

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD REMOTELY ON 9TH MARCH 2021**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Clark Chairman
Cllr S Gresty

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

110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs T Clark and S Gresty.

111 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.

112 MINUTES – 12TH JANUARY 2021

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

113 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 and reported to CEC
- Police – Beat Report has been received and sent around to Members
- Litter – proposal for litter bin in the parish
- Fence at Hungerford Place – reported to Cheshire East Council
- Hungerford Place – wet area reported to Cheshire East Council

114 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were two members of the public present at the meeting. No issues were raised.

115 FINANCIAL MATTERS

115.1 Authorisation of Payments

£243.54	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (Mar/Apr 2021)
£60.88	HMRC for month 12 of the tax year (2020-21) and month 1 of the tax year (2021-22) (Clerk's salary)
£250.00	Netwise UK (website maintenance package)
£1,800.00	Leith Planning Ltd (planning consultant fees)
£41.40	Shires Pay Services (M10-12 2020/21)
£500.00	Mr M Nield (contribution to works)

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

115.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1st April 2020-31st January 2021)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2020-31st January 2021 was presented to Members, who noted the document.

115.3 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 3 – 2020/21) (Apr-Dec 2020)

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payment summary to the end of quarter three (2020/21) (Apr-Dec 2020) was presented to Members for note.

115.4 Requests for Financial Contributions

The following items were considered by the Parish Council.

- TRU CAM 2 Device – Cheshire Police would like to purchase a TRU CAM 2 device for use in the Haslington Ward (which includes Barthomley). The device assists in dealing with speeding. The overall cost is around £10,000 and £350 per year (the Police have said they will cover the £350 per year). Each of the Parish Councils in the area is being asked to contribute something towards the cost of this device (there are four Parish Councils involved in this request). Members asked that the request go back to the Police for more information on costs and parish council contributions.
- Police Alert Notice Board – Cheshire Police are requesting a £25 donation from villages to provide 'Police Alert' notice boards in each village. This will allow the Police to post information currently found on social media only. It was confirmed that police officers will be maintaining the board. Cllr Edgar to check on the insurance position. Members approved the request in principle and asked that the notice board be placed next to the existing notice board or next to the bus stop.
- Litter – Cllr Edgar has contacted ANSA and they have said that it will be acceptable to deposit green bags from litter picking near to the waste bins at the Village Hall for collection on Mondays. The proposal is that the village buys a litter bin for public use – around £400 – and makes arrangements for ANSA to collect from that on a regular basis (at no cost to the Parish Council). ANSA can advise on where to locate this bin. The proposal was agreed in principle and it was also agreed that the bin should be located centrally in the parish. It was agreed that the White Lion should be included in any consultation. Cllr Edgar to ask ANSA for advice on this.

116 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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

- A500 widening – will be delayed due to ongoing issues and will take place in 2022 or 2023. Any liaison will be held off pending further developments.
- Microlight Centre Planning Application – no date yet fixed for discussion at Planning Committee. Cllr Edgar to co-ordinate and will set up Zoom meeting to discuss. If the application is approved, then discuss needs to take place on conditions. More information on the application is required.
- Boundary changes – there are no proposals to change the boundaries for Barthomley

117 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following matters were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr Horrocks raised the issue of the SID next to Hungerford Place and whether data could be extracted from it. Cllr Edgar to chase this up.
- Cllr Peacock raised the issue of the grid by the post box being full of weeds and mud – needs to be reported to CEC
- Cllr Peacock reported grid at the bottom of the drive to Valley Farm – to be reported to CEC.
- Cllr Horrocks raised the issue of vehicles parking by the pub and causing an obstruction
- Cllr Horrocks raised the issue of vehicle speeds through the village, and it was suggested that a letter be sent to firms asking that contractors keep to the speed limit
- Cllr Peacock raised the issue of the wet patch by Hungerford Place – will write to Cllr Laura Crane about this
- The issue of Mill Farm was raised – to request contractors clean the road
- Cllr Peacock said that potholes in the village need to be repaired

117.1 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. Work on hold for time being.

118 PLANNING MATTERS

No further issues were raised in terms of planning matters.

119 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- COVID-19 in the parish – it was reported that most people have been vaccinated
- Planning enforcement – Cllr Edgar to escalate to high priority
- Parish News – will include notes from the Parish Council meeting and also litter picking work
- Police Report – update was provided for February 2021
- Mill Lane Level Crossing – will be implemented in May 2022
- Old Hall Farm – lights put up outside and will be addressed by the Duchy
- Smithy Lane – water leak on Smithy Lane – needs to be reported
- Service Station – litter is a problem – Duchy to do litter picks
- Defibrillator – needs to be implemented
- Election – to take place in Village Hall on 6th May 2021

120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.30pm.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.28pm