

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr T Wilde Cllr C Horrocks Cllr J Peacock Cllr M Connolly Cllr R Nield	Chair (in the chair) Vice-Chair Cllr K Parkes Cllr A Houldey
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Cllr M Addison (Cheshire East)	Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East)
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)	Ms. A Round (Duchy of Lancaster)

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**PART A**

**198 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cheshire East Councillors S Edgar and M Addison.

**199 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.

**200 MINUTES – 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**201 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 reported that the PCC was supportive of placing the defibrillator on the steps leading up to the church, but not by the gates. Members therefore supported positioning the defibrillator opposite the Parish Noticeboard and asked that a contractor be appointed to do this work.
- 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 – no updates
- Fence at Hungerford Place – reported to Cheshire East Council – no updates
- Hungerford Place wet patch – this has been raised with Willis Brothers, who carried out a site visit. They suggested it was probably being caused by tree roots blocking a drain. Willis Brothers said that they could investigate this further at a cost. Members decided to ask the community to examine the problem. Thanks were made to Cllr Peacock for her work on this matter.
- SID – no updates (next to Hungerford Place) – Cllr Edgar to update
- Grids – Cllr Horrocks inspected the grids – majority blocked from the Village Hall to the 30-mph sign – application made to the CEC Member Top-Up Funds. It was reported that the drains in Englesea Brook had not been cleared.
- Weight Limits – this matter has been raised with the Police – no updates.

- Old Hall Farm – it was agreed to keep a watching brief on this matter – tenant has now left the property and Duchy said that they would tidy up the area.
- Swallows Croft – this has been reported to Cheshire East Council – no updates
- Projects – Clerk will send list of projects to Cllr Edgar following collection of information from Parish Council Members
- Planning Matters – a number of updates had been received
  - Radway Green Plans – Cllrs Wilde/Horrocks met with Cheshire East Council Planning/Highways and neighbouring parishes in February 2022. A list of issues was agreed by parishes and sent to CEC – still waiting for a response. Cllr Horrocks asked that any incidents on the M6 and elsewhere affecting the parish should be reported and noted. Cllr Wilde reported a lot of comment on the planning application.
  - Newcastle under Lyme Local Plan – comments were submitted and acknowledged from the Parish Council
  - Planning Sub-Committee – no issues
  - Brookside Cottage – no updates
  - Whitelands property/planning issues – comments submitted
- Valley Farm – it was reported that no potholes had been repaired recently
- Smithy Lane West Bridge – repairs had been carried out, but Members requested that Cheshire East Highways are contacted to ask where the coping stones have been stored and also contacted to report an uncollected sign in the area.
- Smithy Lane West – water still running down – no updates
- Gritting – it was reported that there was still some grit in the grit box
- Litter Pick – it was reported that Roy Aspinall had been asked to carry out the litter pick – particular issues around the service station (Duchy to action).
- Jubilee – it was noted that the Parish Council had been contacted by the Parochial Church Council (PCC), but no progress had been reported. Cllr Peacock said that the Village Hall would ask the Parish Council to fund mugs for under 16s in the parish (around 30 people in total). There was also a desire to hold a Fun Day again in the parish and an organising committee needs to be reconvened. There will also be a special church service on the weekend of the Jubilee. Cllr Horrocks said that there needs to be some co-ordination possibly via the PCC in the first instance and the Clerk would approach the PCC. Tree planting has taken place by the Duchy and the Duchy was asked if it would contribute to these events. Cllr Horrocks to liaise with others on the Jubilee for the Parish Council.
- Police Report – the latest report was circulated, and no issues were raised.
- Bin Collections – now resolved by Cheshire East Council.

## **202 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public attended the meeting – no matters were raised.

## **203 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **203.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.21-31.01.22)**

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.21-31.01.22.

### **203.2 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter 3 Apr-Dec 2021) (2021/22)**

The budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for quarter 3 (April-December

2021 – 2021/22) were presented to Members for note.

### 203.3 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£243.54	Dr MJ Bailey – salary payment for Clerk (February/March 2022)
£60.88	HMRC for months 11 and 12 of the tax year (2021-22)
£100.00	Barthomley Village Hall (Room Hire)
£300.00	NetwiseUK (Website Costs 2022-23)
£18.00	NetwiseUK (Domain Renewal 2023-24)

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

### 204 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllrs Steve Edgar and Mary Addison were not present at the meeting. Cllr Edgar provided a written report, which covered the following issues.

- Cllr Edgar in conversation with the applicant of the site at Radway Green and made them aware of the particular circumstances that affect the Parish of Barthomley and its concerns that the village will become a 'rat run' for heavy vehicles and a short cut for drivers
- Cllr Edgar has requested that special attention is given to all entrances and that 'unsuitable for HGVs' 'Narrow Bridge Ahead' and visual narrowing of access is included in the plan
- Cllr Edgar requested roundabout Radway Green Road, likely only get refuges, but still hopeful.

Members noted these updates.

### 205 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised under this agenda item.

- Cllr Parkes reported issues with the drains at the end of Love Lane/Green Lane – need to look at emptying grids in the area
- Cllr Horrocks reported that land at the back of the pub on the road from the pub towards Bluemire Farm is being trashed with damage to the banks on either side. It was requested that this is put onto the next agenda as a discussion item.
- Members raised the issue of a mirror at the end of Church Drive and whether it could be reinstated.

#### 205.1 A500 Widening

It was reported that funding is in place for the scheme and looking to start work 2022/23.

### 206 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no further planning matters raised.

### 207 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Litter picking along B5078 – it was asked whether businesses could be asked to contribute to the cost of the litter pick. Cllr Horrocks to draft a letter and Clerk to send.
- Cllr Wilde asked that all emails received could be brought to the next meeting of the Council.
- Cllr Houldey to attend training on planning matters
- COVID-19 in the parish – no updates
- Parish News – to report any updates – will inform of change of Chair of Parish Council and new Members

### 208 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm (Village Hall).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.20pm