Lea-by-Backford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish** **Council held on Monday 10th July 2017 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall**

**PRESENT**: Councillors Richard Jones (in the Chair), Sue Pownall, Robin Leigh, John Littler, Rob Griffiths with Philip Pownall (Clerk).

**17.14 APOLOGIES**

None

**17.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**17.16 OPEN FORUM**

Mr Chris Jones attended the meeting and firstly spoke regarding the Village Hall Fund application. He confirmed that the application had successfully passed Stage 1 and was now into Stage 2 for consideration. The village hall committee can now start to consider outside funding but would not applicable until Stage 3 had been reached. He confirmed that an amount of £500,000 had been applied for from the Lottery Fund.

**Superfast Broadband**  He confirmed that the ducting in Lea, Mollington & Fiddlers Lane had been completed but issues regarding Parkgate Road had not yet been resolved. Depending on demand it was suggested that a branch part way into Demage Lane was a possibility and the same would apply to Grove Road. Any further information will be made available when appropriate.

Cllr Pownall raised a query regarding the takeover of the village hall car park by the contractors who were installing the optic fibre ducting. Mr Jones confirmed that the committee were in consultation with Virgin Media regarding compensation for the damage and for the loss of income for hall users.

Mr Chris Jones left the meeting at 19.50.

**17.17 MINUTES**

Resolved:that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 08th May 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.

**17.18 PLANNING**

**Application pending: Ref 16/03653/FUL**

Ashfield House Dunkirk Way Change of use from waste processing to Waste and Metal Processing. . Cllr Leigh confirmed that the hazardous waste material was oil and that the application is still pending until a noise assessment has taken place. Cllr Leigh confirmed that the site is still operating and the noise level is still considerable. The Clerk had written to Cheshire Fire Service expressing the Council’s concern ref. A possible fire hazard at the site and a visit was proposed to inspect the process with the planning officer in attendance.

**17.19 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES**

1. **Village Hall** –Post vacant
2. **Backford Charities** – Cllr. Fred Jones did not attend the meeting

**(3) War Memorial Trust** - Cllr. Sue Pownall reported that the Trust had received 2 applications and they had both been awarded a grant towards studies although the second application was after the deadline and had been reduced appropriately.

**(4)** **Rural Network** – Cllr. Leigh stated that the Rural Sounding Board was full of “doom & gloom” with limited staffing at all levels. Difficulties with Travellers had become apparent and it was reported that Mark Littler had particular problems when Travellers drove onto one of his fields despite his efforts to prevent their entry.

**17.20 FINANCE**

**Cheques raised:**

No 000661 Parish Clerk June & July £156.80

No 000662 J Reeves June & July £150.00

**17.21 CORRESPONDENCE**

**Parish Council Website**

Councillors approved the basic layout of the website. A sliding banner was chosen for the top of the home page displaying three photographs appropriate to the parish. Clerk to provide E-Mango with Councillors details and local information for the site.

**17.22** **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Richard Jones expressed concern regarding speeding traffic along Station Road and suggested a speed gun check from Highways. Clerk to make enquiries

Cllr Rob Griffiths expressed concern regarding the lack of centre lines on Station Road following the resurfacing. The clerk contacted Highways and was told that the road had to be wider than 5.5 mtrs before centre lines would be provided. However Slow signs were to be provided on Demage Lane either side of the rail bridge

**17.23 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

**Signed: …..…………………………………… (Chairman)**

**Date: ………………………….**