

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD REMOTELY ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

**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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Bailey

**ALSO PRESENT** Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East Council)  
Cllr M Addison (Cheshire East Council)  
Ms. L Airtton, Duchy of Lancaster  
Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)  
Members of the public

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**97 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Bailey.

**98 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.

**99 MINUTES – 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**100 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the following matters from the minutes of the last meeting.

- 30 mph sign – no updates – reported again to Cheshire East Council
- Weed killer – no updates – reported to Ansa but need to report again to CEC
- Police – Beat Report has been received and sent around to Members
- Mr. M Nield – letter has been sent from the Council thanking him for his work
- Fence at Hungerford Place – reported to Cheshire East Council
- Hungerford Place – wet area reported to Cheshire East Council

**101 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were two members of the public present at the meeting. The following matters were raised.

- Litter – a resident asked whether litter in the parish could be cleared away by a team of volunteers. The Chair commented that litter picking equipment is available from the Village Hall and that someone recently did some litter picking as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The Parish Council also pays for litter to be removed from the main road up to the level crossing. It was agreed to post an item on the Facebook page and Cllr Horrocks agreed to be the liaison point for this initiative. Cllr Edgar agreed to check on the situation regarding the collection of any waste gathered by volunteers.

**102 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**102.1 Authorisation of Payments**

£243.54 Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Jan/Feb 2021)  
£60.88 HMRC for months 10 and 11 of the tax year (2020-21) (Clerk's salary)

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

### **102.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1<sup>st</sup> April 2020-30<sup>th</sup> November 2020)**

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020-30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 was presented to Members, who noted the document.

### **102.3 Draft Budget Proposals 2021-22**

Members went through the proposed budget for 2021/22.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that: -

- (a) A budget of **£7,050.00** be approved; and
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£2,500.00** from Cheshire East Council

### **102.4 Community Infrastructure Levy**

Members went through the background to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) with the Council having received £3,493.20 as part of the scheme. It was agreed to ask the public for ideas and to post on the website and on social media.

### **102.5 Bank Mandate**

The Council reviewed its existing banking arrangements in terms of the current account held with the Yorkshire Bank. The Council **RESOLVED** the following points: -

- To confirm that the Yorkshire Bank is the appointed bank for the Parish Council and that the existing bank account remains as the Parish Council's bank account together with any other accounts the Council chooses to open with the bank in the Council's name.
- To acknowledge that the account(s) shall remain subject to the relevant Terms and Conditions published by the bank and to agree that the Council remains bound by these Terms and Conditions.
- To confirm that the Bank remains authorised to: -
  - Honour and comply with all cheques drawn and debit such cheques to the account(s)
  - Honour and comply with all instructions for withdrawal from the account(s)
  - Collect for credit to the account(s) all instruments endorsed on behalf of the Council
  - Act on any other instructions the Bank receives in accordance with Terms and Conditions
  - Accept and comply with all instructions to add or remove Authorised Signatories and process personal data or each or any of the Authorised Signatories
  - Accept registration of the Council's account(s) under the Bank's telephone and/or internet banking services
- To agree that the following councillors and the Parish Clerk become Authorised Signatories on the Council's bank account(s): -

Cllr Teresa Clark  
Cllr Tom Wilde  
Cllr Janet Peacock  
Cllr Clare Horrocks  
Cllr Richard Nield  
Cllr Jamie Bailey  
Cllr Sally Gresty  
Mr Mark Bailey

## **103 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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

- Boundary changes – there are no proposals to change the boundaries for Barthomley
- Planning – need to raise awareness of the planning application (20/4532N) and make comments on the proposed microlight centre
- Gullies – Members confirmed that gullies have not been cleared in the parish
- Mill Lane Level Crossing – proposal from Network Rail is to close the crossing based on safety concerns. The problem is that this will come about during the diversions of traffic due to the A500 widening.
- 30 mph sign – it was agreed that Cllr Horrocks would send Cllr Edgar an email on this matter

## 104 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following matters were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr Peacock raised the issue of builders at Rectory Cottage blocking the lane and leaving a mess. Cllr Edgar said that he would investigate the matter and contact the site manager.
- Cllr Peacock raised the issue of potholes and that none had been filled in recently. Cllr Edgar will investigate, especially on the stretch from Hungerford Place to the church.
- Cllr Gresty raised the issue of floods in the village and the need to clear the drains

### 104.1 A500 Widening

It was reported that an initial meeting of the Liaison Group will be set up to put the case to Cheshire East and the contractors.

## 105 PLANNING MATTERS

The following matters were discussed in relation to planning in the parish and affecting the parish.

### 105.1 Planning Applications

20/3382N Former BAE Site/Radway Green Business Park, Radway Green Road, Crewe CW2 5PJ

Proposed development of 6 no. commercial units providing up to 74,610 sq.m.GIA of mixed B1c, B2 and B8 (unfettered), of which 34,650 sq. m (Units 1, 2 & 6) will be sought under detailed approval including associated infrastructure, parking, access and circulation areas, maintenance and improvement of existing access into the site south of the level crossing and the existing vehicular access north of the level crossing, cycle and pedestrian access to the whole site, relocation of existing clock tower, new internal roads and drainage infrastructure. Units 3, 4 & 5 (total proposed floorspace of 39,960sqm) seek outline approval for access and scale, reserving appearance, landscaping, and layout for later approval.

Members repeated comments made when considered at its meeting in September 2020: -

- This only affects the existing site and 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

20/4532N Walnut Tree Farm, Radway Green Road, Barthomley CW2 5PQ

Relocation of Cheshire Microlight Center from Archid (Sandbach) to Walnut Tree Farm, Barthomley Extension of existing barn to store microlights and existing field currently used for agricultural purposes, converted for a grassed landing strip. Field to be retained for grazing.

Members raised a range of concerns about the application including potential lack of privacy; potential noise impact on neighbouring properties; change of use and impact on the environment; external appearance; and impact on highway safety. It was agreed that Cllr Wilde would draft a response and liaise with the Barthomley Action Group

The matter of Brookside Cottage was also raised by Members in relation to enforcement matters. Cllr Edgar agreed to investigate this matter.

## 106 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- COVID-19 in the parish – it was reported that several cases had been recorded in the village and that all public buildings have been closed

- Planning enforcement – see comment above under ‘Planning Matters’
- Parish News – will include notes from the Parish Council meeting
- Funding Application – it was **AGREED** to pay £500.00 to Mr. M Nield towards the work being carried out in the parish to combat flooding
- Police Report – update was provided, and issues posted on Facebook
- Mill Lane Level Crossing – included in ‘Borough Councillor Report’ item above

**107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm.

**108 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.

**109 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**

It was agreed to purchase the Lifepak CR2 USB defibrillator and approach other organisations for funding.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.55pm