**Lea-by-Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**10th July 2023**

**Mollington Banastre Hotel**

**PART 1**

**In Attendance**

Cllr R Jones (Chair)

Cllr T Jones (Vice Chair)

Cllr S Pownall

Cllr J Littler

Borough Cllr Simon Eardley

Cllr R Griffiths

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Robin Leigh

Wendy Leason PCSO

**Declarations of Interest**

HYNET was declared by both Cllr RJ and TJ

**Open Forum**

No members of the public in attendance.

**PART 2**

**28/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were agreed as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

Village Green grass now grown but a trench remains which is in need of repair by previous contractor and would be a danger to anyone walking. Cllr SE agreed to try and find this with SP.

**29/23 Planning**

* [**Demolition of existing dwelling, garage and outbuilding, erection of new dwelling and detached garage**](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RCIDWGTEMUR00&activeTab=summary)

The Chalet Grove Road Lea by Backford Chester CH1 6LG

Ref. No: 22/02021/FUL | Received: Thu 26 May 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

The property remains for sale and DJ has chased once by phone with the planning department so no further action on this.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY** [**Change of use to a dog walking field including access track and parking.**](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RRM42GTEMJC00&activeTab=summary)

Lot 1 Liverpool Road Backford Chester

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Cllr S E has called this in for further enquiry and – Cllr TJ reports a horse wagon is in place and a Gasebo with four cars having been seen to be using this area at any one time.

Cllr RJ highlighted that the back of Mere Farm where the planning application progress is unknown, although it may have gone through, the dog barking is notably worse. Dogs running wild down on this area. Cllr SE to check on the planning status.

**NOTE:- UNABLE TO CHECK PLANNING WEBSITE AS SERVER ERROR**

* **HYNET – FEEDBACK ON MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC**

Liverpool Bay Construction to be contacted and we should be asking for a donation for the Parish Council.

DJ to cancel the meeting for the 17th July 2023 and specify when we would like the next meeting. Cllr TJ agreed to invite them to the meeting of the Parish Council in September 2023.

11th September 2023 – DJ to talk to Cerys. Village Hall to be booked. The main brief would be to raise awareness for the community and there should be information boards on the evening showing the principle affects of the project whilst the project is being implemented.

SE reported that a deadline for full representation is coming shortly and they agreed to take a further body of information and concerns from him in July 2023.

**Principle concerns**

The group agreed the main concerns with Cllr SE.

* TJ – traffic light issue – Saturday morning – driving school - ? fatal accident in waiting. Farming impact. Station Road – Village hall losses
* DJ - Weight restriction on the bridge.
* JL - articulated drivers loaded to get out on to the A41.
* Compound around the bungalow
* Could there be a check if a representation has gone in from Holly Cottage Station Road.
* Trees and hedges issue.
* Grove Road digging or boring.
* Council to work with the Contractors to look into the traffic management.

**30/23 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* Consolidated Backford Charities Councillor Rob Griffiths

First application being considered by the committee on Thursday.

Village Hall request has been granted for £10K.

* War Memorial Trust - Councillor Sue Pownall

SP - reported on Kate Brassington work and no more information as yet. £!2.5K is currently in the pot. Cheque book is now in place but no signatories.

* Rural Sounding Board - Cllr Tom Jones

https://ruralengland.org/category/news/

**31/23 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
* Update on Internet Banking
* Payments for staff - nil
* Penny Lane Accounts – AGAR been sent off
* Speeding Invoice Error
* Website Charges
* Staff Payments – 3 hours extra for HYNET work
* Sundries charges

**32/23 Future Projects**

Signage to be organised – member budget application form to be completed. The signs to say ‘County of Cheshire’.

Planter to be winter planted in September - SP organised for tree to be trimmed and for Mr Jones to come in February 2024.

Speeding onto Demage Lane from Station Road. Very fast traffic – lea hall side the hedge is now growing over onto the road. SE to organise a cut back notice to the owners of the property. SE feels it is probably not possible to get a 20mph down Demage lane.

Oak Lodge to be asked to cut back hedge – Cllr SE.

**33/23 Police Report**

Nil to report this time.

**34/23 Highways**

Nil more of note.

**35/23 Newsletter**

**Any Other Business**

SP – wasp issue – 3 weeks wait for local authority service now

Gulley issues to be logged along both Demage Lane an Station Road.

Cllr Robin Leigh had e mailed in about the footpath on Bridle Lane – still waiting – footpath personnel being recruited.

Footpath on Malcolm Sibson’s land – all organised but waiting for CWAC.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

11th September 2023

13th November 2023