

BACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 12th November 2019
At
Village Hall Backford

PART 1

Apologies

None

In Attendance

Dave Ruscoe - Councillor
Mike Cheers – Chairman
Clive Morgan – Councillor
Andrew Harkness – Councillor
Mark Littler – Councillor
Anita Dodd – Councillor
Ade Deary – Councillor
Debbie Jones – Parish Clerk

OPEN FORUM

Chris Jones – presented up to date information on BARN. More way leaves still required and members of the public to sign up. Also investments can be made on the website.

Wendy Leason PCSO reported no crimes of note to report. Automated scams had been a problem locally and are coming from outside the UK. BT need to take ownership of this issue for local residents.

AD highlighted the drug issues which continue in the Shotwick Lane. There had also been an RTA on Rake Lane on the 11.11 19 bringing the total to 16.

Action WL agreed to inform new traffic liason person Andy Jones of the issue.

AD reported that he had asked Dave Reeves in Highways to add Chevron signs and a 20mph speed limit to enforce a reduction of speed limit around the corner of Rake Lane. AD had in addition discussed the issue with Chris Matheson MP.

Action DJ to respond to letter to request and update for this area.

Michael Simpson was in attendance to add detail to his planning application at the fisheries.

PART 2

Minutes of the Previous Meeting agreed as a true record. (proposed by AH and Seconded by CM).

11/19 Previous Clerk Issues

This remains unresolved despite DJ trying to contact Alex Malthouse.

Action AD to e mail him once more

12/19 Planning

Michael Simpson gave an overview of his planning application.

- Lake fully open to public
- 2nd lake under construction
- Usage dropped off
- Small shop instated and as there are no tackle shops in the vicinity a larger one is required
- No complaints on the operation of the fishery
- Disabled access
- Needs a café to attract further custom

MH highlighted that there has been a complaint about the back of soil which is clay and was supposed to have been removed this year. The weeds this has encouraged are encroaching on to local gardens. CM highlighted issues about use of shop for outsiders and that there had been complaints from Stanney residents.

AD asked if he would honour the agreement to take the clay mound away and Mr Simpson said the cost is prohibitive and he would fill it back in should he not be able to complete further planning applications.

The discussion closed and Mr Simpson left.

Costco exit – on condition that the roundabout has to have 2 lane markings the Backford Parish Councillors were in agreement.

Fisheries – Councillors questioned the viability of the project. Concern that the structures may lead to additional new housing requests. Councillors felt the application was poor and if previous 9 years of permissions had been complied with they might feel more inclined to consider the project.

PC would like to call this application before the planning committee and share the concerns of the Stanney Parish Council

Action – DJ to complete the comments CWAC planning form

Land east of Whitby Lane – it was felt that the application was for more than 3 animals and scale of the operation was for more than personal use.

Also concerned about vehicular access and potential commercial use.

13/19 Website – nil of note

14/19 Village Hall

Discussion re the shortfall in funding and precept payments to support the shortfall and all were in favour. Cheque was raised by AD.

Backford Charities

Meeting coming up. AH asked about 1% increase and how this was to be paid for.

15/19 Finance

- Noticeboard agreed to fund.
- Bank Account - £6937 current account
- Reserve - £1510
- Village Hall Bursary £250

Any Other Business

MC reported that the flooding issues on rake lane close to collinge farm entrance had been extremely bad and would need to be highlighted to councillor Eardley.