

BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 8th May 2018

PRESENT

Cllr B Whittaker (Chair)

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

Mark Bailey (Clerk)

Annual Business

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**
Cllr B Whittaker was nominated and ELECTED as Chairman
Cllr T Clark was nominated and ELECTED as Vice-Chairman

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Marren

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

4. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 13TH MARCH 2018**
Minutes of the March 2018 meeting were considered by members.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 13th March 2018 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Minor Works Meeting Cllr Clark attended and received information on the process of registering projects under the scheme. Deadline of 10th October 2018 to put issues forward. Lay-by proposed in the past not on the list of schemes. Cllr Clark mentioned that better kerbing in the parish is needed to protect the grass verges, although there was some disagreement with this from other Councillors. The flooding by Radway Green crossing has been included on the list of minor works. Reference number is 1613 on the Minor Works Scheme. Clerk reported issue of speeding to the police.

Bridge House Farm Cllr Marren has met CEH about the situation and agreement made with resident to cut the hedge and potholes to be addressed

Radway Green Railway Crossing there will be a dig out later in the summer and a survey done on traffic in the area as part of the Minor Works Scheme

Road Closures have been delayed following intervention from Cllr Marren

Mill Lane no improvements made

Hungerford Place 30 mph sign issue reported

Grids/Gullies now reported to Cheshire East Highways

6. ANNUAL BUSINESS

It was **RESOLVED** that: -

Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer – agreed as the Parish Clerk

Annual Risk Assessment – reviewed and agreed

Asset Register – reviewed and agreed

Review of Standing Orders – reviewed and agreed

Planning Working Group – Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Cllr Wilde

7. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2017/18

The Clerk went through the accounts for the 2017-18 year. The position is relatively healthy, with a final balance of £10,597 at the end of the year.

It was reported that the Compact funding has now ended.

The Parish Council went through the Annual Governance Statement for 2017-18. It was noted that the Council agreed that the Electors' Rights period had not been sufficiently advertised.

The document was **AGREED**.

The Parish Council went through the Statement of Accounts and **AGREED** the document.

The Council **AGREED** to sign the Exemption Certificate in terms of an external audit which means that, if accepted, no external audit will take place on the Parish Council's accounts.

The internal audit has yet to take place.

Ordinary Business

8. POLICE REPORT

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

9. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Marren was absent, but presented a written report: -

Raised issue of Bridge House Farm – resident agreed to cut back hedge and potholes noted by Cheshire East Council

Radway Green crossing issue – land will be dug out to tackle flooding issue and speeding survey will be undertaken

Consultation on mental health services ongoing covering Cheshire and mental health awareness week taking place from 16th May onwards

Local Housing Strategy and Local Transport Plan being consulted on

Minor Works – issues in the parish have been reported as part of discussions on the scheme

Consultation on special school taking place

Site allocations and development policies – engagement meetings taking place during May (Cllr Clark will attend)

10. CHESHIRE EAST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROCESS

Cllr Wilde reported no significant developments.

11. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

The Clerk presented report on GDPR and Members noted the contents.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Area of dampness at Hungerford Place is still a problem and is getting worse. It was asked whether anything could be done about it, maybe by approaching the landlord and/or reporting to Cheshire East Highways. Cllr Clark to action.

13. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters to consider.

14. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented eight accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That the following accounts be authorised for payment.

512	M Bailey	Salary	£174 .26
513	HMRC	Tax on Clerk salary	£43.56
514	ChALC	Affiliation 2018-19	£59.04
515	Community Lincs	Insurance	£183.59
516	Roy Aspinall	Litter-picking	£1,188.00
517	Barthomley Village Hall	Rent	£60.00
518	Barthomley Village Hall	50% of sign cost	£37.50
519	Shires Pay Services	Payroll (M1-M3)	£25.50

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to report.

16. **REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

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

- Cllr Peacock – look to contact local MP regarding poor internet connection. Members considered different options including Not Spot company. These come at a cost but may be a possible solution for residents. More viable than a communal option.
- Cllr Peacock – considerable increase in local fly-tipping, which needs to be reported to Cheshire East
- Cllr Peacock – M500 widening may mean creating a dead end at a footpath by the A500. Requested a further consultation event on proposals
- Cllr Peacock – grids and gullies still not done
- Cllr Gresty – could compact money to get the area by the footpath in the village cleared and strimmed of nettles – possibly later in the year
- Cllr Gresty – complaints about footpaths being obliterated across Church Field, due to close ploughing by the edges
- Cllr Horrocks – include item on the next agenda regarding raising awareness of issues and activities in the parish and their priorities (possibly through online questionnaire)
- Cllr Horrocks – footpaths by lay-by in Hungerford Place need to be cleared and potholes in the area as well

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 10th July 2018