

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 14TH MARCH 2023**

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

270 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr M Connolly and from Cheshire East Cllrs Steve Edgar and Mary Addison.

271 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.

272 MINUTES – 10th JANUARY 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that it should be Lara Thompson, and not Laura Thompson.

273 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. 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. It was reported that work is in progress and a microsite will be set up. Barthomley PC agreed to share links on its website and via social media.
- Defibrillator – information about training to be included in Parish News.
- 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. It was agreed that Cllr Nield would look at the fence to see what timber is needed and then will approach a potential supplier about getting someone to do the labour. Cllr Horrocks agreed to draft a letter to residents of Hungerford Place.
- Grids – it was reported that the road had been closed prior to jetting – from Brookside Cottage to Fire Tree Cottages.
- 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 the Shell had organised a deep clean of the services area and will increase tidying up to once

every two weeks. 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. It was agreed to ask Roy Aspinall to quote for the work, and then inform Cllr Edgar and the Duchy of the potential costs.

- Green Lane/Love Lane – this has been repaired, but signs are still in place. The Duchy said that they would look into the causes of leaks in the area.
- 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 reported that there had been no progress in this area, and it was requested that a site meeting be held with CE Highways to respond to the issues in the area.
- Brookside Cottage – it was reported that the Chair had been in touch with Planning Enforcement at Cheshire East Council. The matter is in progress.
- White Lion Pub – it was agreed to go forward with the Asset of Community Value application. The Chair reported that he had drafted a letter to Lord O'Neill to ask for information about the future of the pub. Members agreed that a letter should be sent and should include references to its listing, its community impact and its focus for village events.
- Land – Cllr Horrocks reported that the land between the pub and The Brambles bungalow is common land. Fly tipping in the area has been reported to Cheshire East Council, who has said that it is on private land.
- Village Day 2023 – will now not take place.

274 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public attended the meeting.

275 FINANCIAL MATTERS

275.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.22-31.01.23)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for 1.4.22-31.01.23.

275.2 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter Three – 2022/23) (April-Dec 2022)

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

275.3 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£265.20	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (February/March 2023)
£66.30	HMRC for months 10 and 11 of the tax year (2022-23) plus tax on back pay
£120.00	Barthomley Village Hall - Room Hire)
£18.00	Netwise Training Ltd – domain renewal for website
330.00	Netwise Training Ltd – renewal of website package

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

276 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllr Steve Edgar was not present at the meeting.

277 HIGHWAY MATTERS

There were no matters raised under this agenda item.

277.1 A500 Widening

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

278 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

278.1 Planning Application

Members considered the following planning application.

23/0165C	<p><u>Former BAE Site/Radway Green Business Park, Radway Green Road CW2 5PJ</u> Variation of condition 28 to allow Class E retail sales within Unit 6A and 6B on approved application 20/3382N: Proposed development of 6 no. commercial units providing up to 74,610 sq.m.GIA of mixed B1c, B2 and B8 (unfettered), of which 34,650 sq.m (Units 1, 2 & 6) will be sought under detailed approval including associated infrastructure, parking, access and circulation areas, maintenance and improvement of existing access into the site south of the level crossing and the existing vehicular access north of the level crossing, cycle and pedestrian access to the whole site, relocation of existing clock tower, new internal roads and drainage infrastructure. Units 3, 4 & 5 (total proposed floorspace of 39,960sqm) seek outline approval for access and scale, reserving appearance, landscaping and layout for later approval.</p>
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Members had no comments on the application.

279 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Cllr Horrocks – asked that beat reports from the police are shared on social media.
- Cllr Peacock – mentioned the lack of white lines on the roads in the parish
- Cllr Peacock – grids need to be cleared up to Engelsea Brook and asked that this is raised with Cllr Edgar
- Cllr Peacock – asked that the fingerposts be re-painted.
- Cllr Peacock – reported that the hedge cut along the footpath needs to be tided and up and asked if this could be raised with Cllr Edgar
- Cllr Horrocks – asked if the old grit bin along Smithy Lane could be moved to another location where it is needed
- Cllr Nield – said that he would apply a finish to the noticeboard

280 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall) (Annual Meeting)

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.05 pm