

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 10TH JANUARY 2023**

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

259 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr R Nield.

260 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.

261 MINUTES – 8th NOVEMBER 2022 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8TH November 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

262 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK

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

- Old Hall Farm – Laura Thompson attended from the Duchy of Lancaster and raised the issue of Old Hall Farm and future plans. It was reported that initial investigations had been carried out on the buildings and it was stated that the Duchy is keen to talk to the Parish Council and local people about this matter. It was reported that the Duchy was looking at residential use with the exception of the horse barn which will be moved away from the other buildings for continued agricultural use. Plans of this nature are normally placed on a microsite and comments are invited. Members made comments about the plans – Cllr Horrocks said that a request had been made for affordable dwellings and also workshops on the site. LT said that there is a shortage of homes for older and younger people and these will be smaller units (around 10 in total) for letting purposes. The Chair said that there had been a large increase in the number of properties in the area and there had been some issues with letting in the past. It was asked whether the horse barn could include commercial units. LT said that she was willing to have another look at the plans in light of comments. Cllr Connolly said that it would be good to have something to keep people in the village and not become a dormitory area. It was agreed that a website would be set up and that the Parish Council would be kept informed of any developments.
- Defibrillator – it was reported that the sign had been installed but the mirror had not yet been installed. Information about training would be included in Parish News.
- 30 mph sign – it was reported that the post was found and was reported on FixMyStreet but nothing had happened. This will be included on list of things for Cllr Edgar to follow up. Cllr Peacock was to report the damaged sign online.
- Fence at Hungerford Place –Cllr Edgar said that he would look at this with a view to using his Member funds. It was reported that Guinness had reported the issue to Cheshire East Council but no response had been received. Cllr Peacock to get

a quote for repairing the fence.

- Grids – Cllr Edgar said that he would ask for a survey of grids in the area.
- Smithy Lane West – water still running down – no updates – Duchy looking at the situation and will follow up.
- Litter Pick – it was reported that the Duchy had agreed to contribute to the cost of the litter pick. Cllr Edgar also said that Ansa would litter pick. Cllr Edgar said that he would be prepared to use his budget for this. It was reported that there was a lot of litter in the service area and this will be raised with the Duchy. Ansa has been asked to litter pick part of the area up to the roundabout. Cllr Edgar to continue to chase this up and ask that the B road is also done. A proposal was put forward that residents could pick litter on the B road.
- 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.
- Bluemire Farm – it was reported that the banks 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. Now purchased and will look at how the mirror can be attached.
- Brookside Cottage – Cllr Wilde reported that he had contacted Planning Enforcement and asked them to follow this matter up.

263 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public attended the meeting.

264 FINANCIAL MATTERS

264.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.22-30.11.22)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.22-30.11.22.

264.2 Budget Report 2023-24

A report was presented to Members for comment regarding the setting of the 2023/24 budget for the Parish Council. Members were asked to note the contents and to refer to the second quarter documents presented.

The Parish Council **RESOLVED**: –

- (a) That a budget of **£4,178.82** be approved; and
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£3,000.00** from Cheshire East Council.

264.3 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£269.78	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (January/February 2023)
£90.84	HMRC - months 10 and 11 of the tax year (2022-23) plus tax on back pay
£93.60	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk Salary (backpay April 1 st 2022)
£100.00	Parish News – donation
£118.80	Netwise Training Ltd – upgrade to website

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

265 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllr Steve Edgar provided the following updates.

- A500 Development – reported that consultation will take place with all farms in the area before the bridges are closed. It was also reported that the bridges will not be closed simultaneously.
- Mill Lane – turning circle for at the end of Mill Lane is being established as the crossing will be closed before the end of the year.

266 HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no matters raised under this agenda item.

266.1 A500 Widening

Will be starting in autumn 2024 and will be keeping the A500 open and working on the southern branch.

267 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

268 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- White Lion pub – it was reported that the current lease ends in September 2023 and the brewery will have to fix up the pub before it re-lets the lease. It was further reported that the Parish Council can nominate the pub as an Asset of Community Value. This recognizes that the pub is an asset to the village. The Council agreed to progress this.
- Land – it was asked who owns the land between the pub and the Brambles bungalow on Audley Road – will be included on the next agenda. It was agreed that the Planning Sub-Committee would look at this between meetings.
- Village Day 2023 – it was reported that a meeting will take place shortly and updates will be come to the next Parish Council meeting.

269 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall).

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.15 pm