**Lea-by-Backford Parish Council**

**MINUTES of MEETING**

**Monday 11th July 2022**

**at**

**The Five Villages Hall Backford**

**In Attendance**

Councillor Richard Jones (Chairman)

Councillor Tom Jones

Councillor Rob Griffiths

Councillor John Littler

Councillor Robin Leigh

Borough Councillor Simon Eardley

**Apologies**

Sue Pownall

**Part 1**

**Open Forum**

Christopher D. Jones in attendance. Gave an overview of Factco as a potential replacement company for B4RN and are currently doing high level planning. Hoping to come and brief however holiday plans mean non availability at this time. Hoping to commence build before the end of the year. Usual permissions from land owners will be required. A more thorough briefing will be undertaken in the future.

RL asked about previous consents and would they be valid – new consents would be required.

RG asked about communication with residents – new flyers and communication would be undertaken by Factco. Total project area bigger and would need more persons to sign up.

TJ asked about vouchers and this company would be similar in the use of vouchers.

Three different download speeds available this might be more attractive and prices reflects this.

**Declarations of Interest**

Hynet for Richard Jones and all Councillors.

**Part 2**

**34/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

All agreed as a true record.

**35/22 Planning**

Holmfield, Grove Road – front extension – no concerns raised.

Lea Hall cottage, Demage Lane, Side of house extension. Councillors discussed this and no concerns.

Greenfields – no issues as this is in Mollington.

Cheshire waste at Backford was raised as currently making more in the way of noise and dust at the present time. Discussed the history and potential way forward.

**36/22 HYNET**

No further information – re consultation on a section of this as it affects affects Lea by Backford. Permissions are still required, however, 2025 is the target date for Stanlow to produce hydrogen.

Further surveys have been done.

Highlighted issue raised by Councillor Sue Pownall about the information event. It was felt that despite lots of flyers and events residents may or may not take on board the information.

**37/22 Reports by Representatives**

**Backford charities** – still waiting on the meeting about whether the changes

**War Memorial** – nothing to report.

**Rural Sounding Board –** nil new**.**

**Village Hall** – RJ reported back on the meeting that he attended. Accounts werediscussed.

Discussion re the finance accounts – contribution is being asked for from all parish councils. The Councillors felt that until it was agreed that finances within the Village Hall were more settled and the new Treasurer was securely established it was not timely to be trying to source more funds from LBB PC.

Concerns re :- wedding cancellation as a direct result of high heels being forbidden.

Need to send some information back to village hall trustees.

Non use of the hall for sports such as badminton, alternative to normal key access could be used such as a key box and happily LBB would pay for such a system.

Simon Eardley London Hearts will offer up to £300 as a contribution towards a defibrillator. SE to send information on to DJ.

**38/22 Finance**

* Annual Governance Audit (AGAR) forms completed and signed off by Chairman.
* Bank balance £5361.11 as at 5.7.22.
* Village Hall Contribution – discussed see above.

DJ agreed to request a finance report from the Trustees.

**39/22 Future Projects**

Commemorative Plaque – DJ to find and copy round to Parish Councillors

**40/22 Police Report**

Nil available

**41/22 Highways**

Speed survey results were that 35 residents out of 45 responded positively. This now goes to the next stage which is formal information going out to all of the communications of next steps. Resident pleased that this is moving forward.

**42/22 Parish Plan**

Parish plans are with deva print Deva Print.

Post drop by councillors when they are here.

**43/22 Jubilee Celebrations**

RJ reported that the celebrations were much appreciated and thanks from residents to all parish councillors

**Any Other Business**

RL - Sunnyside cottage - bought land – large professional gateway and at the back a new compound has been built – concern re bought as agricultural – SE will e mail the relevant enforcement personnel.

Reported Andrew Harkness card to go on behalf of the councillors

Bonfires should not be lit on Sundays – Townfield Lane – report to borough council on Facebook.

Livestock – out over the weekend and suggestion on facebook that maps of land would be a useful idea. This coudl be seen by some landowners as an intrusion of privacy and would not be agreed to.

Something wholly in the public domain would not be appropriate, however the clerk could be informed and could contact the relevant farmer.

SP highlighted the need for :-

Melvin Jones cheque for work done on Village Green £75.

Highlight on website Charity Open Day at Birches Saturday and Sunday 30th and 31st July. Refreshments and Plant Stall.

Labels for new bins were not available for all.

Collection of od bins – did we get a response from CWAC on being given an option – there was no option however SE stated that he would deal with any special requests.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**12th September 2022**

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