

BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 11th September 2018

PRESENT

Cllr B Whittaker (Chair)

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

Mark Bailey (Clerk)

Cllr D Marren

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Three members of the public attended the meeting. They said they were new to the area and were interested in planning matters. Members welcomed them to the meeting.

4. POLICE REPORT

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

The Police had stated that they planned to hold ‘cluster’ meetings and will invite parish council representatives to these meetings in order to update them on developments.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Marren presented his report: -

Waste Collection – charges will be introduced by CEC for replacement wheelie bins (although these charges could be waived if bins are stolen)

Highways – contract has been awarded to Jacobs

New Homes Community Bonus – CEC has allocated £2m to parish/town councils from the NHB. Of this funding, £1m will be available this year and will be spent on ‘projects of local need’. This amount will be further divided into six highway groups and will be calculated on the basis of building activity. For the area containing Barthomley, around £171,000 will be available for projects and around £10,000-£50,000 will be allocated to each project. Those considering the applications for funding will meet on 1st October 2018 and this will be made up of councillors who have been trained. There will be one parish councillor who will represent parish councils generally as part of the process (Geoff Beadle – Haslington will be the Barthomley representative). Projects can be undertaken by the parish council itself; by the third sector or by CEC and must fit in with CEC corporate priorities. There does not need to be a detailed proposal put

forward by 1st October, just an expression of interest although – if the expression of interest is accepted, then a fuller proposal would need to be submitted

FoI Disclosure – CEC working on ensuring that there is no duplication in terms of requests made under the Freedom of Information Act. Any request which is received by CEC will be checked to see if a similar request has already been made.

Housing Multiple Occupation – any property which has five or more occupants will have to be licensed

Highways – schedule of works is ongoing

Weeds – first weed treatment has already started in the area and any issues should be communicated via the Clerk. Gully emptying is about to start.

Site Allocation – consultation starts on 11th September 2018 and runs to the 22nd October 2018 – not much of relevance to Barthomley

Radway Green Road – residents have reported issues with the speed of traffic and the volume of traffic. An assessment has been done and 40mph is the average speed in this area

6. CHESHIRE EAST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROCESS

The matter of whether to include the Radway Green North site in the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. Members **AGREED** that this could be done, in order to help a masterplanning exercise in the area.

7. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 10TH JULY 2018

Minutes of the 10th July 2018 meeting were considered by members.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2018 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Bridge House Farm – ongoing matter – now moving into the enforcement stage of the process and further meetings on the subject will take place

A500 Dualling – Cllr Marren met with CEC and was told that the officers responsible would be at this parish council meeting (they were not present)

CE Development Strategy Process – TC will check on the position with regard to ‘development in the green belt’

Drainage – Radway Green – funding is in place to sort this out and the work will be done next year (2019)

Old Hall Farm – it was agreed that a letter would be written to the landlord and tenant regarding the state of the fields

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Hungerford Place – wet patch still there – has been reported but it appears that the water is coming from Lord O’Neill’s land, so will contact Fisher German

Track to Hungerford Place – there is a big hole on the track and this is an issue which should be reported to the Housing Association

Gully Emptying – gully at the end of Monneley Farm drive on Barthomley Road is not in the right place to collect run off water

10. PLANNING MATTERS

Councillors Peacock and Whittaker declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion

18/3766N A500 Newcastle Road, Barthomley
Dualling of the existing 3.3km stretch of the A500 between junction 16 (M6) and Meremoss roundabout

Members considered the application and expressed concerns about the impact of the scheme on the surrounding land and the local environment. There were also particular concerns expressed about the amount of land being used for the scheme and the view was that it is excessive. Members also commented that it appears to contradict the original plans displayed for consultation and Members asked to know how much had changed. Members also wanted to know how much land is being asked for and how much land the extension to the road will cover.

11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented three accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That the following accounts be authorised for payment.

522	M Bailey	Salary	£174 .26
523	HMRC	Tax on Clerk salary	£43.56
524	Shires Pay Services	Payroll (Quarter 2)	£25.50

The Council noted the latest ledger and budget monitoring information.

12. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

13. REPORTS OF MEMBERS

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

- Cllr Clark – there has been fly-tipping around the village and this has been reported. Hedges are looking good and there are potential projects which could be looked at including litter picking
- Cllr Wilde – asked that any ideas for the NHB project should be communicated to the Clerk
- Cllr Peacock – Church Drive is getting worn out and needs to be resurfaced
- Cllr Horrocks – church wall is in a bad state and needs to be repaired

NB. It was decided to put the church wall repair forward as a NHB project

- Cllr Peacock – large amounts of litter between Little Chef and Radway Green – will ask CEC to clear the litter. Also, area in front of the Radway Green factory needs to be tidied up.
- Cllr Horrocks – the pub is looking to hold a ‘village day’ in June 2019 – parish council may want to be involved

14. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 20th November 2018, 7.30pm