

**BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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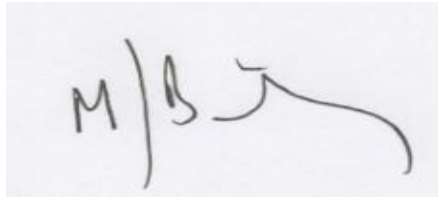
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**NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Parish Councillors are summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council

**DATE:** THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023  
**TIME:** 7.30 pm  
**VENUE:** BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL, BARTHOMLEY  
CW2 5PL



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Issue: 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Enquiries to: Mark Bailey (Clerk) Tel: 07854445636

To: Members of the Parish Council

Copies: Borough Councillors Steve Edgar/Alison Heler (Haslington)

**Note:**

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## AGENDA

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence should be notified to the Clerk before 6.00 pm on the meeting day.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they have 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. If declarations are not made at this point in the proceedings, they should be made as soon as the Member becomes aware of an interest. Whilst the Clerk can advise on the Code of Conduct and its interpretation, the decision to declare (or not) is the responsibility of the Parish Councillor, based on the circumstances of the matter in hand.

### 3 MINUTES – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 (PARISH COUNCIL MEETING)

To approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Minutes-16th-November-2023-Meeting.pdf>

### 4 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF THE CLERK

The Clerk will update the Council on matters from the minutes and since the last meeting.

- Old Hall Farm – it was reported that the Duchy had reviewed the project and had revised proposals for a reduction in the number of residential units and the addition of three small work units in the relocated horse barn building. A paper is being put together prior to community consultation. The Duchy has agreed to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council
- Defibrillator – no updates – it was confirmed that the request had been made to Tony Peake and that the Clerk would check the defibrillator after every Parish Council meeting.
- 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 had the stones. Members considered when the stones could be installed. Cllrs Peacock and Horrocks agreed to meet to discuss the matter.
- Grids – a list of grids was sent to Cllr Edgar – awaiting a response. It was stated that members of the public need to post issues on social media and tag Cheshire East Council into those posts with photographs.
- 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,

- 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. It was suggested that permanent traffic lights at the site might assist with this (replacing the existing temporary lights) – Members **AGREED** that this suggestion would be put forward via social media and Parish News (Cllr Houldey to action).
- Brookside Cottage – it was reported that the application had gone to Cheshire East Council and comments had been made by the Parish Council. Now awaiting a decision.
- White Lion Pub – it was reported that the ACV application had been successful. In addition, the Parish Council wrote to Lord O’Neill who indicated that the Trustees were looking at the building in conjunction with Fisher German. In turn, Fisher German confirmed that the intention is to keep it as a pub and that work will be carried out on the building. It was **AGREED** that this information will be shared via social media.
- D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Members considered this matter, and it was suggested that it could be a part of the celebrations for the centenary of the Bowling Club. Cllr Peacock also said that she would raise with the Village Hall Committee.
- Smithy Lane Bridge – it was reported that the road is falling in and concerned about the situation. It was noted that Cllr Edgar had been asked whether there could be any verge markings in place. Cllr Edgar had also been asked about reinstatement of the hedge at Smithy Lane West.
- Fir Tree Cottages – it was confirmed that a letter had been sent about the status of 3 Fir Tree Cottages – a response is awaited.
- Police – a request had been made for feedback on incidents from the police and it was mentioned that there was a ‘Police Alert’ page where issues could be reported as well as a WhatsApp group to report issues relating to community safety. The local PSCO also reported that she had spent more time in the village.

## 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public can ask a question or address Members on any matter of Parish Council business.

## 6 FINANCIAL MATTERS

The following financial matters will be considered at the meeting.

### 6.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.23-30.09.23)

The ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023-30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 is presented to Members for note.

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Barthomley-Parish-Council-Ledger-01.04.23-30.11.23.pdf>

## **6.2 Budget Report 2024-25**

A report is presented to Members for comment regarding the setting of the 2024/25 budget for the Parish Council. Members are asked to note the contents and refer to the second quarter documents presented under the previous item.

### **BUDGET REPORT**

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Report-Budget-2024-2025-11.01.24.pdf>

### **DRAFT BUDGET 2043-25**

<https://barthomley-pc-org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/DRAFT-BUDGET-PROPOSALS-2024-25-11.1.24.pdf>

The Parish Council is asked to **RESOLVE**: –

- (a) That a budget of **£4,678.82** be approved; and
- (b) That the Clerk be authorised to request a precept of **£3,000.00** from Cheshire East Council.

## **6.3 Authorisation of Payments**

£265.20	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (Dec 2023/Jan 2024)
£66.30	HMRC for months 9 and 10 of the tax year (2023-24)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Members are asked to approve the above payments.

## **7 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Borough Councillors S Edgar and A Heler to report on any Cheshire East Council matters of interest.

## **8 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The Parish Council is to receive an update on highway matters in the parish and/or affecting the parish.

## **9 PLANNING MATTERS**

This is for the Parish Council to discuss any planning issues affecting the area.

## **10 COMMUNICATION/SHARED INFORMATION**

Members may share any other information, but formal decisions usually cannot be taken under this item.

## **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be confirmed at the meeting.

## Notes

### 1) Members of the Public

The Parish Council welcomes and encourages members of the public to attend its meetings. You are requested to enter and leave quietly and to remain quiet during the meeting. Mobile phones and pagers should be switched off, and no food or drink should be brought into the meeting.

Members of the public are not able to participate in meetings but are able to ask questions or make a statement, prior to the start of the meeting. In addition, if you feel there is a matter which should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council you may contact the Clerk, the Chairman, or any member of the Parish Council, and arrangements can be made to place the item on the agenda for the next meeting, if appropriate.

On occasions, members of the press and public will be excluded from the meetings when the business to be transacted is of a confidential nature; for example, dealing with individual people, staffing matters, contracts, and financial affairs of other parties.

### 2) Parish Councillors

#### A) Notice of items

The Parish Council cannot lawfully decide any matter which has not been specifically included on the agenda, and there is case law to this effect (*Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119*).

B) Planning Grounds The grounds on which observations can be made on planning applications are as follows –

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|---|--|----|---|
| 1 | Development Plan in all its aspects  | 8  | Appropriateness of use taking account of local area |
| 2 | Government legislation and guidance  | 9  | Effect on highway safety                            |
| 3 | Siting   | 10 | Landscape   |
| 4 | Design   | 11 | Listed buildings                                    |
| 5 | External appearance  | 12 | Conservation areas                                  |
| 6 | Compatibility with street scene  | 13 | Land  |
| 7 | Development effect on neighbouring properties, contamination, amenities, and privacy | 14 | Flooding  |

#### Non-Relevant Matters

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|---|---|----|---|
| 1 | Matters controlled by other legislation | 6  | Business competition                                |
| 2 | Effects on private rights               | 7  | Personal circumstances – health/finance             |
| 3 | Provisions in covenants/deeds           | 8  | Ownership   |
| 4 | Effect on property values               | 9  | Moral issues  |
| 5 | Private opinions                        | 10 | Matters which might breach legislative requirements |

Note: If the Parish Council agrees, in principle, with an application, but not in all aspects, suggestions for “development conditions” can be made, in line with relevant factors.