

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council.

Monday 17th April 2023 7pm

Present: Margaret Carrington (Chair) Simon Bailey, Roger Wilkinson, Des Harwood, Christopher Berry, David Bland. **Clerk:** Julie Chang, Nancy Bailey

1	Apologies Councillor Jan Allcock, Christine Holden, Isaac Nutter
2	Minutes from the last meeting -Minutes from 20.3.23 were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Des Harwood, seconded by Chris Berry and signed by the chair as a true record.
3	Matters Arising – No matters arising from the minutes
4	Matters raised by attending public. – No members of the public in attendance.
5	Correspondence Roger Wilkinson attended the parish council liaison meeting with no items arising from this. Coronation grant – this has been raised to £500 to be spent on coronation celebrations on 8 th May, to include a toast to the King.
6	Finance Account update – Chair offered thanks to Nancy Baily for completing accounts. The account is £5535.97 in credit following receipt of the precept. Claims for VAT refunds on the stone for the memorial table and the playground equipment have been made but not yet received. The current positive balance also includes £1500 for the Memorial Hall Insurance premium. Cheques – cheques signed for £213.35 for jubilee table, £73.14 replacement pads for defibrillator, £6.85 postage £450.00 clerk’s salary. Paye/tax/Pension – year end tax return completed. Change of clerk recorded, and declaration for next 3 years will be made after May 1 st (DB to do) Audit – Nancy Bailey has completed the audit and will remain as joint parish clerk to provide any signatures required in signing off the audit, probably until July. 2023/24 budget plan – Finance sub committee need to plan spending and set budget. Also, to discuss setting up an asset register, to include items such as playground equipment and memorial table. Action: Clerk to organise meeting of finance subcommittee.
7	Playground Due to inclement weather last months action plan to inspect the spinner has not been completed. The spinner has an out of order notice on it. The playground is covered by public liability insurance. If the spinner needs to be repaired by Kompan (at a cost of £2500), this cost may be prohibitive and result in the spinner being removed. Areas of wall and the perimeter fence need maintenance. Action: Spinner to remain ‘out of use’. Planned inspection to go ahead and results to be brought to next meeting. David Bland and Simon Bailey Clerk to request quotes for rebuilding/repair of the boundaries that are the responsibility of the parish.
8	Local Elections – Nominations were all submitted on time. Roger Wilkinson is planning to step down from the parish council. The chair and other council members thanked Roger for his dedicated service, and in particular for his regular attendance at the parish council liaison meetings in Clitheroe. The process to fill the resulting casual vacancy will take place after the AGM.
9	Plans – NO ITEMS
10	Coronation – Details of the arrangements for the village celebrations on 8 th May were publicised in the last edition of ‘Round the Green’ which has been circulated. Residents are

	<p>invited to bring a lunch for 1pm on the Bailey field, which will begin with a toast (provided) to the king.</p> <p>There will also be an informal opening ceremony for the memorial table, with a photograph to be taken for inclusion in the next 'Round the Green'.</p>
11	<p>Remembrance Day – An acceptable quote has been obtained from Ventbrook Traffic Management, which will be within budget so long as we can get a road closure order from Ribble Valley Council and do not need to get the more expensive one from Lancashire County Council. Stonyhurst school are supportive of the event and have agreed to share costs up to the tune of (£500)</p> <p>The quote included the provision of 10 road signs. It is anticipated that some of the signage will be reusable and reduce costs in future years.</p> <p>We will also need to provide volunteers to be marshals on the day.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to apply for road closure order to RBVC. Meeting planned with relevant stakeholders for Monday 24th April.</p>
12	<p>Memorial Hall- A grant application to replace the windows has been successful in its application. The memorial hall fundraising account needs to make a contribution of £990 to the environment fund and in return will receive £9000. There is still some outstanding paperwork to be signed, but it is anticipated that work will commence at the end of May. Des Harwood will continue to represent the parish council at the memorial hall committee.</p>
13	<p>Community garden/ onward housing- Chair has spoken to Wayne Smith at onward housing who is discussing the situation with his line manager. The previous agreement for the volunteers to maintain the butterfly gardens expired two years ago. The parish council has stopped cutting the grass and have raised with Onward the need for the wall to be repaired. Council members agreed that the butterfly garden was an asset to the village and would be happy to agree that local volunteers would continue to maintain this for a further 5 years. It was also raised that an area of grass at the corner of Longridge Road and the avenue was overgrowing onto the pavement. Although it had been specified that this area was to be kept long to encourage wildflower growth, it is now too long. Members with previous experience of maintaining wildflower meadow advised that the growth should be kept to 12 inches high for optimum conditions for wildflowers.</p> <p>Action – Clerk to write to Onward housing regarding new agreement for butterfly garden. Also, to contact Callum re grasscutting of other areas.</p>
14	<p>Defibrillator @Hodder court – Replacement pads have been ordered already, and a new battery will be ordered (£289 plus Vat)</p> <p>Action- Clerk to order.</p>
15	<p>Stonyhurst bus shelter – Graffiti still present and chased up with the council this month. Informed that it is on a list of jobs to be done.</p>
16	<p>Water Supply- There have been two pipe bursts this month, one on Gallows Lane and one on Dutton Brow. A drop in water pressure was experienced in parts of the village but no loss of water supply.</p> <p>Action – carry over to next agenda, to continue observation.</p>
17	<p>Pinfold Cross- No response to original email of enquiry re repair.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to chase up.</p>
18	<p>9 The Dene – Concerns have been passed onto RVBC to action. Remove from agenda.</p>
19	<p>Any other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A resident reported concerns that the double yellow lines were fading. Action – clerk to report on the 'love clean streets' app. 2. Next months meeting will be the AGM
20	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 15th May 7pm</p>