

BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of 19th March 2019

PRESENT

Cllr B Whittaker (Chair)

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

Cllr D Marren (Cheshire East)

Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East)

Mark Bailey (Clerk)

One member of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There was one member of the public in attendance at the meeting – no issues were raised.

4. POLICE REPORT

There were no police representatives present.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Marren updated the Parish Council on a number of items, including: -

Meetings – there have been two council meetings since the parish council last met – it was agreed to raise Council Tax by 2.99% and also approved the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Members – Cllr Liz Durham was voted in as Mayor of Cheshire East with Cllr Steve Edgar as Deputy Mayor

Licensing – CEC has launched a consultation about the Licensing Policy

Fire – the Authority has started to check fire alarms for people aged over 65

Governance – proposals have come forward to change the Cabinet system to a committee system

United Utilities – a register has been drawn up for vulnerable people

Broadband – super-fast broadband is being installed in the area

Radway Green – ongoing dispute about speeding – there has been a full traffic assessment, but no reduction in speed limits

Governance Review of Town and Parish Councils – will be undertaken over the next 3-4 years and will look at the number of councillors as well

6. CHESHIRE EAST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY PROCESS

No updates were reported to the meeting.

7. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – 15TH JANUARY 2019

Minutes of the 15th January 2019 meeting were considered by members.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2019 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Hungerford Place – Fisher German has offered to conduct a site visit. It has been reported that this has been caused by a blocked grid on the verge. Cllr Clark offered to undertake the site visit with a resident.

Flooding on B5078 – remedial work is being done by the Duchy on behalf of CEC and has now been resolved

Litter – Little Chef area and have been given two weeks to clear the area

Meetings – Cllr Clark attended a number of meetings and reported back on them

Bridge House Farm – will report the matter to CE Highways and the Police

New Homes Bonus – PCC's application was not successful

Fir Tree Cottages – some re-thatching has been done and tenant at number 5 has been written to

Village Day – still ongoing

Litter - **AGREED** to ask Roy Aspinall to do the work in clearing the litter on the main road

9. ELECTIONS 2019

The Clerk briefed Members on the forthcoming election on 2nd May 2019.

Members were handed nomination packs and asked to submit them before the deadline of 3rd April 2019.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Potholes – some potholes have been reported on Audley Road at the end of Valley Farm’s drive (Clerk to report)

M6 Junction – markings need to be re-done on the junction 16 roundabout – report to Highways for England

Level Crossing – end of Mill Lane. Network Rail looking to close it, but no notification has been received. Will look to write to Network Rail (Cllr Wilde to get something in writing)

11. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters to discuss.

12. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT & FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Clerk presented three accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That the following accounts be authorised for payment.

532	M Bailey	Salary	£185.74
533	HMRC	Tax on Clerk salary	£46.44
534	Shires Pay Services	Payroll (M10-M12)	£25.50
535	Netwise UK	Website costs	£15.00
536	Barthomley Village Hall	Hire Costs	£60.00

The Council also noted the latest ledger.

13. COMMUNICATION/CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items under this agenda heading.

14. REPORTS OF MEMBERS

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

- Cllr Whittaker – reported that he had old Council books and Cllr Clark volunteered to get them
- Members proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Whittaker, whose last meeting this was, and presented him with a present to mark his 36 years’ service on the Parish Council

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th May 2019, 7.30pm