

BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2018

PRESENT

Cllr B Whittaker (Chair)

Cllrs T Clark, J Bailey, J Peacock, S Gresty, T Wilde and C Horrocks

Borough Cllr D Marren

Mark Bailey (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Horrocks declared an interest in planning application 18/0915N.

3. **Public Forum**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4. **Police Report**

There was no report, due to the Police not being present at the meeting.

5. **Borough Councillor's Report**

Cllr Marren presented the following in his report

- *Minor Works Programme* – meeting taking place about allocating the budget – takes place on 25th April 2018 (Jubilee House – 6pm). Council asked to supply a list of things which need to be done. Members mentioned the installation of a lay-by in the parish.
- *Complaints Procedures (Councillors)* – review is taking place on the issue nationally and consultation still ongoing on the regime to be developed in the aftermath of the end of the Standards Board.
- *Police Issues (Cheshire East)* – some issues have been referred to the police including the procurement process linked to the ex-Leader of Cheshire East Council. There is also a police investigation into air quality and the alleged manipulation of data. Also, issue of a school car park which has been referred to the police. Finally, the issue of acquisition of the depot in Middlewich (Cledford Lane) is being investigated.

6. **Cheshire East Development Strategy Process**

Cllr Wilde reported no significant developments.

7. **Minutes of Last Meeting – 9th January 2018**

Minutes of the January 2018 meeting were considered by members.

Should read 'opposite Monneley Farm' under Highway Matters.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2018 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Budget Consultation – Cllrs Clark and Bailey attended the consultation meeting. A few challenges are in place for Cheshire East Council in terms of finance; staffing; developing a new slogan for Cheshire East Council; won several awards; invested £25m into infrastructure; evidence of a bullying culture but now resolved; changes to rural transport will be brought forward; new Code of Conduct will be brought forward; and Council Tax will be increased
Bridge House Farm – hedge has still not been cut back. Highways now in the process of issuing a notice and Cllr Marren trying to organise a site visit to look at the issue in more detail. Highways are aware of the potholes issue.
Street Lighting – now repaired, but have since been replaced
Tidy Up – litter now tidied up by Roy Aspinnall

9. Highway Matters

Area on B5078 south of Radway Green railway crossings is still flooding. Both have been reported. Cllr Marren stated that there will be a site visit looking at traffic speeds on 29th March 2018 (8.30am). Possible item for the Minor Works Scheme. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Police.

Will be road closures at each end of the village - existing closure on Barthomley Road/Audley Road and proposed closure Radway Green Road (16-26 April 2018). This has the potential to close the village off on the east side – will report the matter to highways at Cheshire East/Staffordshire via Cllr Marren.

Members reported bad turning on Oakhanger Lane – will need to improve visibility. Possible item for the Minor Works Scheme.

30 mph sign has fallen by Hungerford Place – needs to be reported.

All grids and gullies still blocked – need to be reported.

Mill Lane – the Chairman reported that the road was in a poor state. Potholes on the road have been reported to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Clark reported that she made a representation about highways as part of the budget consultation process.

10. Planning Matters

The Council considered two planning applications.

18/0564N Little Chef, Radway Green Road, Barthomley, CW2 5PT
External alterations to former Little Chef building including replacement windows and doors, cladding of external walls to facilitate new operator (KFC) together with provision of drive-thru lane.

No inclusion of rubbish bins on the plans, which may be an issue – based on the historic amount of litter in that location,

18/0915N Agricultural Land West of Monneley Farm
Erection of wooden ‘stable’ shed on agricultural land.

The Council expressed no objections to the plans.

12. Accounts for Payment & Financial Matters

The Clerk presented five accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That the following accounts be authorised for payment.

507	M Bailey	Salary	£132.80
508	HMRC	Tax on Clerk salary	£33.20
509	Shires Pay Services	Payroll (M10-M12)	£25.50
510	Netwise Training Ltd	Website	£200.00
511	Netwise Training Ltd	Domain name fee	£15.00

13. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report.

14. Reports of Members

Members were invited to raise any issues of concern, which included:

- Cllr Gresty – need to advertise the Council in a better way, using the parish magazine/website – piece in the magazine about the Council and what it does (will include as an agenda item at the next meeting). Need to be more proactive in terms of doing things for the village.
- Cllr Peacock – the new entrance to the barns at Radway Green – across the road from the site (up for sale) – all verges are deep and have not been swept in some time. Could be included in Minor Works Scheme.
- Cllr Peacock – can a note be included in the parish magazine about the road closures

15. Date of the Next Meeting

8th May 2018

NB. The item on Parish Clerk contract included on the agenda was deferred to the next meeting.