

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 12th JULY 2022**

PRESENT: Cllr T Wilde Chair (in the chair)
Cllr C Horrocks Vice-Chair
Cllr J Peacock Cllr K Parkes
Cllr M Connolly Cllr A Houldey
Cllr R Nield

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Addison (Cheshire East)

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

225 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

226 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.

227 MINUTES – 10th MAY 2022 (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

228 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 AED had been installed and registered at the Village Hall. It was **AGREED** to ask NWS for advice on checks on the AED. It was also **AGREED** that signs for the AED will be purchased. It was further **AGREED** to include a link to a YouTube training video in Parish News/on Facebook.
- 30 mph sign – no updates – reported again to Cheshire East Council – Cllr Edgar to update. It was reported that someone had cleaned the sign itself.
- Weed killer – no updates – reported to Ansa and reported to CEC – Cllr Edgar to update. It was reported that weed killer was not used by ANSA in the village, except around assets. It was reported that weed killer had been used on various spots around the village and CE Highways has said it uses it for safety purposes. Members will report any issues back to Cllr Edgar.
- Fence at Hungerford Place – Cllr Edgar said that he would look at this with a view to using his Member funds – no updates.
- Grids – majority were blocked from the Village Hall to the 30-mph sign going towards Engelsea Brook. Cllr Edgar will raise with CEH and will establish the cost of clearing (which Cllr Edgar may be able to fund) – included under 'Borough Councillor Report' item.
- Smithy Lane West Bridge – no information on the location of the coping stones – Cllr Edgar to chase up.
- Smithy Lane West – water still running down – no updates – Cllr Peacock updated by saying that it is not mains water. The Duchy will also follow up.

- Litter Pick – letter drafted to local businesses to ask them to contribute to the cost of the litter picks. Letter sent out but no replies received. It was **AGREED** to send the letter to the Duchy for chase up. Cllr Horrocks to follow up some of the letters.
- Green Lane/Love Lane – being worked on and repaired.
- Bluemire Farm – it was reported that the backs were getting eroded up from the back of the pub to Bluemire Farm. This is a particular issue when there are issues on the A500. Cllr Horrocks asked if this could be added to the highways list to Cllr Edgar in order to seek further advice.
- Mirror – to be located at the end of Church Lane – will be purchased by the Parish Council. It was **AGREED** to request quotes.

229 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Two members of the public attended the meeting – raised the issue of the A500 widening and traffic management. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Edgar would follow this up. It was stated that the weight limit needs to be enforced. Project is not moving forward at present, but in contact with Cheshire East Council/contractors about the issues facing the parish.

230 FINANCIAL MATTERS

230.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.22-31.05.22)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.21-31.5.22.

230.2 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£248.98	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (July/August 2022)
£62.24	HMRC for months 4 and 5 of the tax year (2022-23)
£144.00	Davies & Johnson – Installation of defibrillator
£41.40	Shires Accountants (Payroll M1-M3 2022/23)

The following items were also approved.

£301.68	Cllr J Peacock (Jubilee mugs, will invoice Duchy for £150.84)
£50.00	Mrs E Oulton – performers for Jubilee event

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

231 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllrs Steve Edgar was present at the meeting and provided the following updates.

- Gullies – waiting for inspection of Radway Green Road and for costs
- New Distribution Centre – have agreed in principle to the junction improvements into the village. No date on the Planning Committee. Looking to include 'Unsuitable for HGVs' sign. Members also asked for a cycle lane.
- 30 mph sign – will remind Cheshire East Highways about this.
- A500 – will start work at the end of 2023 and into 2024 – said that farmers should be consulted on when they can deal with the road closures. Intention is to leave the road open permanently.

232 HIGHWAY MATTERS

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

232.1 A500 Widening

No updates.

233 PLANNING MATTERS

The issue of Old Hall Farm development was raised – Duchy decided to develop new access. The Duchy has asked the Parish Council for views. Members suggested a mix of residential and stables/craft and mill space for business. Would not like to see the footprint of the building expand.

Members asked to be kept updated on any developments.

234 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Parish News – to report any updates – will include report on the AED and link to training video
- Potholes – issue at the end of Church Bank House – **AGREED** that it needs to be reported again. Members also **AGREED** to post on Facebook the process of reporting potholes.
- Duchy – work on the woodlands to be carried out
- Police Report – no issues
- Audley Road – condition of road has improved including Swallows Croft – Members reported a pothole by Smithy Bridge

235 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 7.30pm (Village Hall).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.35pm