

Lea-by-Backford Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting

14th January 2019

01/19 Apologies for Absence

Christine Jones, Clive Davies

Present

Richard Jones (Chair)

Fred Jones (Councillor)

Sue Pownall (Councillor)

Rob Griffiths (Councillor)

Robin Leigh (Vice Chair)

John Littler (Councillor)

02/19 Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any items on this agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the members Code of Conduct

03/19 Open Forum

Members of the public are invited to raise issues not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda. /the maximum time allowed is 30 minutes at the discretion of the chairman.

04/19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record

05/19 Precept Payments and the Village Hall

FJ raised concerns about the method of the build and the cost being he felt extremely high. In particular the demolition cost proposed around 120K although still stated he was in favour of the proposal.

RJ and RL had met with CD with regards to the loan to be agreed by all councillors. RL shared elements of the loan agreement and terms/conditions, which required careful consideration before agreement, should be reached.

The application form highlighted the need to ensure local residents had been consulted prior to the loan being actioned and then there would need to be a consensus prior to taking the loan forward, this would need sufficient time to implement.

RL explained the need to understand the terms of all loan funds (capital and revenue to include the issue of security. RL will attend meeting and clarify some of the issues including who would own the plot of land once lottery funding is used.

CD had requested prior to the meeting that there was agreement by Lea Councillors to increase the precept at this meeting – this was agreed on the basis that the revenue would go back to the residents should the loan not be taken forward. RG specifically requested that the local approval be sought in order for this to go forward.

DJ to request meeting with Mike Cheers and Phil Crane to share a number of questions about the loan with Backford and Mollington Parish Councillors.

06/19 Planning

Installation of 3 large flag poles and 3 flags Unit 1A Dunkirk Trading Estate, Chester Gates. CH1 6LT

07/19 Updates by Clerk

- Website
- Training mentorship
- Amenity Cleaner Pay
- Archiving

08/19 Reports by Representatives

- Village Hall – as discussed previously.
- Backford Charities – Meeting arranged for the 29th January 2019 with regards to allocated parish monies – nominees still required.
- War Memorial Trust – MR Stagg omitted the parish council on this occasion. One interested party for this year.
- Rural Sounding Board – nil of note.

09/19 Finance Report

Payments and receipts to note and approve the payment of salaries wages and expenses including invoices for goods received and services rendered noting any receipts.

HMRC demand – DJ to contact HMRC

10/19 Correspondence -nil

11/19 AOB

RJ reported discussion with Network Rail with regards to the steps and gateway, which require upgrade and exploration of drainage.

12/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 11th March 2019 7.30p

Venue - Village Hall