**Backford Parish Council**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022**

**The Five Villages Hall at 19.45hrs**

**Part 1**

**In Attendance**

Cllr M Cheers

Cllr Ade Deary

Cllr C Morgan

Cllr M Littler

Cllr A Harkness

Cllr A Dodd

Borough Cllr S Eardley

Debbie Jones Parish Clerk

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D Ruscoe

**Declarations of Interest**

HYNET for M Cheers and for A Harkness

**Open Forum**

**Part 2**

**41/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

These were agreed as a true record.

**42/22 Planning**

* Planning applications

The Beeches Chorlton Lane Chorlton by Backford Chester Cheshire CH2 4BJ

Ref. No: 21/03928/S73 | Received: Mon 20 Sep 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

* [**Residential development of 191 dwellings with access and associated public amenities - variation of conditions 2 (approved drawings), 19 (interim access) and 21 (permanent access) of planning permission 19/02397/S73**](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RFDI4ATEGSR00&activeTab=summary)

Land Off Dunkirk Way Dunkirk Way Backford Chester

Ref. No: 22/02771/S73 | Received: Thu 21 Jul 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

Brief discussion re the roundabout and the plans for the bus stops these being postponed until further notice. Traffic is a major issue now as the Costco fuel is very competitively priced and just a general increase in traffic. The area requires, in the opinion of councillors, further slip road into COSTCO. DJ to put a comment on the Highways portal.

* [**To erect two portal-framed buildings comprising cafe, offices, toilets / changing and storage facilities, together with ancillary structures, site works and landscaping**](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=R9932PTEKXB00&activeTab=summary)

Cheshire Oaks Fisheries Strawberry Way West Backford Chester CH1 6PN

Ref. No: 22/01150/OUT | Received: Thu 24 Mar 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

* [**Change of use of land to provide 2 traveller family pitches, with access through the existing opening onto dunkirk way (part retrospective)**](https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RDR02NTEFS100&activeTab=summary)

Land To The North of Sunny View Dunkirk Way Backford Chester CH1 6LZ

Ref. No: 22/02273/FUL | Received: Mon 20 Jun 2022 | Status: Awaiting decision

General discussions between the Councillors re the above however, the ones that are not within the Parish were relating to the effects on local communities particularly rather than being within the ward.

**Ongoing Enforcements:-**

1. Poplar lane – this to be taken off now as no further action. This area now has obstructed view over with fences around 8ft tall. AD explained that this is not legal. CM explained that he felt this is now an ‘eye saw’ but there has been no other complaints from residents. Three white vans and twenty dogs now using this area. The field has now changed hands and is being rented out for dog walks.
2. Chorlton lane pretty bridge and adjacent works towards stoke – the concern on this was that the planning application was for personal use and this is now being run as a business.
3. Whitby Lane – on going - now using the gate for access to the field over a kerb which has not been given planning permission for lowering.
4. Tarla Yesil – report to highways and confirm this is ok for frequent access.

**Action DJ**

**43/22 Reports by Representatives**

To receive reports from the following representatives:

* The Consolidated Charities, (Backford, Charities) - MC and ML
* War Memorial Trust - Councillor MC

MC to sign the appropriate letter and give back to Sue Pownall (LBB Parish Council). Clive Morgan will now be a representative as well as MC.

* Rural Sounding Point - To be confirmed
* Village Hall – now has been open 12 months and filled its regular review papers to the lottery. Governance issue was raised by A Deary.
* A Deary - concerns about the costs of the heating . Can the village hall with its current income levels survive? General discussion about the costs versus income. AH suggested that a letter could be done to the chair with regards to gaining a position on this.

**Action DJ**

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**44/22 Finance**

* Bank Balance - £5764.31 current
* £1513.67 in the business reserve

AD asked if the planters were to be bought and SE said to go ahead and order these from Amberol £646 plus VAT – two for Backford PC and then there will be an additional one bought by Backford PC.

* Payments for staff £208.80 parish clerk and £89.20 x2 months for the litter picker.
* Contribution to the Queens Celebrations already paid that.
* Commemorative plaque for Tree - £183 to Wards Signs
* Poppy Wreath - £24.99 to DJ
* Village Hall Defib Installation Contribution and Training – discussion all agreed to give £100 towards the cost of this.
* Hedgehog’s – no further action on this. Put this in the notice board.

**45/22 Police Report**

Simon Eardley voiced some concerns about the fact that there is a new PCSO again and that there is no representative ever at the meetings and this has been communicated to the Chief Constable.

DJ shared the most recent report which was three incidents one fire at the school and two burglaries at the Mollington Banastre hotel.

**46/22 Highways Update**

* + Road Markings – already logged.
  + Blocked Gulley’s – thanks to the council for doing a quick response on these on the A41.

**DJ - Report the one on the channel.**

Rake Lane Bend - Discussion re the latest h and the chevrons looking to incorporate these. AD suggested the mirror going back and it was explained by SE that the mirror was unlikely as this is not recommended now. Highways have not been informed and the information from the police was that incident resulted in a slight injury.

**47/22 Parish Plan**

A Parish Plan is a statement of how the community sees itself developing over the next few years.

It:

• reflects the views of all sections of the community;

• identifies which features and local characteristics people value;

• identifies local problems and opportunities;

• spells out how residents want the community to develop in the future;

• prepares a plan of action to achieve this vision.

• to identify what sort of services, activities and support are needed;

• to make links between services and organise them better to avoid overlaps;

• to promote local people’s involvement in planning and improving services in the areas where they live.

**48/22 Newsletter**

* Planters appreciated for the jubilee and make a permanent fixture
* Questionnaire re the Parish Plan
* Fireworks – some residents were respectful of those landowners and residents who had animals however there were those who did not show the same consideration. There were several incidents which caused injury to horses and riders between 4.30pm and 6.30pm one being a young lady whose horse bolted.
* Tuesday night one racehorse aborted a foal.
* Reminder of speed limit through Backford village is 20mph.

**50/22 Elections 2023**

DJ to undertake training re Next May elections and the group were aware that there is a bi-election on 1st December 2022.

**51/23 HYNET**

Discussions re the pipe laying access which will be going across the fields just beyond two cottages on Station Road and will cause a lot of disruption in particular to the two owners of the cottages. Although this is just into the Lea by Backford Parish it will affect members of the Backford community.

**Any Other Business**

Nil

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 10th January 2023**

**Tuesday 14th March 2023**