**Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 12th July 2022**

**at**

**The Five Villages Hall**

**Present**

Councillor Ade Deary

Councillor Simon Eardley

Councillor Mike Cheers (chairman)

Deborah Jones (Parish clerk)

**Apologies**

Councillor Andrew Harkness

Councillor Clive Morgan

Councillor Mark Littler

Councillor Anita Deary

Councillor Dave Ruscoe

**Part 1**

Declarations of Interest – Mike Cheers Hynet

**Open Forum**

**Part 2**

**23/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as a true record.

**24/22 Planning**

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

Still awaiting decision

**2 Portal Frame Buildings at the Fisheries**

No comment on this from residents and councillors.

**Double detached garage – The Beeches**

On-going as part of normal planning application.

**Ongoing enforcements** –

**25/22 Reports by Representatives**

* **Village Hall –** see below
* **The Consolidated Charities –** nothing to report
* **War Memorial** **Trust**

MC reported that the group are still trying to get the banking sorted out. Further meeting to be arranged.

* **Other Rural Issues -** Nil to report

**26/22 Finance**

* Payments to staff :- litter picking = £89.10 and for clerk’s wages = cheques raised and one for the next litter charge.
* Payment for hire of village hall – cheque raised.
* Bursary for the village hall – due in September
* Cost of Commemorative plaque in advance - £102

Discussion re village hall and keen to understand other local Parish Council’s approach to this. DJ explained LBB position as in waiting for the new Treasurer to be fully integrated within the role and to be able to fully understand the financial position. DJ would contact Mollington to gather information on their views towards this.

MC suggested to offer £600 and approach the other Parish Councils with regards to paying the same amount.

All were in favour of this. A Deary suggests that this letter goes to RS and that the amount is due in September 2022.

AGAR all complete as far as advertising and application for exemption certificate is concerned.

**27/22 Police Report**

Reports requested.

**28/22 Highways Report**

Chorlton Lane – asked for the official assessment. This remains on the schedule for surface treatment works and is number 323 of 400+. At least 12 months away. Councillors highlighted their concerns at this but felt in the current climate there was little else that could be done at present.

**29/22 Parish Plan**

Roll forward to next meeting.

**30/22 Feedback from Queens Celebrations**

DJ reported that there had been several grateful residents who had asked that their thanks go to the Parish Councils for providing such entertaining and successful events during the Jubilee.

**31/22 Newsletter**

To be discussed next meeting.

**Any Other Business**

Nil to report.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 13th September 2022**

**7.45pm at The Five Villages Hall**