

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 10th February 2020

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: Cllr Jan Alcock, P.C. John Feeney, 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Chris Berry, David Bland.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Derek Harwood and seconded by Roger Wilkinson. A copy was signed by the Chair.

P.C. John Feeney introduced himself as the new community liaison officer for Hurst Green and Whitewell. P.C. Feeney is based in Longridge and has a dual role as an immediate response officer which will always take priority and community liaison. In his community role he will make time to be present in the village as much as possible. He will work closely with the PCSO. Concerns raised by members of the parish council include unsafe parking due to the building work in the village. P.C. Feeney will speak to the site managers about this. He also spoke about bringing the portable speed camera into and around the village. Concerns should be reported via the 101 number or using the on line contact form.

Plans: No plans of interest this month.

Common Land: No progress on this issue.

Memorial Hall: Work is due to start on the roof in the next two weeks with scaffolding going up next week. It is hoped that this work will take around 2 months. Niall MacFarlane who was in attendance at the meeting spoke about bookings at the hall. Evening and weekend bookings will be honoured if possible as it is expected that the contractor will leave the building in a safe condition. Day time bookings will be honoured if it is safe or if part of the hall can be used safely. It was suggested that the Parish Council should inform the insurance company about the work. Clerk to do this. The next work after the roof is the heating which will entail digging up the field. It was raised that this could affect the fete and also weddings who have booked the hall and the field.

Playground: Clerk has contacted Andrew Harrison to take a look at the problem in the playground and give a quote for its repair.

Bank Account: Clerk still sorting out the change in signatures.

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Highways: Margaret Carrington reported that the pavement outside 4 Longridge Rd is damaged. Clerk to report to highways by letter. This is being held over until work on the wall is complete.

Gardening: Clerk to contact gardener to clarify exactly which areas he is maintaining and to check that these include the bank in front of the old police house and strips of the Bailey Field which are not accessible by tractor.

Member of the public Rita Holden raised concerns about the speed of traffic through the village at the last meeting. Clerk to contact Highways to alert the to this problem. No progress on this contact Cllr Alan Schofield again.

Best Kept Village: It was decided that Hurst Green is probably not in the correct state to enter this competition but the Hamlet of Walker Fold should be entered. Clerk to do this.

Signage for the Tolkien Way: This has been raised in the past and no progress has been made. Clerk to trace back who was contacted and pass details to Cllr Jan Alcock

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th March at 7pm.