**Lea-by-Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting Monday 10th March 2020**

**Venue - Village Hall 7.30 p.m.**

**Part 1**

**Apologies for Absence**

Robin Leigh (absent due to illness)

**In Attendance**

Richard Jones

Fred Jones

Simon Eardley

John Littler

Rob Griffiths

Sue Pownall

Deborah Jones

**Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

**Open Forum**

Members of the public are invited to raise issues not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda. The maximum time allowed is 30 minutes, subject to the Chairman’s discretion.

19.00hrs Bob Hadfield to present - ideas re new web site

Christine Jones

Roger Jones

Brian Crowe

Pauline English

Sally Atkin

Mike Jones

Deborah Jones

John Fielding

Rob Griffiths

Simon Eardley

Chris Jones

Update of BARN – Christopher Jones provided an update – residents invited to apply for their gigabit vouchers and still looking for way leaves to be agreed by local land owners.

SP asked if a new route had been agreed and CJ explained that it had been agreed and it would be sent out within the normal distribution of information at a later date.

RJ asked if there were enough people who had applied and CJ anticipates enough people are interested.

**Part 2**

**56/20 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Agreed as a true record and signed by Chairman

**57/20 Village Hall Update**

RG Fed back that there has been another lottery grant secured but this still means that the hall needs to be shortened by 3 metres. At present the drawings are being reconfigured to accommodate the new size of the hall. The builders are now working out whether there could be a shortfall in funds but builder confirmation is still waited.

RJ asked about the loan and when we need to apply for the loan. FJ asked about the reduction for local users. FJ would still like 50%. Still no response back so DJ to write to request the 50% and acceptance.

**58/20 Planning**

* Public consultation on the Draft House Extensions and Domestic Outbuildings SPD

All were happy with the policy and DJ to feed back to CWAC. **ACTION DJ.**

* Planning applications

[Two storey side extension, demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of front porch](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=Q4V48BTEHQC00&activeTab=summary)

Lyndale Grove Road Lea by Backford Chester CH1 6LG

Ref. No: 20/00332/FUL | Received: Wed 29 Jan 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

This one is in the Mollington Parish Council – nil action

[Demolition of existing garage/ garden room and erection of replacement garage/garden room and replacement retaining wall](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=Q1WNHJTEG3A00&activeTab=summary)

Tarla Yesil Station Road Lea by Backford Chester Cheshire CH1 6NT

Ref. No: 19/04325/FUL | Received: Mon 02 Dec 2019 | Status: Awaiting decision.

None in lea by Backford

**Planning Enforcement Issue as raised previously on A41**

* The group acknowledged that there should have had planning permission from agricultural from gate to industrial neither were applied for.
* Engineering works extended culvet from Axes Farm and piped without planning permission. On meeting with the planning enforcement officer it was apparent that it is not now a major trunk road.
* Tip on gas main
* If all the planning permissions the rubbish should be ticketed.
* Concern is that it is not known what they are tipping.
* Pulled out old hedges and some Oak trees

FJ stated that we are now waiting for Environment agency report

Rubbish being tipped on the fisheries also at Backford all the surface water comes down through this field. SE called in.

Mere farm – wanting a house to be built on the land. Planning applied for a menage rubbish being graded and stacked at Mere Farm. Large pile at the present time. Been cleaning the side of the bank of the viaduct wood. Concern that this might be fly tipping aswell.

**SJ explained about the Borough Council Monitoring Agency.**

**59/20 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* Village Hall - Councillor Robin Leigh
* Backford Charities - Councillor Rob Griffiths

Looking at ways to expand the group and other vulnerable groups

Asked if a loan could have been made to the village hall. FJ against

* War Memorial Trust - Councillor Sue Pownall

SP has Mr Webster’s address 20 Townfield lane Mollington remind of SP address

* Rural Sounding Board - Councillor Robin Leigh

Nil of note however RL not in attendance

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**60/20 Finance**

Payments and Receipts: To note/approve the payment of salaries/wages and expenses and invoices for goods received and services rendered and to note any receipts. A schedule will be presented at the meeting.

* Bank Balance reported - £7714
* Interpretive panel – refund from Simon Eardley received, thanks to Simon Eardley
* Payments for staff due end of the month
* Ink cartridges £34.98
* Village Hall rental £17.00
* Refund from Panel as above

**52/20 Correspondence**

Nil of note

**53/20 Updates by Clerk**

* CHALC Newsletter
* Potential Update of Web site

**54/20 Police Report**

**Newsletter to be circulated.**

**55/20 Matters Arising**

* Station road outside Brookside - flooded culvert
* FJ - GPO pipe from the telephone exchange years ago
* Highways are not able to deal with the issue as the wires are coming out of it. Manholes may contain the wires and water is coming out of the manhole. Pond at the school which now does no flow properly and fills the pond and then on to the road.
* FJ has been to see highways and they are not interested.
* Simon Eardley to go and look at the problem with FJ and take it forward farm there. Mollington PC have it on their agenda for tomorrow.
* Fly tipping still going on up by the top of Grove Road, by the post box on Grove Road and opposite the stables. Regulatory services to be contacted at the council.
* Fly tipping sign still on the floor. Send the original letters to SE.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 11th May 2020 – 7.30pm**