

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

PRESENT:	Cllr T Clark Cllr T Wilde Cllr C Horrocks Cllr J Peacock	Chairman (in the chair) Vice-Chairman Cllr R Nield
APOLOGIES:	Cllr S Gresty	Cllr J Bailey
ALSO PRESENT	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) Ms. L Airtton (Duchy of Lancaster)	

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Gresty and J Bailey and from Cheshire East Cllrs S Edgar and M Addison.

74 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 at the meeting.

75 MINUTES – 14th JULY 2020

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 14th July 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

76 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK

- External Audit – all documents submitted and no issues reported
- Church Bank House – no updates
- Hungerford Place – Cllr Edgar to chase this up
- 30 mph sign – no updates – reported to Cheshire East Council
- Weed killer – it was reported that Ansa were updating their policies on the use of weed killer – no updates
- Mill Lane – potholes being worked on
- CEC Portal Service – is up and running. SE advised that he could take anyone through the system to show how it works
- Engelsea Brook sign has been reported – SE to do Members' inquiry
- Mill Lane crossing – no updates
- Footpaths – mentioned by Chair at A500 Cheshire East Council meeting – will be followed up
- Fly-tipping – some reports of fly-tipping (issues with CEC tips not helping the situation)
- Mill Lane – issue with cars parking reported to police and being dealt with
- Defibrillator – it was reported that the Village Hall and PCC happy with any new defibrillator being located at the Village Hall
- New Priest – no contact made, but will follow up

77 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

78 FINANCIAL MATTERS

78.1 Authorisation of Payments

£259.50	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Sept/Oct 2020)
£64.87	HMRC for months 6 and 7 of the tax year (2020-21) (Clerk's salary)
£41.40	Shires Pay Services (Payroll M4-M6)
£6.00	Alsager Animals in Need (payment for printing questionnaire)
£15.00	Netwise Training Ltd (Domain Renewal)

RESOLVED: The above payments were **APPROVED** by the Council

78.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-31st July 2020)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-31st July 2020 was presented to Members, who noted the document.

79 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllrs Steve Edgar and Mary Addison were not present at the meeting.

80 HIGHWAY MATTERS

A number of highways issues affecting the parish were raised including: -

- Flooding still occurring between Smithy Lane Bridge and Smiths Green – needs to be dealt with before the bridges are closed
- Issue with Hungerford Place flooding still ongoing

80.1 A500 Widening Update

The Chair reported on the latest developments with regards to the planned widening of the A500. She reported that she had attended a meeting of the Strategic Planning Board at Cheshire East Council on 26th August 2020. It was agreed at that meeting that parallel bridge work would not take place.

The Chair also reported that some concessions were made by Cheshire East Council including: -

- A traffic consultation exercise will take place
- Passing places will be created
- A liaison committee will be set up involving residents and others
- There will be an examination of traffic flows

Members discussed these matters and Cllr Peacock offered to sit on the Liaison Group.

Cllr Wilde made the point that the whole diversion route should be examined in relation to drainage issues.

81 PLANNING MATTERS

81.1 Planning Applications

The following planning application was considered by the Parish Council.

20/3382N

Former BAE Site/Radway Green Business Park, Radway Green Road, Crewe CW2 5PJ

This application is for the proposed development of six commercial units.

The Council **AGREED** that: -

- This only affects the existing site
- Ignores the fact that the Radway Green Business Park extends out of the green belt (and is a part of the Alsager Neighbourhood Plan after agreement with Barthomley PC). This application does not take any of this into account, which is a problem as the linked approach is designed to allow access from the level crossing

82 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

A number of items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- COVID-19 in the parish – no updates
- Defibrillator – will get quotes and request partners to help with funding
- Parish News – now being published – will send updates on A500 and minutes
- Police Report – not received, so will chase up with PCSO
- National Salary Pay Award – noted and increase has been applied to the Clerk's salary
- Cllr Peacock – grid at the end of Valley Farm drive is blocked
- Cllr Peacock – grid by the post box is covered with weeds
- Cllr Peacock – corner of Smithy Lane is a mess and needs to be restored to how it was in the past
- Cllr Peacock – farm did not have water a few weeks ago and it was reported that the hydrant opposite the pub was not accessible due to vehicles parked in front of it - will be reported

83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.15pm