**Backford Parish Council**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**9TH JANUARY 2024**

**THE FIVE VILLAGES HALL**

**Part 1**

**In Attendance**

Cllr Mike Cheers (Chair)

Cllr Ade Deary

Cllr Anita Dodd

Cllr Clive Morgan

Cllr Dave Ruscoe

Debbie Jones Parish Clerk

**Apologies for Absence**

All Present

**Declarations of Interest**

**HyNET for Cllr Cheers**

**Open Forum**

No members of the public present

**Part 2**

**01/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

* Matters Arising

1. Rake Lane grid issue and flood water

This has been raised by Councillors and Cllr Eardley – unfortunately the contract is with a provider who will only do a two yearly rota of gulley cleaning.

1. Poplar Lane Enforcement

Reports that the land owner who reported the dog walking issue is now living in the field area.

1. HyNET update
2. Caravan Site traffic issue

Monitor and inform the traffic police if any further concerns.

1. Gordon Lane flooding

There is a danger of flooding of the property up from pump farm. There used to be a ditch. Cllr Eardley has walked the area with the public rights of way officer who has agreed to give some attention to this part of the highway.

1. Joyce Sanders Feedback – no further information however Cllr Dodd has had two members of the public interested.

**02/24 Planning**

* CWAC Local Transport Plan – SE reports ambitions and local priorities for local community transport issues. Cllr SE provided print outs of the poster to be put in the noticeboards and asked could each person complete the consultation.

Discussion re bus lanes – not yet know what might happen to existing bus lanes.

**Cllr SE suggested that there be comments made on the Wain home development with regards to the area around the pond which has become unkempt.**

**Ongoing Enforcements:-**

1. Poplar lane
2. Whitby Lane – is now passed. SE had asked that the enforcement officer ensured the owner understands that this is not the way developments should be undertaken.

**03/24 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* The Consolidated Charities, (Backford, Charities) - MC and ML
* War Memorial Trust - Councillor MC
* Other Rural Local Issues - To be confirmed

DR – land sold by Cllr DR on the A41 permitted development rights could SE look into this.

* Village Hall - Discussion about the fact that the hall is now paying its way.

Bursary – DR proposes that this money is used for another project for community benefit. All agreed to hold this money in the account until clarification.

DR proposed to move the line of Village Hall on the budget statement to the Backford Projects. All agreed.

Cllr Dodd suggested the area around the lake could be re developed. Cllr DR thinks it is not able to be touched if its allocated to re wilding.

**04/24 Finance**

* Bank Balance -
* Precept

Budget setting – Cllr ADE Deary ran through the current spends and uplifts.

260 homes band D equivalents’

Cllr Dodd proposed to leave the precept at for 2024/25 being approx. 6150 but leaving the precept per band d equivalent the same amount due to the increase in properties will raise £6252 – carried unanimously.

Precept form signed and completed.

* Payments for staff - litter picking £89.10 per month – Parish Clerk £232.60

**05/24 HYNET**

waiting for an update on this.

**06/24 Highways**

* Speeding Rake Lane – Cllr Morgan asked why Little Rake Lane is derestricted. No answer was really readily available from CWAC.

**07/24 New Projects**

Under consideration

**08/24 Police Report**

DJ presented the current police report. Two issue relating to Drone in Little Rake Lane and a suspicious white van seemingly casing the area around the petroleum storage area.

**09/24 Co-option of Councillors**

Cllr A Dodd has two persons from Backford Park who are interested.

**Any Other Business**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 12th March 2024**