parker felt that all meetings should be on the second Wednesday of the month.

**Feb26-17. Items for the WhatsApp Bulletin**

It was agreed that in addition to the tree of the month, the trial removal of bins from the Triangle, an introduction to new Councillors, the request to make workable arrangements for the parking of visiting tradesmen's vehicles and an update on the replacement defibrillator at the Dysart would be included.

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm**

*Signed as a true record, by authority of the Council*

*Chair:*

*Date: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026*