

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 15th March 2021

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: Cllr Jan Alcock, P.C. John Feeney

Two members of the public present.

1. Apologies- All councillors present at the meeting.
2. Declaration of interest- No interests were declared.
3. Minutes of the last meeting- The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by Margaret Carrington, Seconded by Roger Wilkinson.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Correspondence:** Letter from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue who are launching an appeal for £10000; Email re- the preservation of ancient wells in Clitheroe asking for people to join the supporters group; Email re- census Clerk to put information on website and facebook.
6. **Finance:** a) Financial statement for March was approved. b) cheques were approved for Photocopying, swing replacement and swing inspection.
7. **Budget:** The Clerk had prepared a budget which was circulated to all councillors. The budget shows the tightness of the finances of the Parish Council. Councillor Bland pointed out an incorrect amount recorded for the Clerk's wages. With this amount amended the budget was passed. c) a general discussion about the finances raised the issue of the donation by the Memorial Hall to the cost of insurance. Since the re-valuation of the hall 3 years ago the Memorial Hall Committee have paid an amount which equates to 50% of the increase in the insurance premium. Niall Macfarlane (present at this meeting) agreed to discuss the matter of insurance contribution at the next meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee.
8. **Documents for approval:** Councillors accepted and approved the following documents a) Standing Orders b) Code of Conduct c) Data Protection d) Publication Policy e) Freedom of Information Statement.
9. **Parking/Speeding:** a) A letter has been circulated through out the centre of the village and placed on the website. The Clerk has received at least 20 back and the closing date is 31st March. b) A letter has been received from Lancashire CC highways with regard to speeding in the village, which at present is not recognised as a problem due to lack of traffic incidents. Letter to be placed on the website. Roundels have been painted on the B6243 on both sides of the village however the roundel on the road from Stonyhurst on to Avenue Road has nearly rubbed off the road. **PC John Feeney said he would look into having this renewed. PC Feeney also stated that the Police are still trying to maintain a presence in the village, the application for a grant for more permanent parking signs has not been approved yet**

and he will talk to John Brown Headmaster of Stonyhurst about parents speeding through Hurst Green.

10. Memorial Hall: a) The Parish Council had quotes for the next phases of work on the hall circulated. There was discussion about the differing amount of detail in the quotes. Also discussion about the wall in the home team shower which makes that shower for 4 people very snug. Although the football players do not have a problem with this the funding bid states that the changing room and showers will be multi-use and available for other groups to use. It was agreed the at the quote from Monks be accepted with the caveat that the shower wall be moved to create a larger space. Proposed Derek Harwood, Seconded Simon Bailey. All Councillors agreed.

b) Peter Butterfield reported on the progress of the heating installation. All going well and according to plan. A spring which is under Bailey Field and runs under the hall will be diverted which should help with the halls damp problems. The hall will be part of the RHI (Non-domestic Renewable Heat Initiative) which has been extended to the end of March. The hall should also get a feed-in tariff. **Action Peter Butterfield to meet with Niall Macfarlane to fill in the necessary paperwork)**

11. Planning Applications. a) The planning application for 2 Pinfold Cottages for extensive re-modelling and extension has been looked at and although the Council accept that this is major works it is not really contravening any planning regulations, however the next door neighbours are concerned about the affect it will have on them, their property and quality of life. Concerningly the ancient pinfold or sheep fold wall has been partially demolished and it does appear that work has already started even though planning permission has not yet been granted. It was resolved that although we have no objections within present guidance we are concerned that work appears to have started and will write to the planning office to point this out. Also we will reply to the owners of 1 Pinfold Cottages to inform them of our conclusions. **(Action Clerk)** b) Planning Application for house on Loach Close extension over garage. The Parish Council has no objection to this. c) Planning application for repairs to Hodder Court. The Parish Council has no objection to this.

12. Common Land/ Land Registry: No issues on this matter.

13. Playground: The new swing seat has been fitted and Christopher Berry and Simon Bailey have both been shown how to inspect the swing mechanism. A member of the public has raised concerns about the soft surface and the fact it does not extend over the whole playground. The Parish Council noted this but are confident that as ROSPA inspects the playground annually if there was an issue then they would have pointed it out. Christopher Berry agreed to do a visual inspection. **(Action Clerk, write to member of the public, action Chris visual inspection) .**

14. Grass Maintenance: Nothing to report on this matter.

15. Bus Shelters: The refurbishment of the bus shelters at Stonyhurst Road and opposite the Shireburn are to be refurbished. The Clerk obtained two quotes and it was agreed in principle to choose **DTD interiors who will replace the guttering on the Shireburn shelter.** However Clerk to recirculate quotes as for councillors to compare side by side. **(Action Clerk to re-send out the 2 quotes , All councillors to confirm DTD quote or raise objection)**

16. **Bee and Butterfly Garden:** Unfortunately the planned work on this garden will need to be delayed and included in the Budget 2022/23 as we do not have the funds at present for this work. Clerk has tried to gather quotes but had none so far.
17. **Generator The Warren:** Christopher Berry has been working on this issue, speaking with the Managing Director of Hillcrest James Payne, Richard Fee and the Environmental Health Department. The sound proofing on the generator has been increased but residents do not feel that this has made any difference to the noise levels. There is no sound -proofing on the top of the generator due to the presence of an exhaust. The environmental health department recognise that the noise level is unacceptable but do not have a solution at present, their request to Richard Fee for some kind of covering for the generator resulted in an estimate of 8-10 week to make a cover, which was thought to be unfeasible. It was also suggested that resident invest in sound proofing curtains, blinds, shutters or glass. Resident Kath Townsley reported that she had emailed Alan Schofield and had a sympathetic response. She asked him to intervene if possible with highways to approve the digging up of Whalley Road. Residents on The Warren in general do not want publicity. It was suggested that Nigel Evans MP could be contacted. It was agreed that Roger Wilkinson and Christopher Berry meet with Kath Townsley to discuss a plan for the way forward. **(Action Christopher Berry and Roger Wilkinson)**
18. **Commuted Sum:** No progress on this at present.
19. **Any Other Business:** Derek Harwood reported that Longridge Environmental Group have some trees which they are willing to site on the Bailey field, however there are various issues about their siting and whether this is an appropriate place to put trees therefore this matter was held over to discuss at the next meeting. **(Action suitability of site to plant trees)**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th April (Please note this is one week earlier than the usual pattern.)