**Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**The Five Villages Hall on Tuesday 12th September 2023**

**Part 1**

**In Attendance**

Cllr Mike Cheers

Cllr Anita Dodd

Cllr Ade Deary

Cllr Clive Morgan

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Simon Eardley

Cllr D Ruscoe

**Declarations of Interest**

* HyNet

Cllrs asked if the Five villages website could maybe assist in advertising the Parish Council vacancies and Cllr MC will ‘what’s app’ to ask for volunteers for the parish council.

* Highways to be asked to do a bridge assessment at Backford brook

**Action: DJ**

* Cllr Dodd request specific Simon Eardley meeting when the front end engineering design for HyNet is made available. Involvement needed at the detailed advice stage. Discussed options to request forms of recompense for the local community.
* Cllr A Deary commented that Block valve 33.23 (as stated in the consultation meeting), block valve stations do not include specific vents therefore there should be no problem.

**Open Forum**

No members of the community present

**Part 2**

**39/23 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Change the names in section 38.23

**40/23 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)

Lot 1 Liverpool Road Backford Chester

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

Dog walking field is now in use – field next door has been sold.

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

Land At Whitby Lane Backford Chester CH1 6PH

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Still parking cars on the roadside of the gate way. This leaves the vehicle restricting access. No further information.

**Ongoing Enforcements:-**

1. Poplar lane – Cllr Morgan reported that the field was now regularly in use for dog walking.

**41/23 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

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

Cllr MC reported that all forms have been signed off for the bank – waiting for meeting to be set up. Cllr Dodd suggested that there could be free summer time or holiday events for families/painting/drawing/easter.

* War Memorial Trust - Councillor MC

Memorial wreath £25 Cllr MC to attend.

* Other Rural Local Issues - To be confirmed
* Village Hall

Facebook page needs to be upgraded – if open to public events this should be updated.

**42/23 Finance**

* Bank Balance - reserve 5.8.23 - £1524.76 – Current £7530.58

Payments for staff - litter picking – Parish Clerk £232.60 (including increment 11.63ph)

* HyNet poster advert contribution - £45
* Election re-charge £181

Payments made all agreed.

**43/23 HYNET**

See above

**44/23 Highways Update**

Cllr Simon Eardley has given a report on the highways. It is highlighted that the gulley sucking plan has gone to bi-yearly from yearly and this is disappointing as there needs to be a catch up on this given the lack of attention during the COVID years.

Cllr Deary to discuss parking on the chevrons with resident.

**Action Cllr Deary**

**45/23 New Projects**

Planter still needs to be placed – options are outside the vicarage and winter planting needs to be done prior to giving option to hospice otherwise agreed to move it to the Village Hall.

**46/23 Newsletter**

None available at this time

**47/23 Police Report**

No report this time.

**48/23 Co-option of Councillors**

Facebook to be advertising current vacancies

**Any Other Business**

Nil

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 14th November 2023**