

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL, BARTHOMLEY ON 9th JULY 2019**

PRESENT:	Cllr T Clark Cllr T Wilde Cllr J Peacock	Chairman (in the chair) Vice-Chairman Cllr J Bailey
APOLOGIES:	None	
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East Council)	

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2 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.

3 MINUTES – 14TH MAY 2019

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th May 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK

- Hungerford Place – repairs to the wet area on the road have been attempted by Cheshire East Council but these repairs did not work. It was agreed to report the matter back to CEC. It was also agreed to ask CEC if they had carried out the repair work
- Litter – it was reported that the Duchy are aware of the litter issue around the services area and are working to deal with it
- Bridge House Farm – the police have been informed and their view is that the hedge has been maintained. It was agreed that the hedge was maintained but it was also agreed that the hedge needs to be pruned back by about two feet. It was agreed that the police would be contacted again and that the hedge should be trimmed back to the kerb
- Fir Tree Cottages – details about the owners is now known (information received from the Land Registry). The properties are being maintained, but it was agreed to write to the owners and ask for their refurbishment plans
- Village Day – it was reported that the day went very well
- 30 mph sign – it was agreed that the Chair would check on the status of this job
- Potholes – the pothole at Bank Cottage is still a problem
- Flood/gullies – all reported, but nothing appears to have been done
- A500 – the road markings by the junction 16 roundabout are the responsibility of the Highways Agency
- Weed killer – this has been reported, but no response
- Litter picking equipment – this has been requested
- Acceptance of office forms – these need to be completed by all Members

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

6 CASUAL VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that there was still one vacancy on the parish council.

Mr. Richard Nield was nominated and seconded to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED: The Council agreed to co-opt Mr. Richard Nield to fill the one remaining vacancy.

7 FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 Authorisation of Payments

£237.12	Dr. M J Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (July/August 2019)
£59.28	HMRC – tax on clerk’s salary (months 4 and 5)
£405.22	Barthomley Fun Day – contribution to costs
£1,188.00	Roy Aspinall (litter pick)

RESOLVED: The above payments were approved by the Council

7.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2019-31st May 2019)

Members noted the statement for the above period.

8 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Steve Edgar attended on behalf of Cheshire East Council. The following matters were reported:

- Aldi store at the top of University Way has been approved and work will commence shortly
- The bridge at Sydney Road is now open
- Crewe town centre regeneration is on track – Boots will leave in August; Santander will leave in October. Work will start in November to demolish the Victoria Centre and plans are being drawn up for leisure, culture and socializing (with some retail). An eight-screen cinema; ten bay bus park; and car parking with over 400 spaces to be developed.
- The Market Hall is to re-open in the summer of 2020

9 HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no further highway matters to report for the meeting.

10 PLANNING MATTERS

The Chair reported that she went to a meeting on the second phase of the Development/Local Plan for the borough. It was reported that no development will be taking place in Barthomley and the area also does not meet the criteria as an in-fill village. In addition, Alsager will have 2,000 houses and 40 hectares of employment land under the Local Plan. There is no need to do a neighbourhood plan at this stage, but the village may want to produce a questionnaire for residents to see what people are hoping to see delivered. This could be included in the Parish News. The Chair said that she would bring a draft to the next meeting.

11 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

- Cllr Clark – the police report item is no longer on the agenda, as PCSOs can no longer attend individual parish council meetings. Instead, it is expected that Parish Council chairs will attend police cluster meetings. The main issue for Barthomley is suspicious vehicle activities and this is being dealt with by the police Exploitation Team (due to the potential for people trafficking). In terms of police surgeries, very few people attend them so they may

need to be publicised in a better way. The Chair will contact the local PCSO about this. Cllr Peacock reported that the main issue locally is fly tipping. The Police and Crime Commissioner asked Parish Councils to be aware of vulnerability in rural areas, including looking out for people living alone. Also, need to be aware of IT crime and police looking for volunteers who are IT-savvy. The police are encouraging the creation of neighbourhood watch if a community needs it, and those wishing to become a special constable should contact the police.

- Cllr Clark – there is a Speed Indication Device in the village but need to be able to access the data. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk contact John Densem of Weston Parish Council
- Cllr Peacock – reported that Cllr Gresty has mentioned a blocked grid to the rear of her house (this will be reported to CEC)
- Cllr Peacock – reported that there was a lot of ragwort on the junction 16 roundabout
- Cllr Peacock – reported that there are stones around Willow Cottage on Deans Lane – asked for a letter from the Parish Council asking them to be moved
- Cllr Wilde – confirmed that all election expenses forms had been sent off

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 7.30pm – Barthomley Village Hall.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.00pm