**Backford Parish Council**

**COUNCIL SUMMONS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023**

**Part 1**

**In Attendance**

Cllr M Cheers (Chairman)

Cllr A Deary

Cllr C Morgan

Joyce Sanders (Member of Public)

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Ruscoe

Borough Councillor Simon Eardley

Cllr A Dodd

**Declarations of Interest**

HyNet

**Open Forum**

**Part 2**

**29/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Agreed as a true record.

Rake Lane - AD explained that the last contractor to work on the lane narrowed the road from the motorway crossing which explains why there was no space for a centre line being placed on the middle of the road.

Rake Lane - AD explained that there is a grid displaced and has been highlighted with a bollard by the highways dept. Both AD and MC explained that this has been sucked out many times but the water comes out of the grid because the buried section must be blocked. Councillors considered the cause of this - could be a tree route? Andrew Walton o be contacted.

Cllr Eardley's response to PRoW issues read out and discussed. Thanks to Cllr Eardley for his attention to all of these matters.

**Highways to be contacted again DJ**

**30/23 Planning [Change of use to a dog walking field including access track and parking.](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RRM42GTEMJC00&activeTab=summary)**Open for comment icon

Lot 1 Liverpool Road Backford Chester

Ref. No: 23/00887/FUL | Received: Thu 16 Mar 2023 | Validated: Thu 16 Mar 2023 | Status: Awaiting decision

23/03332/AGR status decided for erection of agricultural storage building on land. SE to look into this this applies to 23/02800AGR related to the same plot. In addition to this is an agricultural track.23/02801 (now withdrawn).

**[Vehicular access onto Whitby Lane](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RMW59NTE0U700&activeTab=summary)**Open for comment icon

Land At Whitby Lane Backford Chester CH1 6PH

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Dunkirk Lane – application for travellers’ park discussed but this is not within the Backford Area.

**Ongoing Enforcements:-**

1. Poplar lane

This relates to Poplar Hall Lane - Discussion re the rumour that the persons who own this are now living there. Possible planning issues if using agricultural land for non-agricultural use. In addition to this there have been reports that the owner was abusive and threatened a dog walker.

**Discus with SE to look in to this.**

**31/23 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* The Consolidated Charities, (Backford, Charities) - MC and ML

DJ reported back on the feedback from Cllr Rob Griffiths from Lea by Backford. Further information to follow.

Discuss with Mark Littler.

* War Memorial Trust - Councillor MC

Nil to report

* Other Rural Local Issues - To be confirmed

None

* Village Hall

Nil to report.

**32/23 Finance**

* Bank Balance – end Sept £721.82 and the business account £1524.76
* Payments for staff - litter picking – Parish Clerk £232.60 (including increment £11.63ph)
* Litter Picking £89.10
* HyNet poster advert contribution
* Planters - £43.42
* Poppy Wreath - £20
* Village Hall £20

**39/23 HYNET**

Chased Cerys Percival. Cllrs would like to suggest an alternative location for the pipe storage. This could be at Collinge Farm.

**DJ to inform Cerys Percival**

**40/23 Highways Update**

Speeding – police information was not to put a sign up as that is what they would drive to and then they put up the signs anyway. Information to go formally to Kay Parry.

Caravan site now causing a problem as vans can’t arrive until 1pm and there is a queue now to the caravan park. Write a letter and CC to Kay Parry.

**Action DJ**

Gordon Lane general drainage situation needs reporting from Littler’s farm and pothole outside Dave Littler’s (Holme Farm).

**Action DJ**

**41/23 New Projects**

Nil of note.

**42/23 Newsletter**

No further information

**43/23 Police Report**

Nil received.

**44/23 Co-option of Councillors**

Joyce Sanders agreed to ask about some of her friends for consideration.

**Any Other Business**

Cllr Simon Eardley’s Report on PRoW issues

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 9th January 2024**