

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON 10TH NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT: Cllr T Clark Chairman (in the chair)
Cllr T Wilde Vice-Chairman
Cllr C Horrocks Cllr R Nield
Cllr J Peacock Cllr S Gresty
Cllr J Bailey

APOLOGIES: None

ALSO PRESENT Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East Council)
Cllr M Addison (Cheshire East Council)
Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

85 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.

86 MINUTES – 8th SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

87 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK

- 30 mph sign – no updates – reported again to Cheshire East Council
- Weed killer – no updates – reported to Ansa
- Police – Beat Report has been received and sent around to Members
- Parish News – agreed to submit Parish Council report from this meeting
- New Priest – contact made, will look at attend when the Council meets in person

88 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

89 FINANCIAL MATTERS

89.1 Authorisation of Payments

£243.54	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Nov/Dec 2020)
£60.88	HMRC for months 8 and 9 of the tax year (2020-21) (Clerk's salary)
£41.40	Shires Pay Services (Payroll M7-M9)

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

89.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-30th September 2020)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-31st September

2020 was presented to Members, who noted the document.

Members were informed that the Parish Council received a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £3,493.20 on 28th October 2020. Members asked that an item is added to the next Parish Council agenda in January 2021 which deals with how this is to be spent and whether any further payments are likely.

89.3 Budget Monitoring Report (Second Quarter 2020/21 – April-Sept 2020)

The budget monitoring report for the second quarter of the 2020/21 financial year (April-Sept 2020) was presented to Members for note.

Members requested a breakdown of costs in relation to litter picking in the area.

89.4 Draft Budget Proposals 2021-22

A report on the budget process for setting the 2021-22 budget was presented to Members, together with information from the second quarter 2020-21 budget monitoring report.

Members noted the following: -

- There is a slight underspend on the 2020-21 budget (£42.09)
- The Parish Council is estimated to have £6,040.17 in the bank on 31st March 2021 (but also note payment under minute 89.1)
- The taxbase for 2021-22 has reduced from 103.64 (2020-21) to 101.71
- The precept for 2020-21 was set at £2,500

The Council has until 15th January 2021 to submit its precept request, so a formal decision on the budget will be made at the next Parish Council meeting on 12th January 2021.

90 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllrs Steve Edgar and Mary Addison attended the meeting and provided the following updates: -

- Potholes – any potholes in the area have been identified by having white circles drawn around them, but there are still rough patches in the area by the railway bridge
- Drains and gullies to be cleaned out over December 2020/January 2021 (including Engelsea Brook)
- A local resident has been clearing trees and other foliage from the area around the brook
- Horse-riding signs – only one is in place in the parish, but that was knocked so as to be pointing in the right direction – request has been made to sort this out
- A500 widening – still progressing, but no delivery dates as yet. The Liaison Group will include members from Haslington; Weston; Crewe Green; and Barthomley. It was agreed to ask that a meeting is set up of the Group (SE to action). Will look at the issue of the fisheries.
- The Town and Parish Boundary Working Group is due to meet to redefine boundaries in the area. It is not likely that Barthomley will feature, but the area around Radway Green may change due to development
- Staff shortages in areas like planning are causing delays in developments and other work
- Signage – hopeful these can be sorted out – Cllr Wilde raised the issue of 'unreadable' signs by the triangle in the village

91 HIGHWAY MATTERS

No items were raised under this agenda heading. The A500 widening scheme is covered under agenda item 90 (above).

92 PLANNING MATTERS

It was reported that Cheshire East Council were consulting on supplementary documents to the Local Plan. This consultation was ongoing until December 2020.

93 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- COVID-19 in the parish – no updates
- Defibrillator – will be considered under Part B of this agenda – it was agreed to ask the pub about locating the defibrillator
- Parish News – will include notes from the Parish Council meeting
- Police Report – update was provided, and issues posted on Facebook
- Cllr Wilde asked that the work of a local resident (Mr. M Nield) be recognized by the Parish Council
- Cllr Nield – reported that the fence opposite the council houses at Hungerford Place needs to be repaired
- Cllr Peacock – asked that the wet/flooded area by Hungerford Plan be looked at again – could be an issue for the A500 Liaison Group
- Cllr Peacock – the development at the Radway Green site needs to be tidied up – Parish Council will make contact

94 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

95 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed that, in accordance with Paragraph 1(2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

96 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

It was agreed to defer any decision on this matter pending advice from the ambulance service.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.15pm