**Lea-by-Backford Parish Council**

**MINUTES of MEETING**

**Monday 9th May 2022**

**at**

**The Five Villages Hall Backford**

**In Attendance**

Councillor Richard Jones (Chairman)

Councillor Tom Jones

Councillor Rob Griffiths

Councillor Sue Pownall

Councillor John Littler

Councillor Robin Leigh

Borough Councillor Simon Eardley

**Apologies**

None

**Part 1**

**Open Forum**

No outside attendees.

**Chairman’s report was tabled – RJ thanked all of the Parish Councillors for all of their hard work and continued support. Special note for our amenity cleaner Jacqui Reeves and Debbie Jones (Parish Clerk) for their diligence on behalf of the community.**

**Re-election of Chairman and appointment of Vice Chairman.**

JL would nominated Richard Jones this was seconded by TJ and carried unanimously.

Election to the post of vice chair.

SP nominated Tom Jones and seconded by JL. This Motion carried unanimously.

**Declarations of Interest**

Hynet for Richard Jones and all Councillors.

**Part 2**

**23/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

All agreed as a true record.

**24/22 Village Hall Update**

* Acoustics – now resolved
* Village hall finances – RJ gave an update on the financial accounts and all agreed it was useful information when considering further contributions to the hall
* Jubilee later – covered in a later part of the meeting

SP commented on the advertising of beer and wine at the events and RG felt that there should be not for profit on all events for the Queens Jubilee festivities.

TJ – drinks licence – highlighted that this would be sorted out by Mollington Parish Council.

**25/22 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 Backford.

**HYNET –** moving on slowly – waiting for the next part of the consultation exercise.

**26/22 Reports by Representatives**

**Backford charities** – still waiting to have a meeting but the go ahead has been gained to look at the criteria. Slow process – Maurice Cottell is unable to commit at the moment. SP asked if her suggestion was put forward for the over 80’s re biscuit tin.

**War Memorial** – SP reported that she had e mailed the new treasurer who is now standing down – offering to collect the information and Mr Fielding has now brought the files. New accountant needed. SP has a list now of all the representatives and has a nominated account. Need a bank which is common to 3 of the representatives. The bank will need minutes of the last meeting and to meet with the 6 representatives. Around £8K in the account.

**27/22 Finance**

* Annual Governance Audit (AGAR) forms completed and signed off by Chairman.
* Bank balance £6120.41

Village hall have requested a contribution towards the increasing costs of maintenance – it was felt by some that the sports facility has not been used and the residents wanted the Village Hall not necessarily a sports facility. Badminton – still not available. No lines on the floor and some Parish Councillor’s feel that sports England contributors should be informed.

Information should be readily available on events and councillors were concerned that the interactive board partly payed for from Borough Councillors budget was still not in place. Other means of communicating with the community other than social media should be considered. RG to bring up at the next meeting. SE to contact the chair of the MBDVH re the interactive board.

DJ agreed to request a finance report from the Trustees.

RL said that we should be careful going forward given mortgages winter bills etc.

Thinking about the potential for the future bursary payment. Members requested that DJ ask a member of the committee to attend to explain the report.

**16/22 Future Projects**

* Noticeboard being delivered this week – SP asked if the old one be sold – RJ and TJ to sort out erection of the new one.
* Speeding costs – this will be a major cost for the council this year.

**17/22 Police Report**

Lauren Swindells - is the new PCSO and has asked the village hall if she could have a key to be available for use by her should there be any down time. DJ to find out about this.

**18/22 Highways**

Report shared with the group - discussion ensued. The group agreed that the report was indicative of a good outcome and that the speed limit recommended should be adopted of 40mph. Councillors would have liked more data but are wanting to press on and move to implementation.

The cost is around £3000, Borough Council budget to fund half of this thanks to Simon Eardley for this half.

Driving school is on Chester Gates and there could be an opportunity to ask them to pay a contribution.

SE to e mail Kay tonight and ask her to proceed with this project.

Manhole been placed in a footpath at the rise of the hill by the village green SE to report to highways as this as not appropriate.

Village green - O’Connors – SE to chase up the village green issues.

JL - thoughts on Road Closure signs – Demage Lane was not affected nor was Well Lane and the thought is that the contractors are over doing the road closure. Traffic management is done in consultation – notifications are not consistent. SE to forward on notifications.

DJ to ask about grass cutting from the council. SP to ask about cost of grass cutting before 6th June 2022 so it needs doing now and then week before. The Jubilee celebrations if possible. Mollington PC to be asked to contribute.

**31/22 Parish Plan**

DJ to cost up 100 parish plans from Deva Print.

**20/22 Jubilee Celebrations**

* Cake competition
* Hot tea and coffee bacon rolls free for anyone who comes. Max £150
* Free drinks at the bar on production of a raffle ticket. TJ help at the beacon lighting.
* SP to help with bacon butties. Cost to be looked at.
* DJ to ask Backford and RJ to ask Mollington re £100 contribution each for the drinks at the beacon lighting
* Biscuit tin for all of the over 80’s SP to look

Mollington Parish Council want to want to charge for the drinks at the beacon lighting. .

**Any Other Business**

* HYNET coming next week to discuss terms and conditions correspondence to be sent on to committee for their considerations.
* Brambles and verges cut but the brambles still left down by council staff.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**11th July 2022**