

Minutes

Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 20th October 2025 - 7:00 pm

	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1	Present: Margaret Carrington (Chair), Des Harwood, David Bland, Isaac Nutter, Vinnie Joseph, Lynn Hepworth, Christine Holden. Frances Ahearne (Clerk). Apologies – received from John Wilkinson. Niall MacFarlane as Chair of the HGMH Committee also attended.
2	Minutes from the last meeting for approval – accepted as correct. Proposed by Des Harwood and seconded by David Bland.
3	Matters Arising from minutes. None.
4	Matters raised by attending public. – none.
5	Correspondence – 1) Letter from RVBC informing the council that a full electoral register for 2025/26 is available on request. Councillors decided it was not necessary to apply for such a list.
6	Finance – Balance at bank on 2.10.25 is £22879.94 Bank statement. The account has now been updated, and the Clerk should receive the monthly statements with effect from 1 st November. Monthly account update: £11.77 cheque received from Electricity NorthWest in connection with a telephone pole on parish council land. This is an annual payment. Cheques. Cheques agreed: 1)PKF Littlejohn(audit fee) £378.00 (801) 30.9.25, 2) Nancy Bailey (BKV) £63.94 (802) 1.10.25, cheque 803 cancelled error, 3) Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA), £110.40 (804) 30.9.25. Internal/external Auditor: discussion followed on the need to appoint a new internal auditor. Mrs Hepworth has agreed to look into this and report back. Precept for 2026-27 – this needs discussion very soon and so a finance committee meeting has been agreed for Monday 10th November. Bayley Field repairs – this has been shelved for the time being.
7	Planning Applications: 1) Stonyhurst College application for solar panels on roofs, no objection, 2) Old Dairy Farm Chaigley change of use, no comments, (Councillor Joseph declared an interest in these two applications and left the meeting prior to discussion), 3) Foxfields Farm change of use, no objection, 4)Hazelmere Longridge Road Hurst Green demolition of existing holiday chalet and replacement with a single store two bedroom holiday let, no objection,
8	Forward Plan: 8a) – Bayley Field – see above. 8b) - Best kept village – Hurst Green were declared the winner of the small village category. This is an excellent result and due to the very hard work of a group of volunteers led by Nancy Bailey and Barbara Herd. Clerk was asked to write to congratulate everyone on behalf of the council. There is a decision to be made about the siting of the BKV plaque. Clerk to contact Nancy for her views on this 8c) - Playground – The chair then presented the three quotations to the meeting. After discussion it was agreed to go forward with the Kompan quotation. The Clerk was instructed to write to all three companies notifying them of the decision.
9	Risk Assessments: - clerk to update and send out for review

19	<p>Any other business –</p> <p>Bayley field drainage. See above.</p> <p>Playground – see above. It is hoped that Kompan will also deal with any necessary repairs as a result of the RoSPA report recently received.</p> <p>Bayley Field/Park Play – Park Play commenced on Saturday 11th October and the first session seemed to have been well attended.</p> <p>Remembrance Day – This is now taking place as in previous years and the service will be conducted at the Cenotaph. All groups and others are to assemble in the Memorial Hall car park by 10.30am before processing to the Cenotaph where the two-minute silence should happen as near to 11am as is practical and possible. David Bland is drawing up the list of marshals required. Ventbrook have all the relevant information. Clerk is to contact Mrs McCormack at St Joseph’s RC Primary school to inform her of the revised procession etc.</p> <p>Tree felling – Waiting on a date from Winstanley Tree Services.</p> <p>Footpath bridge – after much investigation by LCC it has finally been ascertained that the footpath bridge is not their responsibility, and the Clerk has notified the landowner of this decision.</p> <p>Safeguarding policy – The Chair has drawn up a draft safeguarding policy for approval. There does need to be a named councillor on the policy and Des Harwood agreed to be the listed person. It may be necessary for him to do a short safeguarding course, and the Clerk is to look into options. The Policy is to be added to the council website.</p> <p>Christmas party – this is being dealt with by the Clerk and David Jacques. Form has been submitted for the grant.</p> <p>Tolkien Trail –problems with parking – in abeyance at this time.</p> <p>Parking throughout village – a local resident recently had an accident requiring a visit to A&E. The councillors all expressed their concern for Dr Cummings and wish her a speedy recovery. This accident was as a direct result of cars parking on the pavement in the vicinity of the corner of the road opposite the Shireburn Arms. Dr Cummings has been in contact with both the police and the Highways at LCC about her accident and the ongoing parking issues.</p> <p>Clerk was instructed to get in touch with Highways Dept at LCC to see if the question of additional yellow lines in the village can be moved forward and to ask for an onsite meeting.</p> <p>Leaves on playground – at this time of the year the leaves can cause slip problems. Des Harwood is to contact Barry Bolton and Peter Hayhurst who manage the football field to ask if they would be able to use their leaf blower on the playground as needed.</p> <p>Christmas Tree – Clerk to contact the usual company to order the tree asap.</p>
20	<p>Date of Next Meetings: 17 November, no meeting in December, 19 January 2026, 16 February, 16 March, and 20 April.</p>