

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Addison (Cheshire East)

**ALSO PRESENT** Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East)  
Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)  
Members of the public

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**PART A**

**155 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Following the resignation from the Parish Council of Cllr Teresa Clark, Cllr Tom Wilde took the Chair and asked for nominations for Chair of the Parish Council.

Cllr T Wilde was nominated and **ELECTED** as Chair of the Parish Council.

**156 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

The Chair asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

Cllr Clare Horrocks was nominated and **ELECTED** as Vice-Chair of the Parish Council.

**157 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Councillor M Addison.

**158 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.

**159 MINUTES – 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**160 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 update
- Weed killer – no updates – reported to Ansa and reported to CEC – Cllr Edgar to update
- Police – Members agreed to the new noticeboard and Cllr Edgar to install
- Litter – new litter bin now installed
- Fence at Hungerford Place – reported to Cheshire East Council
- Hungerford Place – this has been raised with Willis Brothers, who will undertake a site visit.

- Planning Enforcement –appears to have been completed.
- 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 – this matter has been raised with the Police
- Old Hall Farm – the Duchy agreed to raise the matter of waste behind the back of the property on Green Lane – it was agreed that the Parish Council could also write a letter to the property
- Swallows Croft – this has been reported to Cheshire East Council – will provide Cllr Edgar with a report number
- Smithy Lane West Bridge – action is to write to Cllr Edgar about this matter
- Projects – Clerk will send list of projects to Cllr Edgar following collection of information from Parish Council Members

#### 161 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Three members of the public attended the meeting.

- A resident raised the issue of the A500 widening and expressed concerns about the work and the impact of traffic management plans in the area. It was reported that there have been difficulties with the project, but it is hoped that plans can be shared by the developers. Cllr Edgar said that he will seek to implement weight limits via signs and will seek to limit traffic flows. The start date for the work is likely to be 2022.

#### 162 CASUAL VACANCIES

It was reported that the Parish Council now has three vacancies. It was agreed to consider any applications for these vacancies at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### 163 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### 163.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.21-31.07.21)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.21-31.7.21.

##### 163.2 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 (Sept/Oct 2021) |
| £60.88  | HMRC for months 6 and 7 of the tax year (2021-22)       |
| £40.00  | Cllr Janet Peacock (Flowers – Cllr Gresty)              |
| £41.40  | Shires Pay Services (Payroll Q2 2021/22)                |

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

#### 164 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllr Steve Edgar provided the following updates: -

- Cheshire East Council – not able to proceed with some issues due to resource limitations and COVID impact
- Police Noticeboard – Cllr Edgar will action this and it will be placed under the existing noticeboard
- Police Report – this will now be presented based on individual parishes
- Microlight Plane Planning Application – this has not yet been presented to Planning Committee but there was a site visit in August 2021
- SID – this does belong to Cheshire East Council but there is no trace of it and there is no information on why it is not working. Cllr Edgar has asked that this is sorted out. PCSO Jolley

has got a laptop so she will be asked to download data from the SID, if possible.

- Cllr Edgar reported that the grids/gullies in the parish are inspected but there is a high demand for work. Cllr Edgar said he could get them unblocked via the Top Up Budgets. Will check on which grids/gullies are blocked, and Cllr Horrocks will provide information to Cllr Edgar and will indicate blocked grids/gullies on an interactive map.

#### **165 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The following highway matters were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr Horrocks reported that the Duchy intend to clear woodland and will be using heavy vehicles to do this work.

##### **165.1 A500 Widening**

There were no updates on this matter.

#### **166 PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters considered at the meeting.

#### **167 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Questionnaire – had 16 responses but no information has been provided
- COVID-19 in the parish – no updates
- Parish News – it was agreed to include the following information: -
  - Vacancies
  - New Chair/Vice-Chair of the Parish Council
  - Information on the new bin/defibrillator
  - Request to report any highways issues and provide photographs on Facebook/via the Report It website at Cheshire East Council
  - Report new police noticeboard
  - To request that anything of interest is provided for the Parish Council noticeboard
- Police Report – update was provided – no issues raised for Barthomley
- Postal Services – it was reported that deliveries are not being made. This has been raised with the MP.
- Cllr Peacock – reported that some potholes have been filled in at Valley Farm but the dip in the road has not been repaired
- Cllr Peacock – reported potholes in Smithy Lane West and water running along the road – need to contact WaterPlus about this
- Cllr Horrocks – noticeboard to be updated

#### **168 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm (Village Hall).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.20pm