

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: Cllr C Horrocks Vice-Chair (in the chair)
Cllr J Peacock Cllr L Clifford
Cllr A Houldey Cllr M Connolly
Cllr K Parkes

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Wilde Chair
Cllr A Heler (Cheshire East)

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

PART A

312 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Tom Wilde and from Cheshire East Councillor Alison Heler.

313 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.

314 MINUTES – 11th JULY 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th July 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chair.

Cllr Parkes was not recorded as submitting apologies in the minutes.

315 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. The Parish Council **AGREED** to ask the Duchy for updates on the matter.

- Defibrillator – no updates – updated on The Circuit. Council **AGREED** to contact Tony Peake about ordering bigger signs.
- Fence at Hungerford Place – Cllr Horrocks reported that residents agreed to the removal of the fence and to replace it with stones. Cllr Peacock confirmed that she could supply the stones. Members considered when the stones could be installed. Cllrs Peacock and Horrocks agreed to meet to discuss the matter.
- Grids – it was confirmed that jetting had taken place, but the damp patch is still by Hungerford Place. No updates were provided at the meeting.
- Smithy Lane West – it was reported that the water running down was natural water – will raise with the Duchy. No updates provided at the meeting.
- 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. The Parish Council **AGREED** to monitor the situation,
- Green Lane/Love Lane – it was reported that more leaks had been found and had 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. Still awaiting a site meeting.
- 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. No updates.
- White Lion Pub – application was made for an Asset of Community Value, and this was accepted as an application. Decision to be made in October 2023. An update was provided on the pub – will be closing, but in negotiations with the estate about this, but will be closed for a period.
- 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. No updates – fly tipping had been removed.

316 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

- Resident One – raised the issue of the proposed road closure – referred to the erosion of banks between Bluemire Farm and the pub. The resident argued that things will be a mess and that Cheshire East Council does not address the issue. The Vice-Chair did say that Members had met with Winvic about the road closure, but very little had changed as a result of this meeting. It was mentioned that the Chair would get advice from neighbouring councils. Will have meeting with the Police later in the month – 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm. It was **AGREED** to forward any points to the Vice-Chair prior to the meeting.
- Resident One – raised the matter of drains – issues along Barthomley Road are affecting the surface of the road. Cllr Edgar reported that gullies are being cleaned out on a rota. It was **AGREED** to provide Cllr Edgar with a list of problematic gullies. Will also need to be reported via FixMyStreet. Members will look at the potential for ‘quiet lanes.

317 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters.

317.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-30.6.23)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2023-30th June 2023.

317.2 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-31.7.23)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1st April 2023-31st July 2023.

317.3 Budget Monitoring Report/Receipts and Payments Summary (Quarter One – 2023/24) (April-June 2023)

Members noted the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary for the first quarter of the 2023/24 financial year.

317.4 Internal Audit Report/External Audit 2022/23

Members **APPROVED** the Internal Audit report for the 2022/23 year and noted that the Parish Council was declared as exempt from external audit.

317.5 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£265.20	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (August/Sept 2023)
£66.30	HMRC for months 5 and 6 of the tax year (2023-24)

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

318 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cheshire East Cllr Steve Edgar attended the meeting and made the following points.

- White Lion – MP will lobby on this matter. MP would like to arrange a virtual

meeting to consider the matter further.

- Radway Green Road – will seek to ensure that warning signage is in place and is clear, but no change on the closure decision.
- Distribution Centre – still not come forward.
- A500 Widening – timing of the project is being considered.

319 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highway matters affecting the parish – see references to road closures above.

319.1 A500 Widening

See updates above.

320 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish.

321 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Cllr Clifford – Weston and Basford Neighbourhood Plan – will the Parish Council make any comments?
- Cllr Clifford – consultation on DLUHC on local plan making processes – Members will make comments.
- Cllr Clifford - D-Day 80th Anniversary – will consider at the next meeting.
- Cllr Peacock – resident has raised the issue of Smithy Lane Bridge to the village, the road is falling in and concerned about something happening. Asked whether there could be any verge markings in place. It was **AGREED** to ask Cllr Edgar to look at securing come verge markings. It was also **AGREED** to contact Cllr Edgar about reinstatement of the budget at Smithy Lane West.
- Cllr Houldey – asked that Police better inform residents when issues arise in the village/parish.
- Cllr Horrocks – Fir Tree Cottages – number three is an issue, as it has been empty since then. It was **AGREED** to contact the landlord regarding the matter.

322 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 16th November 2023 at 7.30pm (Village Hall)

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 8.07 pm and concluded at 9.37pm