

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 13TH JULY 2021**

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| PRESENT: | Cllr T Clark Cllr C Horrocks Cllr J Peacock | Chairman (in the chair) Cllr R Nield Cllr J Bailey |
| APOLOGIES: | Cllr T Wilde Cllr M Addison (Cheshire East) | Vice-Chairman |
| ALSO PRESENT | Ms. L Airton, Duchy of Lancaster Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO) | |

PART A

143 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr T Wilde and Cheshire East Councillor M Addison.

144 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.

145 MINUTES – 6TH MAY 2021 (ANNUAL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

146 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK

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

- Defibrillator – it was agreed to ask the pub whether it could be installed on the garage by the car park
- 30 mph sign – no updates – reported again to Cheshire East Council – Cllr Edgar to chase up
- Weed killer – no updates – reported to Ansa and reported to CEC
- Police – Members agreed to the new noticeboard in principle and asked that any developments are reported to the Council
- Litter – progressing installation of the bin with ANSA
- Fence at Hungerford Place – reported to Cheshire East Council
- Hungerford Place – wet area reported to Cheshire East Council – no additional drain has been found and it was suggested that this area could be turned into a passing place
- Planning Enforcement – no updates – although work seems to have stopped – Cllr Edgar to update
- SID – no updates (next to Hungerford Place) – Cllr Edgar to update
- Grids – it was reported that the grid by the post box is now clear, but others remain an issue – Cllr Edgar to update

- Weight Limits - the Chair will raise this matter with the police directly
- Old Hall Farm – the Duchy agreed to raise the matter of waste behind the back of the property on Green Lane
- Swallows Croft – this has been reported to Cheshire East Council
- Audit 2020/21 – now completed

147 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Laura Airton from the Duchy attended the meeting and reported that

- The lights at Old Hall Farm have been addressed and waiting to replace the bulbs and sensors
- The Duchy’s Benevolent Fund may be able to assist with the defibrillator costs (Clerk to check with LA)
- Woodland work to be taking place over the next few months

148 CASUAL VACANCIES

It was reported that the Parish Council had one vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Gresty. The vacancy will be advertised. It was noted that a card had been purchased for Cllr Gresty.

149 FINANCIAL MATTERS

149.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.20-30.06.21)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.20-30.6.21.

149.2 Budget Monitoring Report and Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 1 – 2021/22) (April-June 2021)

Members noted the budget monitoring report for quarter 1 of the 2021/22 financial year.

149.3 Internal Auditor

It was reported that the internal audit has now been completed for 2020-21. No significant issues were raised by the internal auditor. In addition, the Parish Council has confirmed its exemption from the external audit process. The period of electors’ rights (where residents can inspect the accounts) was reported as between 1st July and 11th August 2021.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to approve this information.

149.4 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

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| £243.54 | Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (July/August 2021) |
| £60.88 | HMRC for months 4 and 5 of the tax year (2021-22) |
| £41.40 | Shires Pay Services (Payroll Q1) |
| £18.00 | Netwise Training Ltd (Domain Renewal) |
| £1,560.00 | DefibShop (purchase of defibrillator) |
| £25.00 | ChALC (Training – Planning) |
| £291.31 | ANSA (purchase of litter bin) |
| £185.65 | Zurich Municipal (Insurance 2021-22) |

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

150 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllr Steve Edgar provided the following updates: -

- Police – a number of parishes asked for breakdowns of the police report and SE is following up on this request
- Police Noticeboard – it was agreed to locate this next to the existing noticeboard in the village
- Planning Enforcement – in the process of being resolved

- Planning – no updates on the microlight application
- Highways – Cheshire East Council issued price list for highway repairs (e.g., streetlights, gullies, potholes). SE given a budget of £4,500, together with Cllr Addison. SE said that he will spend on smaller parishes.
- Hungerford Place – SE suggested writing to the MP about the wet patch and the Council agreed to commission a professional survey on the area
- Smithy Lane West Bridge – Members agreed to write to SE about this
- Projects – Members agreed to consider a list of projects/jobs at the next parish council meeting

151 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised under this agenda item.

- SID – Cllr Horrocks asked for the SID at Hungerford Place to be checked – will find out who installed the SID.

151.1 A500 Widening

There were no updates on this matter.

152 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters considered at the meeting.

153 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 – no further updates
- Parish News – will include notes from the Parish Council meeting and advertise the survey on parishioner views
- Police Report – update was provided – no issues raised for Barthomley
- Members – Cllr Bailey reported that he is moving away from the parish and therefore resigned from the Parish Council

154 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm (Village Hall).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.21pm