

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 12th April 2021- Held on Zoom.

Present: Roger Wilkinson, Christine Holden, Derek Harwood, Margaret Carrington, Simon Bailey, Peter Butterfield, Christopher Berry, David Bland.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: Cllr Jan Alcock

Apologies: P.C. John Feeney

One member of the public present.

1. **Apologies-** All councillors present at the meeting.
2. **Declaration of interest-** Derek Harwood declared an interest in the License application for the football Club and so will be unable to speak on that subject.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting-** The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by Roger Wilkinson seconded by Derek Harwood.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Correspondence: a)** Alcohol License for Hurst Green Football Club- It is believed that the club only want this license to enable them to serve alcohol on match days and the occasional presentation evening or similar. However the license does allow opening every day from 12 noon – 11.00pm. Councillors had a number of reservations including the effect on existing businesses in the village, also noise and nuisance for houses close to the club house. Advice from Borough Councillor Jan Alcock was that it is normal for the license to be granted for the hours stated even if it is not intended that they will be used. After an extended discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council would not object but would monitor the use of the license raising concerns with the club and then the authorities if nuisance is caused. 4 councillors votes in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention. This motion was carried. **b)** Alcohol License for Over Hacking Farm- it was decided not to object to this application. **c)** Tolkien Trail- Councillors had looked at the new leaflet from Ribble Valley Borough Council and a suggestion was made that it is a better route to walk through Smithy Row to start the walk rather than Warren Fold if walkers have parked on the Memorial Hall car park. There is also a typo referring to Hall barns as Hill Barns.
6. **Finance:** a) The financial statement for the end of the financial year was approved. b) Councillors were informed that a £25 donation has been received towards Round the Green.
7. **Budget:** A discussion was held about the size of the reserve (contingency) which should be held in the account. It was agreed and stated in the financial regulations that this would be £3000, however Margaret Carrington felt that this is too large and will stop the council attending to vital maintenance. However it was pointed out that the point of the contingency is to ensure there are funds available for emergencies. It was resolved to keep this sum at £3000.
8. **Parking Survey: a)** The parking survey has now finished and there were replies from 44 households, which is pleasing. Unfortunately there is no clear consensus on the way forward and no mandate to pursue one particular course of action but it has given the council lots of information and ideas about how parking should be managed in the village. It was decided that the Council will work towards a public meeting in September and will invite representatives from the police and L.C.C. highways. This was proposed by Peter Butterfield and seconded by Simon Bailey. The clerk will

write a summary of the findings to be published on the noticeboard, website and in Round the Green. **Action- Clerk to publicise findings and begin to plan meeting. b)** An update on police activity, officers were in the village on Saturday and the parking situation was bad with cars everywhere. The police issued a number of tickets to vehicles for obstructing the highway (which includes pavements) and issued a number of advisory notices to other vehicles as well. Police also received a call from a member of the public reporting parking problems. P.C. Feeney is to make up some signs to drop off at The Shireburn, The Bayley and Millies to put in the windows/on the tables outside to advise people who visit to ensure they park appropriately now that they are reopening and will continue to attend the village and look at vehicles and issue tickets where appropriate.

9. **Memorial Hall:** The installation of the heating is continuing, there has been some delay due to parts coming from Denmark being delayed. An extension on the Non-domestic renewable heating incentive has been applied for and granted so that an application for a feed-in tariff can be made when work is completed. It is expected that this work will be completed by June.
10. **Planning Applications. a)** The planning application for Shepherds Hut at Over-Hacking has been amended and resubmitted. The Council have no objections to this application. **b)** Retrospective Planning Application for garage at Doctor's Well Barn, Birdy Brow. This is for work already completed which is not in accordance with the planning permission granted. It was resolved to make no objection.
11. **Common Land/ Land Registry:** No issues on this matter.
12. **Playground:** After a member of the public raised concerns about the extent of the soft surface on the playground Chris Berry made a visual inspection. This and the facts that there have been no reported incidents and ROSPA annual inspections have found no fault leads the Council to the conclusion that no action is required at present.
13. **Grass Maintenance:** Nothing to report on this matter.
14. **Bus Shelters:** David Underwood is to paint the two bus shelters and replace the guttering on the shelter opposite the Shireburn. This work to begin in May.
15. **Bee and Butterfly Garden:** The Clerk, proposed that as at present the Council can not afford to make alterations to this garden that a community gardening project be tried. The garden to be planted with some herbs for public use. The Council were in agreement to try this out.
16. **Generator The Warren:** At present there is no progress on this matter. Residents are not keen to involve any publicity. Chris Berry is monitoring the situation with respect to the 12-16 week timetable put in place by Hillcrest Homes.
17. **Commuted Sum:** Margaret Carrington has been collecting the names of suitable companies who may bid to provide an exercise trail.
18. **Any Other Business:** None
The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the AGM followed by a normal Parish Council Meeting. At present the council will not be able to meet virtually and so it is likely that this will be a socially distanced meeting in the Memorial Hall. It was agreed not to follow our usual pattern of meetings so that we are sure that regulations will allow a face to face meeting. The date of the AGM and next meeting will be Tuesday 25th May at 7pm.

