

Minutes

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 16TH June 2025 - 7:00 pm

	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1	<p>Present David Bland, Margaret Carrington (Chair), Des Harwood, Lynn Hepworth, Julie Chang, Isaac Nutter, Frances Ahearne (Clerk), two members of the public attended. The meeting also welcomed Councillor Atkinson, Leader of the Council and County Councillor for Ribble Valley West to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies - none</p>
2	Minutes from the last meeting for approval – accepted as correct.
3	Matters Arising from minutes. None.
4	Matters raised by attending public. – none.
5	<p>Correspondence –</p> <p>1) 23.5 - email from Liz Johnson re monies (£258) in hand from Bayley Arms fundraising. Discussion followed and members agreed with Mrs Johnson’s suggestion that funds be handed to ABC council to use as appropriate.</p> <p>2) 16.6. LHS street works – notice of temporary road closure on Chipping Road, Chaigley on 8-19 September to carry out drainage works. Notice to displayed on board and added to web site.</p> <p>3) 16.6 – LHS street works -notice of temporary road closure on Thornley Road, Chaigley on 1-5 September to enable LCC to carry out drainage works. Procedure as above.</p> <p>4) 11.6 – Email from RVBC re Punchbowl status stating: “the Council submitted an application with the Courts in March 2025 to seek to restore its application for injunctive relief, because the Council considers there is no reason why the applicant could not have appointed one of the consultants who had tendered for the works to progress the project. The application has been referred to a Judge for consideration, and we await to hear further from them.”</p> <p>5) email from RVBC confirming the removal of phone boxes from certain parishes.</p>
6	<p>A. Finance – Balance on 16.6.25 was £18,960.62.</p> <p>Cheques: 1) 4.6. Prime Garden Services £432, 2) LALC £193.36, 3) DD £36.96 (website). Income: nil.</p> <p>B. Finance committee report and budget : a meeting of the finance committee was held at Lyn Hepworth’s home on Monday 9th June. David Bland presented a working document with estimated income/expenditure for the current year. Discussion followed and it was accepted that the Council needs to be prudent in its proposed expenditure with a review to be carried out later this year and until the question of the VAT rebate has been resolved.</p> <p>C. Asset register – has been updated and listed on website. Thanks were expressed to Julie Chang for dealing with this matter).</p> <p>D. Christine Richards has carried out the internal audit and thanks were expressed to both Christine and Julie for their assistance on this in recent weeks. The audit was signed off and accepted by the Council and put on website.</p> <p>E. External audit – Papers to be submitted to auditor before the end of June.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. The Internal audit report was received and noted.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. The Annual governance statement was approved.</p>

	<p>iii. The accounting statement was approved</p> <p>iv. The dates for the exercise of public rights were set for Monday 23rd June 2025 to Monday 21st July 2025</p>
7	Planning Applications: amendments retaining wall to 2 Pinfold -no objections.
8	<p>Forward Plan :</p> <p>8a) – Bayley Field – discussion followed about costs and it was agreed to hold this in abeyance until finances were clearer regarding the VAT rebate..</p> <p>8b) Best kept village – it was agreed we should remain in this competition.</p> <p>8c) Playground – Discussion followed on costs relating to replacement of soft pour. It was agreed that Isaac Nutter and Clerk will research companies to obtain at least two further quotations prior to any work being authorised. 2025 ROSPA due later this summer.</p>
9	Risk Assessments: these are now due, and Clerk will email forms to relevant councillors for completion as soon as possible.
19	<p>Any other business –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New bench: the new bench in memory of John Carrington has been ordered and the company will remove the old bench at the time of installation. 2. Trees by Old Police House: Josh Leyland met with The Chair at the site and two trees need removal. An initial estimate from him of £1700 has been received. It was suggested that a meeting with David Hewitt of RVBC might be helpful and Clerk will contact him. We need to get three quotations prior to any work. 3. Tree being felled at Green Gore: Clerk has been in touch with Carter Jonas who manage the estate about this matter. Clerk to send further details of location. 4. Bayley Arms: Clerk is sending letters on behalf of Council to Mr Barry Wood and Mrs Liz Johnson to thank them for their efforts. 5. Councillor Vacancies – Notices have been displayed and it was agreed to put this on agenda for next meeting. 6. Ribble Valley Settlement Plan – To be brought to next meeting. Councillor Atkinson then spoke to the meeting and outlined the plans from the LCC to improve road signage etc throughout county as a priority
20	Date of Next Meetings: 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November, no meeting in December, 19 January 2026, 16 February, 16 March, 20 April.