

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

236 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Nield, Cheshire East Cllrs S Edgar and M Addison and from Ms L Airton (Duchy of Lancaster).

237 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.

238 MINUTES – 12th JULY 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

239 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. In addition, the Council had procured signs which Cllr Wilde will look to install.
- 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. 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. It was agreed to write to Guinness to see if they will repair the fence (Cllr Horrocks to provide the address).
- Grids – majority were blocked from the Village Hall to the 30-mph sign going towards Engelsea Brook. This work has been programmed for September 2022, to be paid for from Cllr Edgar’s Member budget. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward a revised list of projects to Cllr Edgar.
- 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 – it was reported that the Duchy had agreed to contribute to the cost of the litter pick and that Cllr Horrocks was chasing up recipients of the letter to businesses asking for them to contribute to the cost. Cllr Edgar also said that Ansa would litter pick – it was agreed to check on this with Cllr Edgar and also ask the Duchy to confirm their contribution.
- Green Lane/Love Lane – this has been repaired, but signs are still in place. It was agreed that Cllr Edgar needs to support this work in getting United Utilities to replace the pipe which is causing issues with grids and gullies. Cllr Peacock to get contact details for United Utilities. Cllr Wilde to speak to John Cornell.
- 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. It was hoped that signage could be acquired for this and will ask for another meeting with Cheshire East Highways (via Cllr Edgar). It was also requested that an update is provided on Brookside Cottage from Planning Enforcement.
- Mirror – to be located at the end of Church Lane – quotes were provided to the meeting and Cllr Connolly agreed to take the matter forward.
- Church Bank House – to be reported – issues in the middle of the road

240 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Two members of the public attended the meeting – raised the issue of poplars being removed – it was stated that this is being done by the Duchy, and Parish Council is not sure of any future plans.

241 FINANCIAL MATTERS

241.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.22-30.06.22)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.22-30.6.22.

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241.3 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter One – 2022/23) (April/June 2022)

Members noted the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

241.4 Asset Register 2022/23

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the updated asset register up to the end of August 2022.

241.5 Internal Audit Report/External Audit 2021/22

Members noted that the internal and external audits for 2021/22 have now been completed.

The Parish Council declared and accepted as exempt from external audit for 2021/22.

The internal audit was completed by Mr Len Griffin as Internal Auditor for 2021/22. There were no major issues raised by the auditor.

Members **RESOLVED** to accept this information as presented.

241.6 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£248.98	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (September/October 2022)
£62.24	HMRC for months 6 and 7 of the tax year (2022-23)
£38.36	Dr MJ Bailey – Reimbursement (Defibrillator Signs)

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

242 BANK MANDATE

Members noted that the Parish Council holds a bank account with the Yorkshire Bank (trading as Virgin Money), and it is necessary to update the list of authorised signatories on the account to reflect changes in the Council's membership in recent years.

The following recommendations were therefore **RESOLVED:** -

- That the Yorkshire Bank (trading as Virgin Money) is the appointed bank for the Parish Council and that the existing bank account remains as the Parish Council's bank account together with any other accounts the Council chooses to open with the bank in the Council's name.
- That the account(s) shall remain subject to the relevant Terms and Conditions published by the bank and to agree that the Council remains bound by these Terms and Conditions.
- That the bank remains authorised to:
 - Honour and comply with all cheques drawn and debit such cheques to the account(s) o Honour and comply with all instructions for withdrawal from the account(s)
 - Collect for credit to the account(s) all instruments endorsed on behalf of the Council
 - Act on any other instructions the Bank receives in accordance with Terms and Conditions
 - Accept and comply with all instructions to add or remove Authorised Signatories and process personal data or each or any of the Authorised Signatories Barthomley Parish Council
 - Accept registration of the Council's account(s) under the Bank's telephone and/or internet banking services
 - That the following councillors and the Parish Clerk become Authorised Signatories on the Council's bank account(s):
 - Cllr Tom Wilde
 - Cllr Janet Peacock
 - Cllr Clare Horrocks
 - Mr. Mark Bailey
- That arrangements are made for the Council's bank accounts to be accessed via online and telephone banking

243 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllr Steve Edgar was not present at the meeting, but provided the following updates.

- Radway Green development is now awaiting a hearing date for the Strategic Planning Committee. We have secured the virtual narrowing of the entrance into Barthomley Village and the ghost island with refuges for cars turning right into and out of the village. Warning signage will also be incorporated as well. This has been asked for and agreed prior to commencement. So the villages are protected from construction traffic as well as commuting HGVs. No date as yet for the SPB meeting
- There was a request for a footpath/cycle lane to be alongside the B5078 from the roundabout to the new development. This is not been considered as a requirement.
- Ansa have agreed to pick litter the roundabout and B5978 as a when they can along the route.
- I have asked about the coping stones on the bridge at Smiths Green, they are having a look for them.
- The gullies in the village have been programmed to be cleaned in September, I have not been given a date as yet

Members asked that Cllr Edgar look at the availability of any s106 monies

244 HIGHWAY MATTERS

No issues were raised under this agenda item, although Members raised the issue of the potentially dangerous structure at the Old Rectory. It was noted that work is ongoing.

244.1 A500 Widening

No updates.

245 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. There were no updates, but Members reiterated their wish to see a farm shop/café and craft units with smaller residential units. It was agreed to contact the Duchy with this comments.

246 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- White Lion pub – Cllr Horrocks reported that the area around the pub and the bottom of Church Drive has cones in place – will ask the pub for information
- Fir Tree Cottages – it was reported that a number of them are now empty and will need to keep an eye on this
- Road closures – these are causing issues including the road to Crewe Green – will ask Cllr Edgar to check on this – in terms of the number of road closures
- Parish News – article included last time
- Police Report – three issues were raised in the report, received on 1st September 2022
- Footpaths – the Parish Council was informed of re-direction of footpaths in the parish

247 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm (Village Hall).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.15pm