**Lea-by-Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Monday 14th November 2022 at the Five Villages Hall**

**Part 1**

**In Attendance**

Deborah Jones Parish Clerk

Cllr Tom Jones Vice Chair

Cllr S Pownall

Cllr J Littler

Cllr R Leigh

Cllr R Griffiths

Cllr R Jones Chair

**Apologies for Absence**

Borough Cllr S Eardley

**Declarations of Interest**

HYNET was declared by Cllr R Jones and Cllr T Jones.

**Open Forum**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**Part 2**

**53/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as a true record.

**54/22 Planning**

Grovehurst is not within the Parish boundary but is noted as it is on Grove Road.

* [**Single storey glazed extension to provide link between the existing house and existing garden room.**](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RDTWUBTEFUN00&activeTab=summary)

Grovehurst Grove Road Lea by Backford Chester CH1 6LG

Ref. No: 22/02316/FUL | Received: Tue 21 Jun 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

* [**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

There is no further action on this development and Cllrs discussed the comments which had been made on the planning portal by residents close by but these in the main were around the concerns re the fact that flooding has been a problem on that junction and within the boundaries of this house. No further action at the moment required by the Parish Council.

**A5117 New Development and Transport Amendment**

RL explained that the roundabout is not yet in progress as the minimum number of houses of 191 has not yet been reached. RL explained that the crossing is to be a pedestrianised one and is still in progress.

The two bus stops have been a pre-requisite of the planning application whether the minimum number of houses are reached or not. RL noted that there had been more pedestrians to the local business and no adverse affect to the trade for some of the businesses.

**Enforcements**

Opposite the Riding School, Grove Road – no further action and SE to report as and when further information on this is available.

Dunkirk – additional double units to the rear of house - SE to report as and when further information on this is available.

Tarla Yesil – concerns re additional building to the rear – although this again is not in the Parish it is on the border and there appears to be a very large building potentially not in keeping and the gate onto the road side does not appear to have had proper planning permissions.

**55/22 May Elections 2023**

Discussion re the process for current Cllrs standing for elections. RJ explained what he understood to be the process – DJ has applied to Penny Housley to have the training.

The area is preparing for the local bi – election. RJ is of the understanding that no costs would be applied to the Parish Council for either of these elections.

**56/22 Reports by Representatives**

* Backford Charities - Councillor Rob Griffiths

RG reported that the process is at a ‘stand still’ due to illness. John Hess will go and give monies to the relevant persons this year with the potential of opening the charity up to other persons is still in progress. SP asked about Christmas handouts and RG said he would speak with John Hess about this as there is a possible recipient in the Lea area.

* War Memorial Trust - Councillor Sue Pownall

Carl Stagg has been contacted by SP. Again, there has been illness within the committee and going forward post will now be sent to SP. Monies are with M&G Charities and new cheque book to be organised as the group is progressing a changeover for new lead that being Sue Pownall. Mollington representative still awaited. Could DJ give the letter to Mike Cheers (Chair) Backford Parish Council for signing on the 15th November 2022 and pass this back to SP for posting.

**Action DJ**

* Rural Sounding Board

Nil of note.

**57/22 Finance**

**INTERNET BANKING – Nearly up and running with internet banking. Additional forms signed.**

* Bank Balance - £3146.33
* Payments for staff – nil
* Defibrillator - £100 to be donated to the Village Hall for this excellent community facility.
* Village Hall Request for Contributions towards – await until next meeting to see progress with regards to financial governance issues.
* Ward Sign - £183 to ward signs
* Poppy Wreath - £29.99 to DJ – Laid by Vice Chair – noted by SP that Simon Eardley had also laid a wreath on behalf of the Borough Council so thanks for that.
* AGAR – still waiting for the exemption certificate as DJ reported that the PKF Littlejohn had not found one of the forms. This form has been represented to them and there is a confirmation e mail to that effect.
* Penny Lane Accounts – payment made.

**58/22 Future Projects**

* Commemorative Plaque – still in progress.

**59/22 Police Report**

Received today. Three main issues raised on the report two of which were at the Mollington Banastre hotel – one burglary and one criminal damage.

The third incident was today at the school and was at 16.30hrs and was reportedly a fire and damage to outbuildings by youths. New PCSO Wendy Leason not present for any further discussions.

**60/22 Highways**

* Speeding Update

SP reported there is still speeding along Grove Road despite new speed limit – car witnessed regularly along grove road but too fast to get a registration number. Black car but not sure of make or model.

**Further Highways Action**

White lines at the top of the hill on the Junction of Station Road onto the A41 – deceleration lane – white lanes and slow down signage needs re doing on the road.

**61/22 Newsletter**

Complaints of bags being hung on gates in the Lea by Backford area and around the

Demage Lane area. Could we ask Amenity Cleaner how many times a filled dog bag is found in hedges or on gate posts. Bridle lane is a particular issue. RL felt that the bin for dog foul waste is not altogether the issue. Emptying is an issue. DJ to sort a short piece.

HYNET now passed planning by the secretary of state – 18 month consultation. Hydrogen village through Whitby North Yorkshire. Archeological dig in the Friars Park Farm field.

Discussion about the affects on the local area and in particular re the service pads and routes.

DJ to put more information re HYNET and proposed routes for access etc.

RJ concerned about sinkage of the land following the works. JL concerned about the loss of use of the land following the works. General concerns about the multiple impacts. RL explained an issue previously where a u tube of the drainage was put in place and became defunct.

The Parish Council would like to consider HYNET compensation for the disruption for all residents. DJ to draft a letter.

DJ to investigate the numbers of driving school cars along the roads in Lea.

SP reported the garden waste dumped on Demage lane.

**Any Other Business**

Map and Mollington PC – this was discussed at Mollington PC meeting and agreement has now been reached on the village green boundary.

SP reported back about the same meeting. Two representatives had still not been allocated to work with her on the …………..

**DJ to write to Pauline English to request funds for the garden work on village green.**

**Could DJ ask for an update on the past damaged Village Green area from Simon Eardley.**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 9th January 2023**

**Monday 13th March 2023**