**Minutes of Meeting Lea by Backford Parish Council**

**Monday 15th May 2023**

**Mollington Banastre at 7.30 p.m.**

**In Attendance**

Cllr Robin Leigh

Cllr Tom Jones

Cllr Richard Jones

Cllr John Littler

Cllr Sue Pownall

Cllr Rob Griffiths

Debbie Jones Parish Clerk

Borough Cllr Simon Eardley

**Apologies**

Nil

**PART 1**

**a) Election of Parish Council Chairman**

Cllr Richard Jones was nominated as chair by Cllr J Littler and seconded by Cllr R Griffiths. All voted in favour.

**b) Election of Parish Council Vice Chairman**

Cllr Tom Jones was nominated by Cllr John Littler and seconded by Cllr S Pownall. All were in favour.

**c) Acceptance Forms**

These forms were completed by all Councillors.

**d) Declarations of Interest Forms**

All forms completed and will be uploaded to the web site of the Parish Council.

All outstanding expenses forms completed and posted to CWAC.

**Action DJ**

e) All Councillors wished to congratulate Simon Eardley who increased his share of the vote at the elections, and the Parish Council would like to say a big thankyou and that they look forward to working with him for his next term of office.

**Declarations of Interest**

HYNET for all of the farming Councillors.

Minutes of last meeting – agreed as a true record and were correct.

**20/23 Planning**

The Chalet Grove Road – DJ to ring the planning officer to discuss progress.

DJ highlighted the new application on the A41 which is proposed and is for a Dog Walking facility – Cllr Eardley explained he had raised this with CWAC Planning department due to the issues about the Highways and access,

Comments to go in by Lea by Backford Parish Council.

**Action DJ**

**HYNET**

SE intends to put a full statement to the team – changes to the plans noted by Councillors and the intention is to have the session which was committed to for Parish Councillors. There seems to be an awareness now by the local community and questions are being asked.

**SE to take this as an action for the community meeting before then end of the school term**.

Timeline to be confirmed.

Points to be put in with regard to access points and other issues such as the village hall busy times.

**22/23 Backford Charities**

No movement since the last meeting. There has been agreement for some monies for additional – Maurice Cottel – the cottage well lane behind the cash’s house.

**War Memorial**

Sue Pownall not heard any more from Kate Brassington (Mollington PC), RJ to visit explore further.

**23/23 FINANCE**

DJ to look at cheque number 802 as this has not been checked and will not enable financial balance for the Annual Governance Review.

AGAR certificate of exemption completed.

DJ to follow up internal audit with Penny Lane Accountants.

Precept paid into account by CWAC of £3469.00

Bank Account Balance – 5101.92 as of the 12th April 2023

RJ cannot get the Nat west to organise the bank account transfer to online use due to confusion with previous signatories and addresses. It seems that the only forward for this would be to open another bank account and keep most of the current monies in that account.

**Action DJ**

Planter – RJ has positioned the planter.

**24/23 Future Projects**

New village signs

Speeding seems to be better on the station road but still not great on the Demage Lane. RG asked about a flashing sign on Demage Lane. Slow sign on road. SE reports that a follow up assessment will be done automatically. DJ reported road sign at the end of the Demage Lane is damaged.

Deceleration lane on the A41 needs re painting

**25/23 Newsletter**

Planters - speeding in place – Annual Report – questionnaire

Grass is now grown over gulley on the village green.

**SE to check again and contact O’Connors.**

**26/23 Any Other Business**

RL – Bridle Lane at the old end of Coal pit Lane – Styal Gate has fallen down. It is an actual foot path and this was a precaution to stop cattle going up the road.

This is a busy walking area.

**Action SE will go and look at this.**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Monday 10th July 2023**

**Monday 11th September 2023**

**Monday 13th November 2023**

**Monday 8th January 2023**