

# BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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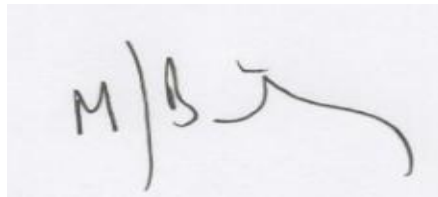
## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council

**DATE:** TUESDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020

**TIME:** 7.30 pm

**VENUE:** REMOTELY (LOGIN DETAILS BELOW)



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Issue: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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### Note:

Members of the public are asked to print their own copy of the agenda from the website. Members of the public without access to the Internet are asked to contact the Clerk by no later than noon on the day of the meeting to ensure that sufficient spare copies of the agenda are available.

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## AGENDA

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Clerk before 6.00 pm on the day of the meeting, if possible.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they have 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.

If declarations are not made at this point in the proceedings, they should be made as soon as the Member becomes aware of an interest.

Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare (or not) is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the circumstances of the matter in hand.

### 3 MINUTES – 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the annual meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DRAFT-Minutes-12-May-2020-Annual-Meeting-07.07.20.pdf>

### 4 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk will update the Council on matters from the above minutes and since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

### 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public can ask a question or address Members on any matter of Parish Council business.

### 6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

#### 7.1 Authorisation of payments

£237.12	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (July/August 2020)
£59.28	HMRC for months 4 and 5 of the tax year (2020-21) (Clerk's salary)
£63.36	Cheshire Association of Local Councils (Membership Fee 2020/21)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to approve the above payments.

#### 7.2 End of Year Accounts (1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020)

The following documents comprise the accounts for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, which have now been audited by the Internal Auditor.

These documents are presented for formal approval of the 2017-18 accounts.

(a) Ledger 2019-20

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Barthomley-Parish-Council-Ledger-01.04.18-3103.20-050520.pdf>

(b) Receipts and Payments 2019-20

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Budget-Mon-Mar-2020-05.05.20-RP.pdf>

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to formally approve the 2019/20 accounts.

#### 7.3 Internal Audit Report 2019/20

The internal audit has been completed by Mr. Len Griffin on behalf of the Parish Council. No

issues were raised.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to formally note and approve the internal audit report.

#### 7.4 **External Audit 2019/20**

The various documents relating to the external audit of the Council for 2019/20 are presented to Members.

These documents include: -

- The completed and signed Annual Internal Audit Report 2019/20
- The uncompleted Annual Governance Statement 2019/20
- The completed Accounting Statements 2019/20

Members are asked to collectively complete the Annual Governance Statement as a Council during the meeting, as per audit recommendations. Members are also asked to note the other documents listed above.

As reported at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2020, the external auditor is PFK Littlejohn and, in addition, the process of external audit has also changed so that councils whose gross income/expenditure is below £25,000 may certify themselves as exempt from an external 'limited assurance' review/audit. This means that the forms described above do not need to be submitted in the usual fashion. See item below.

It is confirmed that the period for the exercise of public rights will be between 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

[https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/11\\_agar\\_part2\\_e\\_2019-20-29.5.20-complete.pdf](https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/11_agar_part2_e_2019-20-29.5.20-complete.pdf)

#### 7.5 **Annual Governance Statement 2019/20**

The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 is presented for completion and approval by the Council. Following approval, the Statement must be signed by the Chairman (or, in her absence, by the Vice-Chairman) and the Clerk prior to submission to PFK Littlejohn.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to complete the Statement and agree that the Chairman and Clerk sign the Statement for 2019/20.

#### 7.6 **Accounting Statements 2019/20**

The Accounting Statements 2018/19 are presented for note and approval by the Council. Following approval, they must be signed by the Chairman (or, in her absence, by the Vice-Chairman) and the Clerk prior to submission to PFK Littlejohn.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to agree that the Chairman and Clerk sign the Statement for 2019/20

#### 7.7 **Certificate of Exemption 2019/20**

As outlined above and at previous meetings, local councils with income/expenditure at or below £25,000 in the relevant year are permitted to apply for exemption from external audit review. To do this, the Council must formally approve the attached Certification of Exemption stating the annual gross income/expenditure for the financial year 2019/20. The Council can decide to have a 'voluntary' review, but such a review would cost £200.00 plus VAT. It should be noted that the external auditors will carry out assurance reviews on a random sample of 5% of parish councils – whether they have declared themselves exempt or not.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to consider and approve the attached Certificate of Exemption for 2019/20. If approved, the Certificate must be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

#### 7.8 **Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.20-31.5.20)**

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020-31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 is presented to Members for note.

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Barthomley-Parish-Council-Ledger-01.04.20-31.05.20-7.7.20.pdf>

**8 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Borough Councillors S Edgar and M Addison to report on any Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

**9 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The Parish Council is to receive an update on highway matters in the parish and/or affecting the parish.

**10 PLANNING MATTERS**

This is for the Parish Council to discuss any planning issues affecting the area.

**11 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION**

To discuss any communication issue including the following issues: -

**11.1 COVID-19**

Members to consider the implications of the COVID-19 virus on the parish

Members may share any other information, but formal decisions cannot be taken under this item.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – Venue TBC

## Notes

### 1) Members of the Public

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

Members of the public are not able to participate in meetings but are able to ask questions or make a statement, prior to the start of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, staffing matters, contracts and financial affairs of other parties.

### 2) Parish Councillors

#### A) Notice of items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

B) Planning Grounds The grounds on which observations can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects   | 8  | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance   | 9  | Effect on highway safety                            |
| 3 | Siting  | 10 | Landscape   |
| 4 | Design  | 11 | Listed buildings                                    |
| 5 | External appearance   | 12 | Conservation areas                                  |
| 6 | Compatibility with street scene   | 13 | Land  |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, contamination, amenities and privacy | 14 | Flooding  |

#### Non-Relevant Matters

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|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6  | Business competition                                |
| 2 | Effects on private rights               | 7  | Personal circumstances – health/finance             |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds           | 8  | Ownership   |
| 4 | Effect on property values               | 9  | Moral issues  |
| 5 | Private opinions                        | 10 | Matters which might breach legislative requirements |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.