# Lea-by-Backford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish** **Council held on Monday 13th November 2017 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall**

**PRESENT**: Councillors Richard Jones (in the Chair), Sue Pownall, Robin Leigh, John Littler, Rob Griffiths, Fred Jones with Philip Pownall (Clerk).

**17.33 APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Local Police Officer Robert Brown who was unable to attend but did provide a Lea by Backford Newsletter. An incident of various motor cycles doing laps of the village had been dealt with and included riders with no helmets and some bikes without number plates. He also gave the meeting details of 2 scams that are prevalent in the local area.

1. HMRC debt. Threat of legal action unless debt is cleared by the use of iTunes vouchers
2. Courier Fraud. Offender will cold call the victim posing as a Police Officer or a Bank official and ask for the victim to withdraw cash as they are investigating bank staff who are handing out counterfeit notes.

**17.34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**17.35 OPEN FORUM**

No members of the public present.

**17.36 PLANNING**

 **Application 17/03830/FUL**  Application received to replace the security shutters on the Dunkirk Enforcement M56 – A5117 at Dunkirk.

Decision: application **Approved**

 **Application 16/03653/FUL** Ashfield House Dunkirk - Cllr Leigh reported that

changes are being made at Ashfield House in that the operation site is much quieter now and he understands that a different application is due to be made by the operator in the near future

 **Application 17/04402/FUL** Unit 1b Dunkirk Trading Estate. Proposal to provide a customer drop off & collection entrance, associated parking and 2 additional loading docks. The clerk applied for and was granted a comment extension by the planning officer at CWaC so that this application could be discussed at the November meeting. Concern was raised regarding a 24hour operation that could involve extra noise (reversing bleepers etc.)

**17.37 PARISH WEBSITE**

Clerk confirmed he had attended at E-mango and undertaken IT training regarding the upkeep and management of the website. The site scheduled to be live in January 2018.

**17.38 REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES**

 **Village hall:** Post still vacant. No progress to report

 **Backford Charities:** Nothing to report**.** Cllr Griffiths to attend next meeting.

 **War Memorial Trust:** Cllr Pownall confirmed that a meeting was to be held in January 2018

 **Rural Sounding Board:** Nothing to report.

**17.39 FINANCE**

 **Cheques raised:** 000665 Postage 14.07

 000666 Clerk Website Training 181.10

 000667 Clerk Oct & Nov 186.20

 000668 Ammenity Cleaner 150.00

 000669 British Legion Wreath 60.00

 000670 Moll & Back V.Hall Nov 16.00

**17.40 CORRESPONDENCE**

 **Pensions Regulator:** Acknowledgement received from the Regulator confirming that the Council have completed a declaration of compliance on 22nd October 2017stating that Lea by Backford Parish Council employs 2 members of staff who do not fall into a pension scheme. Re-declaration required in approximately three years time

**17.41 MATTERS RAISED**

Cllr Fred Jones reported to the meeting that the large loose kerbstone at the entrance to Friars Park Cottages had been repaired by CWaC Highways Dept

 Cllr Pownall reported that the fly tipping rubbish by the noticeboard on Grove Road had been removed following the efforts of the amenity cleaner.. Also it was noted that the hedge and footpath on the village green were overgrown and Cllr Pownall confirmed that she had received the quote of £450.00 for the work to be carried out. This includes continued licenced maintenance at a later date involving the need for the use of spray chemicals.

 Cllr Richard Jones reported that the fence alongside the public footpath between Station Road and Grove Road had fallen over. Clerk to notify CWaC

**17.42 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next parish meeting will be on **January 8th 2018 at the time of 7.30pm** to be held in the village hall

**Signed: ------------------------------------------------------------------ (Chairman)**

**Date: --------------------------------------**