

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BARTHOMLEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT BARTHOMLEY VILLAGE HALL ON 14th MAY 2024**

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Wilde Chair
Cllr A Heler (CEC)

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

PART A

370 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Wilde and from Cheshire East Cllr Heler.

371 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.

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RESOLVED: Members resolved that the minutes of the annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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374 UPDATE ON MINUTES – REPORT OF CLERK

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

- Defibrillator – quotes for signs included on the agenda under Part B.
- Grids – Members noted that a report came from CEH that the grids were in an acceptable condition and that work had taken place on grids in the parish. Members reported issues with individual grids in the parish, which had been reported.
- White Lion Pub – it was reported that a planning application had been submitted to renovate the pub. Contact had been made with Cheshire East Planning regarding the planning application. It was reported that

contact had been made with Fisher German about the mold on furniture in the building and the desire to store it somewhere else. In addition, Fisher German had been contacted about publicising the aim of the Trustees to retain the building as pub. In terms of planning, contact had been made with Cheshire East about the planning application – it was reported that a site visit had been made but no further information had been provided. Members **AGREED** to contact Heritage England regarding this matter. Cllr Horrocks also agreed to contact CAMRA for assistance. It was agreed to contact the Chair of the Planning Committee and the Head of Planning at Cheshire East Council. It was further agreed to contact the Trustees to inform them about various agreed actions.

- Smithy Lane Bridge – reported that the road is falling in - Members expressed their concern about the situation. It was noted that Cllr Edgar was asked whether verge markings could be put in place. A report has been made to Cheshire East Council.
- Parish Council Records – it was reported that Cllr Horrocks had obtained the records. It was agreed to examine options for the storage of the records.
- Rectory Drive – it was reported that contact had been made with the Chester Diocese about the issue of gravel causing flooding in the area.
- Smithy Lane West – the matter of the state of the road was reported to Cheshire East Council. The response from CEC suggested that no action would be taken. It was suggested that residents report the issues.
- Compact – contact made with Cheshire East Council – awaiting a response.
- Parish Council Plan 2024-25 – Members noted that the following areas had been agreed: -
 - Footpaths/highways – to deal with the issues facing the parish in partnership with Cheshire East and the Duchy.
 - Flower Box – to be located under the Village Hall noticeboard – it was reported that this had been done.
 - Wildflower Areas – to develop in the parish – ask Cheshire East not to mow certain areas.
 - Planting – to enhance the planting schemes and floral displays in the parish, including working with the PCC.
 - Signs – to get the signs re-painted in the parish.
 - Features – to look at maintaining the main features in the parish – e.g. work on the wall at Brookside Cottage. It was reported that work at Brookside Cottage on the wall will start in August 2024. Members also said that some tidying up of the area around the well could be undertaken.
 - Speeding/Traffic – to get signage and other devices in place –

- this was included on the agenda under Part B.
- Community Life - to develop approaches to enhance and maintain the community

It was agreed to include these issues on future agendas.

- Local Plan – it was reported that work had been done by a resident on the Plan and has been submitted to Cheshire East Council on behalf of the parish.

375 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public attended the meeting and raised the following items.

- Brookside Cottage – focused on the issues raised by the planning application with regard to comments.

376 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Members considered the following financial matters.

376.1 Ledger/Bank Reconciliation Statement (1.4.24-31.5.24)

Members noted the ledger/bank reconciliation statement for the period between 1.4.24-31.5.24.

376.2 Authorisation of Payments

The following payments were presented to Members for approval.

£265.20	Dr MJ Bailey – Clerk salary (June/July 2024)
£66.30	HMRC for months 3 and 4 of the tax year (2024-25)
£277.25	Dr MJ Bailey – Salary (Back Pay from April 2023)
£69.31	HMRC – Tax on Back Pay (from April 2023)
£41.28	Cllr Linda Clifford – reimbursement (planter box)

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

377 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Councillor Steve Edgar attended the meeting and provided the following updates.

- White Lion – no updates but will chase up with Planning.
- Services – have asked the Duchy to clean up the area
- Mill Lane Crossing – the situation has reached an impasse between the Duchy and Network Rail and this needs to be addressed.
- Verge Markers (Smithy Lane) – this is being addressed.

378 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Members considered highway matters affecting the parish.

378.1 A500 Widening

The Chair reported that the scheme was under review.

379 PLANNING MATTERS

Members considered planning matters affecting the parish. As per the decision made

at the last meeting. it was agreed that future planning applications will be shared with the community via the Parish Council and that any links will be to the Cheshire East website.

380 COMMUNICATIONS/SHARED INFORMATION/REPORTS OF MEMBERS

Several items were raised under this agenda heading: -

- Bowling Club Centenary Event – will take place on 17th August 2024 (11-4)
- Footpaths – it was asked whether stiles be altered to be dog-friendly – it was agreed to contact the Public Rights of Way Officer about this.
- Attendance at Meetings – it was asked whether more could be done to attract people to meetings.
- Signs – it was agreed that Cllr Clifford would pass on information to the Clerk
- Fingerposts – it was reported that these need to be done and various suppliers were suggested.

381 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7.30pm – Barthomley Village Hall.

382 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was agreed to exclude the press and public due to the confidential nature of items in accordance with section 1(2) of Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. This is pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

383 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members agreed to the proposal from Re-Coded Solutions pending information on annual costs for the new website.

384 QUOTES

Members are asked to consider the following items.

- Speed Indication Device – it was agreed to gather quotes for the purchase of a SID.
- Defibrillator – it was agreed to purchase a bleed kit for the defibrillator.

Cllr Parkes declared a personal interest in the next item.

- Signs – it was agreed to approach City Signs to design and create a sign for the defibrillator.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm and concluded at 9.36pm