**Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**on Tuesday 20th July 2021 19.45hrs**

**at Garden Collinge Farm**

**In Attendance**

Mike Cheers Chairman

Ade Deary Councillor

Anita Dodd Councillor

Mark Littler Councilor

Clive Morgan Councillor

Andrew Harkness Councillor

Dave Ruscoe Councillor

John Elliot Member of Public

Julie Percival Member of Public

Beccy Gilbert Member of Public

Shireen White Member of Public

Debbie Jones Parish Clerk

**Apologies**

Simon Eardley

**Declarations of Interest**

Village Hall for AH and MC otherwise none.

**Open Forum**

**B4RN**

AH reported that still waiting for some farmers to be allowing way leaves but most of Chorlton is now agreed and can soon be on line.

**Litter Issues**

John Elliot and Julie Percival in attendance to discuss litter picking. MC explained that CWAC had previously employed a Links-man and his pay was around £1500 per year. CWAC stopped funding this post and it was now to the Parish Council to put this onto the precept at the cost of the residents and therefore be funded going forward. It was thought the agreement was that once the verges were cut there should have been a litter pick 3 times per year following the grass cutting. Previous contractor was let go this year and now CWAC has 2 new staff who are employees to undertake this work. JP explained they come under highways but this is for over 60mph and now street scene could do the under 40mph.

MC explained that there would be health and safety issues for any volunteers. JE explained that Simon Eardley offered discussion about drivers who threw out rubbish from McDonalds. GDPR would be an issue. JE asked if there was anything formally with McDonalds that could help with this issue. JE also highlighted additional charges - £3.70 per month which was to maintain shared spaces and to pay for Christmas lights. Precept was explained.

JP also suggested that the Stoves company and the industrial area should be asked to keep their area outside clear. Recycling tubs are also not being stowed appropriately on the site.

JP was asking about whether a litter picker could be employed. DJ to contact Pauline English about the costs for undertaking a similar role within the Backford area. DR suggested that the likes of McDonalds could write registration numbers on receipts. JP asked about the enforcement team and could they act if the evidence was there. ML suggested that the Parish Council take this forward and report back.

**Land off Poplar Hall Lane Complaint**

CM informed the group that he had spoken with the owner of the land that has been purchased, (a gentleman), and his wife Shireen is a dog walker and is in attendance. The land that she has is used currently for walking her dogs and those that she walks. The Parish Council has been asked about a complaint and it is known to be a business by the complainant and questions have been asked about necessary permissions and the complainant has included city councillor in this debate. MC explained the Parish Council roles within the planning process.

Shireen explained her thoughts on future development of her business and that the gate was difficult to open and the fences are not secure. The entrance requires gravel and the site is currently being prepared to have this entrance made good along with appropriate fencing.

ML explained that he accepted the explanation however that the planning authorities would require an application from the land owner for change of use and that as yet nothing has come through to the Parish Council for consideration. Shireen explained that no change of use has been put into the council. DR and ML both advised on the process.

Shireen asked for details on the complainant however the councillors declined in line with confidentiality guidance. There was however clarification that the e mail was a question from a resident.

Asking a), had there been change of use ;

and b), who do I complain to.

Update from the complainant sounds like he is concerned.

The other issue raised was the opening hours and that it will be open all the time and – Shireen was upset. DR quoted no names .

Shireen explained again the idea of Dog walking/training and explained that as the land is surrounded by livestock there are potential dangers from this. Dogs all off lead and roaming as they please and could escape. Facebook business page. Digger on site now.

ML – explained that he used to rent this land and that articulated lorry turned up today and there is no turn around area whch caused some damage to the opposite owners gateway.

CM and Shireen agreed that concerns may be raised by the Pawsome Paddocks. AD explained that the increase in traffic when the public uses the land then you need a full planning application.

DR - agricultural use land does not include leisure or recreation. DR explained about countryside stewardship and reconstituting of a pond.

The people left the meeting.

CM had spoken to the husband earlier – advice was given to speak to planning referring them to the complaint. Anita Dodd Response that Shireen should speak with all neighbours to as being a good neighbour.

**Part 2**

**19/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Agreed as a true record

**20/21 Village Hall Update**

Councillors commented on the colour of the hall externally and felt that this was not in keeping with the concept of a village hall. However, the interior more than compensates and Parish Councillors would like a visit DJ to organise.

AH explained that the hall needs to be cleared by the 4th August. Delays expected as some of the contractors are self-isolating. End hall 6th August 2021.

**22/22 Planning**

DJ to send further information to the councillors on the planning applications.

**23/21 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* Backford Charities - Mike Cheers

Lea is having problems in regards to the failure to hold meetings. Sue Pownall to chase.

* War Memorial Trust
* Councillor Mark Littler - AH to speak with John Hess and report back.
* Rural Local Issues - To be confirmed

DJ to look at charity websites to check who is responsible.

**24/21 Finance**

Bank Balance - £7035 reserve, £1512 no change as of exiting the year £1000 to - go the public works loan board.

Zurich - £170.26

Payments for staff - £208.80

Cost of Hard drive - £38.99

Audit - DJ to publish the information on website certificate of exemption as approved in May 2021

Website Payment - £231.50

PKF Little john - £240 for last year’s accounts

CHALC - £63.72

**25/21 Future Projects**

Consider litter picking

Planters

Highways to be paid for brake lane safety issue CWAC will pay – Gordon lane Jones Homes written into the section 106 so CWAC will be paying for this portion. Other Parish Council requests half the costs to be made up by the Parish Council. MC felt to sort Rake Lane would be a priority. Butter Hill has recently had an issue with a lorry coming off the road.

**26/21 Police Report**

**DJ report requested no response yet**

**27/21 Highways update**

Glen O’Brien has now got the contract again. Parish Council is extremely happy that this has been re-instated.

**28/21 Any Other Business**

* Rake lane, litter picking and B4RN to be put into the newsletter.
* Another Councillor no response to advert – target Backford Park, Gary Cartwright to be approached AD to speak with him.

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 14th September 2021 venue to be confirmed**