

Minutes

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 17th March 2025 7:00 pm

1	<p>Apologies Chris Berry, Margaret Carrington, David Bland Present Christine Holden (Chair), Simon Bailey, Des Harwood, Lynn Hepworth, Isaac Nutter Julie Chang (Clerk) The chair offered condolences on the behalf of the PC to Margaret on her bereavement.</p>
2	<p>Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by DH and Seconded by LH Error re chain link fencing -should be around club not cenotaph. Minutes otherwise accepted as a true record.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising from minutes. none</p>
4	<p>Matters raised by attending public. –5 members of the public in attendance. Matters arising dealt with as agenda items.</p>
5	<p>Correspondence –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 18.2.25 receipt of On line banking request b. 26/2/25 Further correspondence re Freedom of Information request. Mr AH had emailed the clerk with further enquiries regarding his FOI request re the documentation around his planning application. His email was read to the PC along with the clerk’s response. He requested that the PC considered its response to the original planning application which he stated was factually inaccurate. He requested that the PC’s comments were withdrawn. The PC stated that the information given was in good faith, and that it was up to the planning department to determine its veracity. It was suggested that Mr AH also approached the planning department with his view on the inaccuracies for them to investigate. The PC agreed to review all the email correspondence to discuss in more detail at the April meeting. Clerk to circulate the document which collates the 26 emails. c. Grass cutting quote (£180+vat, Prev £170 +vat per cut.) approved. Clerk to issue contract accordingly. d. 5/3/25 LCC Safe trader scheme information noted. 5/3/25 document re commitment to parkplay. Currently we don’t have any volunteers. It is difficult to commit to the scheme without them. Clerk to respond saying that we are not yet in a position to sign a pledge of commitment to the scheme. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact parish clerk or Catriona Canty.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance – balance as of 4th March 2025 £ 9762.71 b. Cheques: Best Kept Village application £25 c. Direct debit: website £36.96 d. Income: 0 e. Electronic Banking: - form submitted, chased on 10.3.25, outcome awaited. f. Audit – Will be external this year as turnover exceeds £25k. Forms awaited
7	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 17/2/25 Listed Building Consent, 3/2025/0070, Cross Trees 6 Whalley Road discussed by email as 21 day window fell short of next meeting – no objection b. 25/2/25 3/2025/0046, Cut Thorn Farm Shire Lane discussed by email as 21 day window fell short of next meeting – no objection c. 27/2/25 3/2024/1000, Barn at Greengore Hill Lane discussed at meeting no objection

	<p>d. 4/3/25 listed building consent, 3/2025/0102, Cross Trees 6 Whalley Road – discussed at meeting no objection</p> <p>e. 7/3/25 3/2025/0154 at Dilworth House Whalley Road discussed at meeting no objection</p>
8	<p>Forward Plan :</p> <p>8a) Memorial hall car park: NM from VMH committee fed back that at times of ice and snow the carpark will be blocked off for safety.</p> <p>8b) Playground: Repairs/surfacing one further quotes have been requested but not supplied. Clerk to find other providers – d/w other parish clerks.</p> <p>8c) CCTV – VMH would like to go ahead with CCTV. Considering 1 camera on donations box, 1 on bowling green. No grants available from RVBC but considering funding it from revenue.</p> <p>8d resurfacing of bayley field. – Bottom field has been aerated. Contractors have been approached re agronomist and drainage report but have declined to give quotes, further quotes sought.</p> <p>8e post and chain fencing around St Peter’s club. Councillors had been to look at the chain and link fencing and felt that while it wasn’t perfect it was still in reasonable condition</p>
9	<p>Review of risk assessments. Clerk thanks councillors for their assessments , no new problems reported. Next due in May</p>
10	<p>Road Safety concerns:</p> <p>a) Parking in Hurst Green – request for double yellow lines opposite the Shireburn Arms – email sent to highways district lead.</p> <p>b) Speed concerns at Chaigley. Cllr Scholfield has taken these concerns to the highways department at LCC and this is their response: <i>"The setting of local speed limits is evidence-led and represents the characteristics of the surrounding area. This in turn helps drivers assess what is a safe speed to travel and encourages self-compliance. Department for Transport guidance suggests that speed limits should not be used to attempt to solve the problem of isolated hazards. Instead, drivers should adjust their behaviour to take into consideration the road, the traffic, and the weather conditions at the time.</i></p> <p><i>Along with other highway authorities, when assessing adherence to speed limits we look at the "85th percentile" of traffic. This is the speed at which 85 percent of traffic travels at or below. In enforcement of speeding, the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) recommends enforcement begin at "10 percent plus two" over the speed limit. For example, enforcement in a 50mph area would begin at 57mph. If 85 percent of traffic is travelling below this enforcement threshold, adherence to the limit is considered good. Chipping Road has an 85th percentile of 45.7mph and Thornley Road has an 85th percentile of 44.7mph. Chipping Road and Thornley Road both have good safety records.</i></p> <p><i>If residents wish to raise awareness of speed and road safety in their area, we provide a Speed Toolkit to assist with this. If residents witness regular incidents of nuisance or dangerous driving, they can contact the police directly either by the non-emergency telephone number: 101, or on the Lancashire Constabulary 'Do It Online' webpage, with a record of the registration numbers of the vehicles.</i></p> <p><i>They can also submit footage directly to the police through Op SNAP, for their consideration. Op SNAP is a police response to the increasing submissions of video and</i></p>

	<p><i>photographic evidence from members of the public, in relation to witnessed driving offences. Further information regarding this service can be found online at: https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/register-your-camera/operation-snap-op-snap-opsnap-public-submission-of-dashcam-footage-faq/</i></p> <p>c)sinkholes/landslips in Chaigley : The following have been identified for repair by LCC in the 2026 financial plan but no timeframe has been given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Chipping Road, Retaining Wall 'Urgent delivery 25/26 - Collapsed embankment and retaining wall'</i> - <i>Chadswell Retaining Wall 'Urgent delivery 25/26 - Collapsed embankment and retaining wall'</i> - <i>Other Structures / Highway Geotechnical: 25/26 Chipping Road Chaigley - Located to the east of Darwen's Farm 'Urgent delivery 25/26 Land slip and sink hole, identified as dangerous in geotechnical report'; 25/26 Chipping Road, Chaigley - Located close to Littlestone Hall 'Urgent delivery 25/26 Sink Hole to verge, identified as dangerous in geotechnical report'; and 25/26 Thornton Road, Chaigley - Located to the West of Bradley Court 'Urgent delivery 25/26 Sink Hole to verge, identified as dangerous in geotechnical report'.</i> <p>This does not include potholes which should be reported on the 'love clean streets' app.</p>
11	Remembrance day planning : meeting planned for Monday 7 th April, 7 pm.
12	Bayley Arms A community interest group has been set up separate to the parish council. They held a public meeting on 10.3.25. They are attempting to raise £600k in pledges in preparation for a bid on 22 nd May.
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>Best Kept Village: Nancy Bailey is leading a group to take this forwards. The entry form has been sent and there is £500 allocated in the forward plan budget for this.</p> <p>Speeding: There have been reports of speeding on the Avenue at 8-9 am. Clerk asked to report this.</p> <p>Punch Bowl: High court case of 27.2.25 was adjourned</p>
13	<p>Next Meetings</p> <p>2025: Monday 17th March, Monday 14th April, Monday 19th May, Monday 16th June</p>