

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Cllr T Wilde	Chair (in the chair)
	Cllr C Horrocks	Vice-Chair
	Cllr J Peacock	Cllr L Clifford
	Cllr A Houldey	Cllr M Connolly

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr K Parkes

**ALSO PRESENT** Cllr S Edgar (Cheshire East)  
Cllr A Heler (Cheshire East)  
Dr. M Bailey (Clerk/RFO)  
Members of the public

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**PART A**

**300 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**301 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.

**302 MINUTES – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 (ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)**

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved that the minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**303 MINUTES – 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023 (ANNUAL PARISH MEETING)**

**RESOLVED:** It was noted that Cllr Clifford should be added to the list of those present at the meeting.

Members resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**304 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 – it was reported that the Duchy was looking at residential use except for 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. The issue of access was raised by Members. Some feedback was

received and reported to and from Members. Members expressed their support for an enterprise centre. Cllr Clifford reported that she had received feedback from residents who wished to see a Duke of Edinburgh/Guide Camp at the location. It was agreed that these comments would be communicated to the Duchy.

- Defibrillator – the Chair welcomed Tony Peake to the meeting, who made an offer to assist with the defibrillator. TP suggested that the Council could use the ‘what three words’ system to locate the device. It was **AGREED** that TP ask about a bigger sign.
- Fence at Hungerford Place – Cllr Horrocks reported that residents were in agreement over the removal of the fence and to replace it with stones. Cllr Peacock confirmed that she could supply the stones.
- Grids – it was confirmed that jetting had taken place, but the damp patch is still by Hungerford Place.
- Smithy Lane West – it was reported that the water running down was natural water – will raise with the Duchy.
- Litter Pick – it was reported that ANSA had picked the area and it was agreed that work will continue seeking to tidy up the services area. The Duchy had agreed to contribute to the cost of the litter pick.
- Green Lane/Love Lane – it was reported that more leaks had been found and had not been fixed.
- 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 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. It was reported that no application is in place. It was agreed to forward the matter to Cllr Edgar.
- White Lion Pub – it was agreed to go forward with the Asset of Community Value application. Application was in progress and information on the pub’s history and role in the community was being gathered. This would be forwarded to the Clerk and it was agreed to write to the pub’s trustees.

- Land – Cllr Horrocks reported land between pub and The Brambles bungalow has seen fly tipping. It was noted that this land belongs to the pub.

### 305 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

One member of the public attended the meeting. The following points were raised.

- Resident One – had cleaned some signs and the noticeboard, as well as applying a finish. The Parish Council thanked the resident for their work.

### 306 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters.

#### 306.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-31.5.23)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023-31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

It was noted that Cllrs Horrocks and Peacock would provide documents to change the bank mandate.

#### 306.2 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£265.20	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (June/July 2023)
£66.30	HMRC for months 3 and 4 of the tax year (2023-24)
£28.98	Dr MJ Bailey – Reimbursement (LSS Limited - land search)
£6.00	Dr MJ Bailey – Reimbursement ( <a href="http://www.gov.uk">www.gov.uk</a> – land search)
£88.20	Shires Accountants (Payroll – April-Oct 2023)

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

### 307 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllrs Steve Edgar and Alison Heler attended the meeting and made the following points.

- A500 Widening – this is due to start at the end of 2023. Further dates will be published in due course. Cllr Edgar has made the senior engineer aware of agricultural traffic concerns. The plan is to build the new southern route without closing the existing A500.
- Speed Limit – there is a proposed new speed limit of either 30/40 mph on the B5078 from the railway line to Crewe Road/Butterton Lane. Cllr Edgar asked that Butterton Lane from the junction to the small industrial estate to the west be included as well.
- Radway Green – new warehouse site development is still awaiting legal decisions in planning. No updates as yet.

### 308 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following matters were reported to the meeting.

- The road to Engelsea Brook is to be closed for – possibly – jetting.

- Cllr Clifford attended the seminar on highways – key messages were that there are no funds available; that the backlog is being cleared where possible.
- Rushy Lane to be closed on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for re-surfacing.

### **308.1 A500 Widening**

See updates above.

## **309 PLANNING MATTERS**

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

## **310 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Cllr Wilde – the Newcastle under Lyme BC Local Plan is to be developed separately from the Stoke Local Plan. There is a site for development down the side of the M6 and A500 within the green belt. Barthomley PC did object to the first part of the Plan. Cllr Wilde has spoken to Crewe Green PC and has planning consultants looking at the issue. Cllr Wilde suggested that the Parish Council send the same as last time as part of the consultation.
- Cllr Clifford – asked whether the parish should be commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day in June 2024. Will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Cllr Horrocks – mentioned that the Police and Crime Commissioner said that it will address issues of speeding in the area. Asked whether more road markings could be done in the parish.
- Cllr Clifford – asked if the PCSO could be asked to attend the next meeting.
- Cllr Horrocks – asked if anything could be done about flooding between Smith Lane and Smiths Green – could Cllrs Edgar and Heler be approached about this.
- Cllr Horrocks – asked that former Cllr Clark is asked about past records of the Parish Council.
- Cllr Horrocks – asked that the issue of the empty Fir Tree Cottages be added to the next meeting agenda.

## **311 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.30 pm and concluded at 9.11pm