**Lea by Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday 8th November 2021**

**7.30p.m. at The Five Villages Hall**

**Present**

Councillor Robin Leigh

Councillor Tom Jones

Councillor Rob Griffiths

Dave Evans B4RN

Chris D Jones B4RN

Phil Crane B4RN

Councillor John Littler

Councillor Sue Pownall

Chairman Richard Jones

**Apologies**

Borough Councillor Simon Eardley

**Declaration of interest**

RJ, TJ and JL HYNET and broadband

**Part 1**

DE and CDJ gave an update on the key points mentioned at the last meeting

* General need in the community
* B4RN scheme is community based project
* The best option available

DE explained that 70% of the country has access to more than …. Megabits per second. More information has been published and leaflets have been delivered locally on the community share scheme.

DE asked could one of the cards presented be given by all present to any known neighbours who have not yet signed up.

JL asked if a voucher is applied for there is a commitment as the website asks for 12 months. DE responded that B4RN would not hold anyone to this – also no penalty for leaving the contract. Very few people who commit ask for a get out clause. Once the contract is signed after 30 days there will be no penalties. JL feels that the flyer does not adequately explain this and head office when contacted seemed to be equally confused.

The group discussed the general costs of the system. No connection costs as these will be returned if you wanted to leave the project.

DE reported that we are now close to activating this project but the stumbling block is trying to buy the community shares across Lea and Backford. Need to raise about £98,000 to fund this. DE demonstrated the size of the cable that is to be put into the areas. DE and CDJ left the meeting.

The group discussed the previous item. RJ explained that Gigaloc has been to see quite a few residents. RG – met a representative of Virgin Media wit, he explained he was looking for junction boxes and that they will be connecting early next year.

**Part 2**

**42/21 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

* Matters Arising

Interactive Panel – Village Hall Trustees had previously agreed to have the panel and this is now not something they want to pay to put up along the kerbside and there is no will to now attach this to the wall as previously agreed. DJ to contact the village hall to suggest that it goes on the wall as planned. TJ if it is a community place it should be at the hall.

* Simon Eardley – report

Road survey report awaited. Hynet are undertaking surveys currently. SP reported that residents would have liked a lower limit than 40 and some felt their voices had not been heard by highways on this matter. RG - Footpath sign at the Demage Lane housing end is down and needs replacing.

**DJ to send E mail**

**43/21 Planning**

No further planning applications as of today.

SP reported that planning has been granted for the house discussed at the golf course.

**44/21 Hynet progress**

Testing now being done at Lea Farm and Friars Park Farm and bore holes now being drilled. Three pipelines to be announced in Glasgow COP next week. Bat surveys tree surveys and seismic surveys completed. If this does not go ahead Stanlow will be closed so it is seen by senior politicians as something of an imperitive.

Work to be completed by 2025. TJ has agreed to lease the area around the track and this will be 5 – 8 metres below track level.

**45/21 Queen Celebrations**

SP suggested that we could plant a tree as is one of the Queens priorities. Mollington are discussing the idea of a fete. More thought to be given on this.

**46/21 Reports by Representatives**

* **The Conciliated Charities -** next meeting Thursday evening this week. New chair person being elected.
* **War Memorial Trust –** two reps for each being organised more signatories being organised also. Minimum of £100 for each donation – Helen Fielding arranging a meeting.

**47/21 Finance**

Current balance £6414

Invoice from CWAC for the election costs £1985 – cheque done

Memorial Wreath £20 – cheque done

Hall Rental - £30 – invoice awaited

**48/21 Village Hall**

RG – agreed to be a representative as the criteria have now been changed to reassure reps that Trusteeship is now not required. DJ reported back on this occasion and next meeting is on 18th November 2021.

**49/21 Highways**

Roger jones has been requesting to share a speed gun and is looking for people to do the speed camera and give a donation. The group discussed this issue and Issues raised with this are:-

* school area checked and all the drivers were under the limit
* how often will it be used?
* people would be objectional to you if they saw who you were

Other issues raised by RL were:-

* A5117 – Chester Gates road traffic queued nose to tail every afternoon. Mainly towards wales.
* Bridle lane – lady hit and killed on the road coming out of the junction and crossed the road.

**50/21 Newsletter Items for Inclusion**

All to think of items for inclusion – think about the plant a tree campaign.

**51/21 Neighbourhood Plan**

DJ to do work on community plan and roger to be informed that Lea is going to develop differently as it is more rural community

**52/21 Future Projects**

DJ to explore flashing lights into villages to warn of slowing down similar to that used in Capenhurst. DJ to write letter to Chester Gates to see if there could be any assistance with this type of project financially.

Plant a tree campaign to be organised and to go into the newsletter.

**AOB**

Day of meeting to be changed if possible as the noise in the activity room on the night always used, this does clash with ballet and the acoustics are difficult and sound travels quite badly. Also the ballet groups were using entrance area to change in and there was noise coming from this area.

**DJ to inform Trustees of difficulties**

Christmas thankyou to Simon Eardley for the extra hard work this year

**Action SP**

RG reported that the Cycle track to Demage Lane has been cleared thanks to CWAC for this and Demage lane to Station Road along the railway track partly cleared and British rail to do the rest.

RG – the pull out of rake lane raise with Backford. Rob what was this bit about??

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Monday 10th January 2021**

**To be confirmed.**

**The Five Villages Hall.**