

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Monday 20th March 2023

Held in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Simon Bailey, Christine Holden, Des Harwood, David Bland, Isaac Nutter, Christopher Berry, Roger Wilkinson, Margaret Carrington.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

Also present Councillor Jan Alcock, Julie Chang.

1. **Apologies**-There were no apologies.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting – Minutes from February 2023** Were accepted as a true record. Proposed by David Bland, seconded by Simon Bailey and signed by the Chair as a true record.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – Ribble Valley were contacted about the amount of Dog fouling on the Sandrock footpath. The dog warden said that they will keep an eye on the situation and also look into whether there is a missing bin on Avenue Road.
4. **Matters raised by attending public**- There were no members of the public present.
5. **Correspondence**- There is a parish council liaison meeting on 6th April at Ribble Valley, Roger Wilkinson agreed to attend this. (**Roger Wilkinson**)
6. **Finance**- a) up to date accounts were presented by the Clerk. b) Cheques have been written for £29,989.75 (106 money -climbing frame etc) £207 field cutting. C) Paye/tax, David Bland continues to make monthly returns. Pension submission can not be made until 1st May. D) Increase n Clerks salary- to be discussed at the end of the meeting.
7. **Playground (106 money) – a)** Cheque payment has been sent. b)There are now multiple maintenance issues on the playground including the wall, fence and the Spinner. The spinner may need new bearings which if purchased from Kompan will cost £600 and to use the Kompan company to carry out repairs will probably cost around £2500. Simon Bailey offered to assist Christopher Berry to take the equipment to pieces and see whether the repair can be made “in-house”. (**Christopher Berry/ Simon Bailey**) c) The monthly check-list needs amending to reflect the changes in the playground . (**Clerk**)
8. **Elections**- Nominations for the elections on 4th May are due in by 4th April. However if they are send in early Ribble Valley will check they are correct. Nomination forms were given to all councillors and the Clerk asked they be return to her by Monday 27th March – **Action all councillors and Clerk .**
9. **Plans**- No plans for discussion at this time.
10. **Platinum Jubilee**- The table has been place on the village Green. Derek Harwood has organised a team to tidy up the area around the table and refurbish the bench. Many thanks the Peter Butterfield and John Taylor for aiding Des in this task. **Clerk -thank you letters Peter Butterfield, Peter Holden and John Taylor.**
11. **Coronation**- A steering group is in place to organise a big lunch (?) for the Coronation, to be celebrated on Monday 8th May. There will be tables for friends and families to eat lunch and side shows and some races etc. Clerk has applied for the £250 grant from Ribble Valley. Unfortunately there is not enough money to pay for a band to provide music at the celebration.

- 12. Remembrance Day** – There was a meeting held to discuss the Remembrance day service. To hold the service in the same format as last year we need to engage a traffic management company to control the traffic. David Bland has had a meeting with one approved by Ribble Valley/ LCC and a quote will be sent. Stonyhurst will probably be able to make a contribution towards the road closure cost and others (Dutton Parish Council, St. John’s church may also do so but the Parish Council are mindful that their budget is limited and so paying for road closures may not be possible. In this case a service will be held on the Memorial Hall car park. **(David Bland)**
- 13. Replacement Clerk-** Julie Chang will begin taking the minutes at the next meeting and responsibilities and boxes of documents etc will gradually pass from Nancy to Julie. Nancy to complete audit.
- 14. Memorial Hall-** The next project is to be the replacement of the windows- Grant are being sought from Bernard Sunley. Lancashire Environmental fund etc.
- 15. Community Garden/ Onward housing-** Residents renting houses from Onward housing have brought to the Parish Council’s attention that the amount they pay for maintenance of the land next to the Bayley Arms and the Community Garden has risen massively. At present the Parish Council maintain both these areas. The Parish Council had an agreement with Ribble Valley homes to maintain the “Rose Garden” (Community Garden) for 10 years which expired 2 years ago. They land by the Bayley is cut by the Parish Council because it was neglected by the housing association. It was decided that Margaret should meet with Onward housing (Wayne Smith) to discuss this issue. The Parish Council are happy to continue maintaining the community garden for the next 5 years providing Onward housing mend the wall. We will also in form our gardener to stop cutting the grass next to the Bayley Arms. **(Margaret Carrington) (Clerk)**
- 16. Stonyhurst Bus Shelter-** No action yet. Clerk will follow up with Ribble Valley. **Clerk**
- 17. Water Supply-** No new news on this .
- 18. Pinfold Cross-** This wayside cross passed Stockbridge and Pinfold Cottages is in a state of some disrepair with some stones missing. It is believed that these stones are in the yard at Stonyhurst and it would be good to return them and ensure the cross is in good condition. It was decided to write to the bursar at Stonyhurst to ask them to look into this matter. **(Clerk)**
- 19. 9. The Dene-** Clerk contacted Rachel Stott, Ribble Valley about this property being in disrepair. She contacted the owner and next of kin and they confirmed that they have no power of attorney but asked for more detailed information about the problems. It was agreed to highlight the fact that the garage is in a very poor state and likely to collapse in the near future. Clerk to report this back to Rachel Stott. **Clerk**
- 20. Any other business-** none
- 21. Date of Next Meeting-** **Monday 17th April 2023**