**LEA BY BACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday 8th January 2024 at 19.30hrs**

**Mollington Banastre Hotel**

**PART 1**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Deborah Jones Parish Clerk

Cllr Richard Jones Chair

Cllr John Littler

Cllr Rob Griffiths

Cllr Sue Pownall

Cllr Tom Jones

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Robin Leigh

**Declarations of Interest**

HYNET

**Open Forum**

No members of the Public present

**PART 2**

**01/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Matters Arising – HyNET letter responses – respose from local MP asking for. A resent of the letter.

DJ has reported both the Demage Lane Hedge at Grove Road and the sunken road grid manhole at station road near Holly Cottage.

Concerns re new development of housing on Dunkirk Way which in total will be 330 dwellings.. RL concerns re the already congested housing and even if the roundabout was built this would impact o the village as people use the village as a short cut through the village.

Could this also cause more run off of water into the village of Lea.

Battery/electric charging points instead of the weigh bridge and two picnic table. 20 electric charging points proposed.

Battery storage on Hill Farm and onto the back of the garage area. This is not in the line of sight for any of the village area.

**02/24 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

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* Saughall Mollington ward - substantial proposed development in an area where there is chronic congestion on the A5117.

330 houses are actually in the planning application and SE had recently driven down this road and it is in the ledsham ward and it is on the radar for this parish council.

SE reports it is next to green belt land.

Issues around drainage on the site

Affordable housing is not part of the plan

This is being robustly opposed. ACTION DJ

LBB to formally oppose.

Oppose the battery station and needs opposition by LBB. Action DJ

Stables on the A41 not on skids and has been already reported to

* Local Transport Plan

Borough council has to re visit this every 10 years and highlights local transport issues and resolutions.

Consultation process underway and needs to be completed individually.

**Cllr Eardley**

* **HYNET**
* **DJ to contact cerys percival for an update**
* **DJ to send a letter from the chairman saying how disappointed the councillors are in the response.**

**02/24 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* Consolidated Backford Charities Councillor Rob Griffiths

One meeting since last reported and they have now been given a grant of £6000 also gave money to the other persons within the community who met the criteria.

* War Memorial Trust - Councillor Sue Pownall

SP reported that information had not been received by cllr Jones. Cllr R Jones has been to see Katie Brassington

SP to forward the e mail from Kate Brassington which outlines outstanding issues to be resolved.

* Rural Sounding Board - Cllr Tom Jones/Cllr Robin Leigh

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

**03/24 Finance**

* Bank Balance £781
* Payments for Staff
* Penny Lane Accounts - £20
* Budget setting 2024/25
* Precept – after discussion it is felt that all properties to go the £50 total to be requested is £5065

**04/24 Future Projects**

Digital Support for the Elderly

**05/24 Police Report**

**06/24 Highways white lines are still an issue at the top of the hill. Cllr T Jones has had drivers undertaking whilst trying to turn left.**

Two grids blocked opposite Friars park farm

**RG reports**

**SP Demage lane large potholes to the left of JL’s drive way for the farm.**

**Any Other Business**

**SE to chase the leaf clearing.**

**DJ to prepare chairmans**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11th March 2024