

Lea-by-Backford Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th March 2019 at Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall

Present:

Councillors Richard Jones (Chair)
John Littler
Fred Jones
Rob Griffiths
Sue Pownall
Robin Leigh (Vice Chair)
Deborah Jones (Clerk)

13/19 Apologies

None

14/19 Declarations of Interest

None

15/19 Open Forum

Christine Jones gave a presentation on the inter-eactive map which is being considered for the communities of Backford, Lea and Mollington. Discussion took place with regards to how to proceed, what should be included on the map, where it should be sited and cost. Agreement was for CJ to take to the Backford and Mollington parish meetings to discuss their thoughts and share with Lea councillors.

FJ highlighted concerns with regards to attracting people to the local footpaths who may leave litter etc. RL also stated that local business might use this as a way of advertising and felt this would be unfair so a request was to leave local businesses off the map or anonymise them in some way. CJ had secured a costing which was for £1130 plus VAT for wood and £1450 for Aluminium plus VAT.

Brian Crow joined the group. All information to be checked with the history society.

Agreed:-

- Tyde Barn
- Station Cottage
- Smithy
- Lea Hall
- The Old Pump

Should be on the map.

Chris Jones addressed the meeting with an update on the application made to B4RN.

The broadband project review and corporate plan have been prepared in order to brief a public meeting planned for within the next month. It was noted that the broadband installation would be funded by the government. It would be highly beneficial for businesses, farms, as it would improve the quality of the speed etc, and would attract funding up to 2.5K per business, there is an offer of £500 for up to 10 local residents in addition.

Local residents are encouraged to sign up to the scheme.

16/19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the Council 14th January 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and duly signed.

17/19 Planning

Nil current

18/19 Finance

E mango – agreed to look at options as the cost of this is £345 per year - Action DJ. Check raised to pay last years invoice (2018/2019).

Check raised for clerks pay – agreed as per national guidance that a starting salary of £9.80 would be paid as per previous clerk salary.

Check raised for Village Hall hire.

19/19 Village Hall

As agreed at previous meeting:-

'It was resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary Of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £8500 for up to 15 years for the purpose of rebuilding the Village Hall. The annual loan repayments will come to around £731.00'

RL suggested that a vote needed to be taken on the agreement to undertake loan application along with the other parishes.

The questions voted on were:-

- A in favour of taking out the loan?
- All in favour of increasing the average Band D precept by £7?

The vote achieved agreement by all of the Lea Councillors.

Sports council grant has been confirmed for 75K with conditions including lighting, black out curtains. No quotes for the work as yet as Tender process has to be undertaken within the near future however a further planning application is to be undertaken to move the building nearer to the rad side to avoid the tree stump area.

Public consultation so far showed:-

Mollington 79 yes and 3 no votes
Backford 29 yes and 0 no votes
Lea 14 yes and 0 no votes

More votes yet to be received.

20/19 Reports by Representatives

Backford Charities – Easter Charities to be decided. Councillors to urge representations from residents.

War Memorial Trust – Cllr Sue Pownall, nothing to report.

Rural Sounding Board – Nil to report

Village Hall – As previously discussed

21/19 Correspondence

Nil

22/19 Clerks Report

- DJ distributed the CHALC bulletin.
- DJ explained that there had been attendance at the local elections training - the group agreed that in the main current councillor's would probably wish to remain if voted for.
- Discussed noticeboards and following discussion with the Zurich Insurance it appears that it would be more appropriate to have one noticeboard sited on grove road and remove the one on station road.

All agreed.

23/19 Matters Arising

The following items were noted:-

- The ditch on grove road is blocked and the council does not respond to requests to unblock it.

- Driving schools are using the station road frequently up to 5-6 per hour and use the Village Hall to park and do three point turns.
- Fly tipping top of Grove Road.
- Clearing out exercise of out of date paperwork in line with document retention policy to be undertaken by DJ and RJ.

24/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING