**Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 10th May 2022**

**at**

**The Five Villages Hall**

**Present**

Councillor Clive Morgan

Councillor Andrew Harkness

Councillor Ade Deary

Councillor Simon Eardley

**Apologies**

Councillor Mark Littler

Councillor Anita Deary

Councillor Dave Ruscoe

**Part 1**

Declarations of Interest – Mike Cheers Hynet

**Open Forum**

* Chairman’s Report
* Re-election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

**Part 2**

**14/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as a true record.

**15/22 Planning**

**Removal of antenna at Liverpool road – 5**

**G councillors considered the positioning of this pole and it is next to the motorway.**

No objections

**2 portal frame buildings at the fisheries**

Councillors considered this and whether it was similar to the last application. The large mound of clay was considered and it is not known if this has been moved. The clay is still there.

SE suggested this might be an improvement. MC suggested that this might be a pre-cursor to longer term ideas of houses. SE said little stanney might be involved and no further issues have been raised.

No comment on this from residents and councillors.

**Land just before motorway 3 – 4 acres just before the motorway.**

?? for target practice shooting. SE suggested change of use and this is not for agricultural use.

Double detached garage – The Beeches

Ongoing enforcement – Christmas tree site nothing active at present

No updates on any of the other enforcements

**16/22 Reports by Representatives**

* **Village Hall**

AH not been reporting back at present. CM reported that the change to the locks to thumb turns on the inside. Now all of the keys have been changed. Also a child’s hand got stuck.

Acoustic panels now up and are working well. SE has been in touch with JF and RS

Discussion re the finances with regards to gas and electric. Hire charges are increasing.

AH reported that it would be useful to identify each individual element.

* **The Consolidated Charities**

ML has reported back that the item issues are moving forward and the criteria is actively being changed. This account has around £80K.

* **War Memorial** **Trust**

Still trying to get the banking sorted out. Help is being sorted out by

* **Other Rural Issues**

No other rural issues. Feed prices and compost quadrupuling.

**17/22 Finance**

* Bank balance - £3529.15 in the current
* £1512.29 in reserve account
* Outgoings around £4500
* Includes PWLB payment – of £1100
* Payments to staff for litter picking and for clerks wages
* Payment for hire of village hall
* Bursary for the village hall

Discussion re village hall and what other local parish council’s

MC suggested to offer £600 and convert that a per band D household payment and approach the other parish councils with regards to paying the same amount.

All were in favour of this. Ade suggests that this letter goes to Rosie.

**18/22 Police Report**

**New PCSO Lauren Swindells**

**19/22 Highways Report**

Chorlton Lane – asked for the official assessment. Is on the schedule for surface treatment works and is number 323 of 400+. At least 12 months away.

Tree damage removal is now sorted and they have taken away areas such as corner of Chorlton Lane and rake lane.

**20/22 Parish Plan**

Roll forward to next meeting.

**21/22 Queens Celebrations**

Discussed the main events and if any one could support they will offer nearer the day.

Tree planted on the green and a plaque is required. – to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

1952-2022

Dave Binks should be formally thanked for his contribution

of the tree and 3 planters - decision for location – 1 in Backford Park

DJ to speak to hospice re planter placement and tree plaque

**22/22 Newsletter**

**Any Other Business**

None

**Date and time of next meeting**

**Tuesday 12th July 2022 7.45hpm at The Five Villages Hall**