

# Lea-by-Backford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th September 2019 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall

	<p><b>Part 1</b>  <b>Present:</b>          Councillors Richard Jones (Chair)          John Littler          Fred Jones          Robin Leigh (Vice Chair)          Deborah Jones (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>          Sue Pownall</p> <p>In Attendance          Simon Eardley (Borough Councillor)          Chris Jones (on behalf of BARN Project)</p>	<p><b>Actions</b></p>
	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>None Declared</p>	
<p><b>27/19</b></p>	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p> <p>RJ welcomed Councillor Simon Eardley to the meeting and introduced the Parish Councillors. RJ thanked him for his assistance with the recent election issues.</p> <p>Chris Jones gave an update on progress on the BARN project and explained that he is actively looking for way leaves for across land access. Additional local residents still required to sign up and they are currently short of approx. 170 households. Most of the missing areas are around the Chester Gates site and 5 routes in total are being progressed. There have been maps sent out to interested parties and these will change as the project develops. CJ reassured the land owners that individual issues will be taken account of.</p>	
<p><b>28/19</b></p>	<p><b>Part 2</b></p> <p>There was a short discussion on the benefits and negatives of the BARN project and it was agreed that the monthly charge is quite high. Councillors highlighted that Virgin has done a lot of work on roads to implement cables etc however no extra benefits have been noted to the broadband provision in the village. RL, RJ and FJ spoke about the additional number of power lines encroaching on the villages and that arable farmers using deep cultivation equipment can cause problems and easements are now in force all over the land locally. FJ asked if SE could put any additional pressure on Virgin to follow through on initial promises.</p>	<p><b>SE to contact Virgin</b></p> <p><b>DJ to contact</b></p>

	DJ spoke briefly about the problems with the Village Hall in relation to Virgin and SE agreed to speak with them also about this.	<b>Stephen Thackray</b>
<b>29/19</b>	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>Councillors commented on the recent planning application for which DJ had forwarded plans.</p> <p>All now in agreement for this application. 19/01667/FUL   Single storey side extension   Lea Cottage Demage Lane Lea By Backford Chester Cheshire CH1 6NZ</p>	
<b>30/19</b>	<p><b>Reports</b></p> <p>Village Hall – RG reported back on the Tender process and that all 4 had been received however were above budget. Village Hall minutes to be shared with the group.</p> <p>Backford charities – RG reported that the next meeting was to be in November and that there was a change of treasurer for the committee.</p> <p>War Memorial – as SP not available for discussion it was agreed to request that SP went ahead to order the wreath</p> <p>Rural Sounding Board – RL said there was nothing to report this month.</p>	<p><b>DJ to share minutes</b></p> <p><b>SP to order wreath</b></p>
<b>31/19</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>DJ shared the bank statement showing a credit of £10129, this is inflated as per the precept to pay for the anticipated loan for the village hall.</p> <p><b>Cheques were raised for:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election costs.</li> <li>• Share of the interpretive panel</li> <li>• New PC computer</li> </ul>	
<b>32/19</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Letter was received from Rosie Sedgwick in response to letter of concern re village hall progress. RJ has received information now via e mail from the project lead this information was shared with the group.</p> <p>CWAC enforcement policy changes questionnaire – DJ agreed to complete this on behalf of the group and it was agreed that although the Parish would have significant interest in undertaking some of the issues within it, this was not possible given the size of the Parish. SE suggested that this was the approach being taken by many of the smaller parishes.</p> <p>The questionnaire provoked discussion re lack of litter</p>	<p><b>DJ to complete questionnaire</b></p> <p><b>SE to contact</b></p>

	<p>bins/dog litter bins, highways and white lines not in place since re surfacing of roads and cattle crossing signs.</p> <p>Speeding very difficult in particular in relation to cattle crossing approaching Mollington on station road.</p> <p>FJ also requested that SE could contact CWAC re the gully which floods near the school and has been an on-going issue for some 20 years following works undertaken at that time.</p>	<p><b>highways</b></p> <p><b>DJ to contact school to request slowing down on Station Road.</b></p>
<b>33/19</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Computer agreed to be purchased for the Parish at a cost of £868.99</p> <p>RJ highlighted the Bridle lane letter from highways. This lane has a number of large vehicles going down it and there is a turning issue, RS suggested this was a major H&amp;S and turning issue. The current residents of the corner house are currently considering moving the bins to the opposite side of the of the road which would help the situation. The grass cutting on the lane has ceased for some time and worsens the situation considerable. The land is council owned.</p> <p>SE raised the issue of the Daffodil bulbs which are £35 per 500 and would be planted by the street care team. The group agreed to purchase £500 and DJ to organise where they are to be planted.</p>	<p><b>SE to contact Tony Jones at CWAC.</b></p> <p><b>DJ to contact Tony Jones to thank him for his help as all commented on him positively.</b></p> <p><b>DJ to let SE know the places for planting daffodils</b></p>
	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.30p.m.</b></p>	