

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Monday 23rd May 2022

Held in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Simon Bailey, David Bland, Derek Harwood, Margaret Carrington, Christopher Berry.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: 3 members of the public. , PC John Feeney

CLlr Jan Alcock informed the Clerk that she would not be in attendance.

1. **Apologies**-Christine Holden, Simon Tipton, Roger Wilkinson.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Simon Bailey, seconded by Christopher Berry and signed by the Chair as a true record.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – a) The W.I. have planted a tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee.
4. **Correspondence:** a) We have received a poster promoting “Good Day” calls for older people who are lonely. They can register for the service and receive regular phone calls. b) Bowland Dark Skies zoom talk, names need to be given to the clerk if any councillors would like to take part in this on 15th June 7-8pm. c) Notification from the Peak and Northern Footpaths society that they do have funds available if our Council wishes to make an application. This led to a discussion about the footpath across the golf course from “Our Ladies” statue which has a narrow stile. Margaret Carrington said she was going to talk to the golf club about this as under the equality act it is not accessible to all. However this is not actually a public right of way though it has been used as such for ten of years. **Simon Bailey to find out how long a path has to be used to become a right of way.** d) Enquiry from Mrs G McDonnell re- weed killer for the use of Ian McDonnell in and around the village. Ian has been kindly weed killing in the village for a number of years however there has been no risk assessment carried out for this activity. **Clerk to look into this.** e) There is a Parish Forum to introduce the new local plan on Monday 6th June at 6pm, Clitheroe – **David Bland has offered to go and one other from our Parish Council may go.**
5. **Finance:** Three cheques were signed for Jubilee items £10, £15, £15
6. **Commuted Sum:** a) Nothing has been heard from the bowling club. b) David Bland proposed that as costs are rising all the time and as no decision has yet been agreed the money could be spent on some new equipment for younger children and then the rest on the improvement of the Bailey field since the disruption caused by the insertion of the heating system. However, Margaret Carrington stated that any problems caused by the fitting of the heating system will be put right by lottery money. Therefore, the council still need to come to a decision about the use of the money. Des Harwood suggested that the playground be extended sideways and a climbing frame for older children be placed there. David Bland felt that there is not really enough room to do this. This will be looked into before the next meeting. c) The MUGA project has not progressed since the last meeting, though it was noted that this project may also cause damage to the field.
7. **Memorial Hall:** The field is gradually being improved, some grass seed has been put down and it is now being regularly rolled and cut by Peter Holden who is paid by the Parish council to do this. For the Jubilee event the inspection hatched for the heating system will be fenced for for safety reasons.

8. **Plans:** The planning application for the use of land between Woodlands and Hodder Court has progressed with more detail from the farmer now available. No decision has been taken by Ribble Valley as yet.
9. **Platinum Jubilee:** a) A proposal was made by Derek Harwood to create a Jubilee stone table and place it on the village green. He has been up to the quarry and the cost is now more in the region of £700 . Councillors present still thought it was a good idea but the budget would have to be checked before this money can be spent. The Clerk had approached Peter Holden and he was in favour of the idea and suggested that the stone could be carved by Oliver Bolton who is a trained stone mason and born in the village. **Clerk to speak again to Peter Holden and liaise with Derek Harwood.** b) The Ribble Valley B.C. offer of a tree to plant was briefly discussed. Residents of The Warren have been asked if they would like a tree for their green but they do not.
10. **Remembrance Parade- (Meeting to be organised at PC August meeting. Clerk/ David Bland)**
11. **Playground:** (David Bland left the room due to a conflict of interest.) The replacement of the wall at the far side of the playground was discussed with the householder. According to their deeds it is a fifty/fifty split between the householder and the Parish Council. The wall has been looked at and it is unsafe. The householder proposed that the wall be replaced by a fence with concrete posts and retaining section at the bottom. It was agreed that the householder would obtain 3 quote of the repair of the wall and three for the replacement of the wall by the fence.
12. **Any Other Business:** none
13. **Date of next meeting-** Monday 20th June 7pm, Memorial Hall.-

MINUTE	ACTION	WHO?
4c	Find out how long a path needs to be used before it is declared a right of way.	Simon Bailey
4e	David Bland to attend meeting about local plan.	David Bland
6b	Look into siting a climbing frame to challenge older children next to the slide area.	David Bland/ Christopher Berry
7	Fence off the heating inspection hatches before the jubilee celebrations.	Niall Macfarlane/ Margaret Carrington
9	Find out more information and definite prices for Jubilee table.	Clerk/ Derek Harwood
11	Quotes for new fence / or wall repair	Householder.

