

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL, BARTHOMLEY ON 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr T Clark Cllr C Horrocks Cllr J Bailey	Chairman (in the chair) Cllr J Peacock Cllr R Nield
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cllr T Wilde Cllr S Gresty	Vice-Chairman
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East Council) Three members of the public	

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**24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs T Wilde and S Gresty and from Cheshire East Cllr M Addison.

**25 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 of interest made by Members present.

**26 MINUTES – 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

It was noted that, under Minute 19 (Borough Councillor's Report) it should read 'Oakhanger Village Hall'.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**27 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK**

- Church Bank House – it was agreed that Cllr Edgar would follow this up, as it has been reported to Cheshire East Council
- Hungerford Place – Cllr Edgar reported that he had followed this up
- Litter – the situation appeared to be OK and no complaints had been received
- Fir Tree Cottages – it was reported that the owners had been written to about the future of the properties and a reply had been received
- 30 mph sign – Cllr Edgar to check on the position
- Bank Cottage – potholes reported to Cheshire East Council
- Potholes – potholes by Top End Farm had been reported – Cllr Edgar to chase up
- Weed killer – this has been reported, in that the council do not want it used in the parish and would like to know what alternatives are available – Chair to contact before next meeting
- SID – the Chair will attend the next police surgery to raise the matter of speeding in the parish
- Willow Cottage – no further action
- B5077 meeting – reported that speed bumps will be installed on the road to reduce speeds
- CEC Portal Service – will come into use in the new year
- Engelsea Brook sign has been reported – Cllr Edgar to chase up
- Cherry Tree Cottage – this is to be included in the overall floods programme
- Bridge – bridge over the A500 needs clearing of vegetation towards the M6 by

- Smithy Green and Church Fields Farm – has been reported
- Chair and Clerk invited to Village Day Committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## 28 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Three members of the public was present at the meeting and raised the following issues: -

- Raised the issue of flooding – the main issues were around prevention and the tole of the stream (which is blocked and overgrown). The Environment Agency said that responsibility lies with DEFRA in terms of dredging. The Chair commented that this needs to be referred to Cheshire East Council.
- The residents said that they had no problem cutting back vegetation, but dredging would need to be done by professionals
- Cllr Edgar said that he would contact officers at Cheshire East Council and the Duchy needs to be informed
- Residents also reported the issue of sewage flowing down the roads during the floods – Cllr Edgar said that he would contact United Utilities
- There were also issues around road sweeping, which Cllr Edgar would follow up
- Cllr Edgar also reported the issue of the level crossing on Mill Lane, which is being closed to traffic. Currently working with the landowner and suggested that residents should have a key to the crossing after the closure

## 29 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 29.1 Authorisation of Payments

£237.12	Dr. M J Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Nov/Dec 2019)
£59.28	HMRC – tax on clerk’s salary (months 8 and 9)

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

### 29.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019-30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019)

Members noted the statement for the above period.

### 29.3 Budget Monitoring – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2019-20 (Apr-Sept 2019) and Budget Report 2020-21

Members noted the monitoring statement for the above period.

Members will return to the budget for 2020-21 at the next meeting of the Parish Council and asked that a litter pick be done in the parish.

## 30 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Steve Edgar had left the meeting by this stage of the meeting.

## 31 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following issues were reported: -

- Potholes – report pothole in the middle of the road before Hungerford Place (travelling away from the village)

## 32 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning issues to report.

## 33 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

- Councillors – contact details will be shared
- Questionnaire – Cllr Clark circulated a draft – will be included in the Parish News and will also be included as part of the Village Day as well as offered online. Will look at ways to

distribute at the next Parish Council meeting and how the questionnaires should be returned. Email addresses could be included on the returns

- Parish News – it was confirmed that Parish News needed to ask for payment from the Parish Council
- Cllr Nield – reported that there was vegetation on the bridge near to Bluemire Farm (on Radway Green Road)
- Cllr Horrocks – confirmed that the Village Day will take place in June 2020, with next committee meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The Parish Council was asked to supply raffle prizes for donations
- Cllr Peacock – the grid by the post box at the end of Hungerford Place needs to be cleared
- Police Beat Report had been received by the Council, including the following items: -
  - Scams being received via email/letter
  - Look to use scarecrows in the village to display messages
  - Will push on 'Rural Watch' and get farmers to use the system by raising issues via social media
  - Looking to enroll two Home Watch coordinators within the area – anyone interested would get support
  - Chair attended the last Cluster meeting and information about unusual behaviour had been shared via social media

### **34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30pm – Barthomley Village Hall.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.25pm