

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 19th July 2021

Held in the Memorial Hall.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: Councillor Jan Alcock present at the beginning of the meeting.

Apologies: P.C. John Feeney, PCSO Aimee Jarrett.

Two members of the public present.

1. **Apologies-** We received apologies from the Police representatives.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting-** The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by Margaret Carrington seconded by Derek Harwood. All in favour.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** a) A proposal that a 50% donation towards Memorial Hall insurance was to be discussed by the Memorial Hall Committee. We have not received any information as to the outcome of this. **(Action Clerk)**. b) Clerk has checked and Parish Councillors only need to sign the disclaimer on Declarations of interests on appointment to the Parish Council. **Borough Councillor Jan Alcock updated the Council on developments on the Punch Bowl demolition see minute 9 b.**
4. **Correspondence:** No correspondence which will not be discussed during the meeting.
5. **Finance:** a) Cheques for this period, £310 Prime Garden Services, £58.80 Website Hosting, £176 Clerks Wages, £44 HMRC tax. b) Statement of financial transactions. c) Concurrent grant- The Clerk explained that we are able to claim back some of our expenditure for playground, bus shelters etc from Ribble Valley. We can receive up to 25%. The Clerk had prepared a list of invoiced which can be claimed. This was approved by the council and the claim form signed by the Chair. **(Clerk to send off the claim form)**
6. **Budget:** The clerk presented an updated budget statement.
7. **Parking:** a) Two residents of Warren Fold attended the meeting to talk about Parking issues specific to this road. Unfortunately the way cars are parked at the top of Warren Fold can mean that larger vehicles such as the bin lorry and deliveries can not get down to the bottom of the road and last week bins were not emptied as this was the case. Eight years ago Highways were approached to paint yellow lines on the right hand side corner but they declined as it was such a short piece of road. However it was decided to request yellow lines on the left-hand side of the road alongside the club to Whitehall. It was proposed by David Bland that the a letter be written to Highways with copies to Alan Schofield and the cabinet member for Highways, this was seconded by Peter Butterfield and agreed by the rest of the council. **Clerk to write letter and copy in County Councillor Alan Schofield and Cabinet Member for Highways.** The resident's car park at Warren Fold was also discussed as this is not used by residents as the entrance is too narrow for many cars. This seems a waste when the village is short of parking space and if residents used the car park it may help to relieve the congestion around Warren Fold. The ownership of this car park is not known to the Parish Council. **Clerk to write a letter to Onward Homes to find out if they own the**

car park and then to Ribble Valley to do a search to establish ownership. b) Parking Public Meeting- It was agreed to invite Police representation, Jan Alcock, Alan Schofield, Highways and relevant cabinet members. Meeting to be held on 20th September with PC meeting on 27th September both at 7pm. Publicity will be placed on noticeboard and website. Officials, chair and vice chair plus clerk will sit at the front of the meeting. A microphone would be useful. Margaret Carrington to present the findings of the questionnaire and this to be circulated amongst invited guests. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the problem of and solutions to parking problems in Hurst Green. **(Actions Clerk)**

8. **Memorial Hall:** So far approximately £13000 for grants have been secured for the changing room project, the target figure is £28000. It was decided to continue pursuing grants for another 2 months then re-evaluate and possibly scale down the project if no further funding is available. Derek Harwood has been working in the Jubilee Room fitting a new kitchen. Many thanks to Des especially in this heat!
9. **Planning: a)** There are no outstanding planning issues to discuss. **b)** At the beginning of our meeting Ribble Valley Councillor Jan Alcock updated the Parish Council on the current position of the Borough Council and the Punch Bowl. Ribble Valley have engaged Solicitors, who have worked on similar cases. They have written to Mr Donerlon (owner) and it is intended to pursue this case on the grounds of the demolition of a listed building and breeches of Health and Safety and Road Safety legislation.
10. **Common Land:** No new developments.
11. **Playground:** Christopher Berry reported that we have been informed our annual inspection of the playground is due to take place in August. It was agreed to remove the warning signs with regard to COVID from the playground as these are no longer necessary.
12. **Grass Maintenance:** a) The gardener has asked about further green bins for the grass cuttings. We do not have any agreement with Prime Garden Services that we will provide green bins for their use. There are at present 2 green bins which Prime Garden Services use if they are available but if we request another bin, we have to both pay for the bin (approx. £80) and its fortnightly emptying £5.60. Therefore it was agreed that it is up to the gardener to dispose of the cuttings.
13. **Bus Shelters:** Part of the Stonyhurst bus shelter has been painted and there is still a minor repair to be done. The decorator has said he will complete the work on the Shireburn shelter in the next couple of weeks.
14. **Bee and Butterfly Garden:** Labels from St. Joseph's are in place and Brendan O'Reilly donated more stepping stones. The bark covering still needs completing and then regular maintenance. Many thanks to all the volunteers who have helped.
15. **Commuted Sum:** David Bland has written to Nicola Hopkins at Ribble Valley with our ideas for spending the grant. She felt that car parking would not be an acceptable use of the money. Other options such as a Tennis Court/ 5-a-side court have been explored but this would cost in excess of £45,000. After further discussion it was decided to explore extending the current playground to include equipment for older children. **Peter Butterfield and David Bland to explore this option.**
16. **Any Other Business: a.** The SPID (Speed awareness indicator) is no longer working and Christopher Berry has passed it on to David Harrison (Hurst Green resident) who has experience with working with this kind of equipment. He will assess what needs doing so that we can approach the designated repairs with an idea of what the problem is. **b.** Residents who live at Hodder Court are experiencing some problems with their bin collection, they are having a residents AGM and Terry Longden will keep Christopher Berry informed of progress and if the Parish Council need to be

involved. c) Boundary Changes for Parliamentary Constituency- Nigel Evan MP is keen for anyone to get in touch if they have comments to make on this matter. d) Cenotaph- This is looking really lovely at the moment and attracting comments from passers-by. Christopher Holden maintains this and Barbara Herd has been watering. **(Clerk to write letter of thanks to Chris and Barbara)**

17. **Date of next meeting-** Monday 16th August at the Memorial Hall.