

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 18th January 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

One member of the public.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Peter Butterfield and seconded by Roger Wilkinson

2. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were matters arising from the minutes. **Traffic in the village-** Clerk has tried to contact Coun Alan Schofield about a visit but not so far received a reply. Due to current COVID restrictions this has been left until they are eased (**Action Clerk**)

3. **Correspondence:** a, A decision about our claims for ownership of land in the village has been received from the Land Registry. b, A letter from Niall Macfarlane c, A letter from Linda Blakey

4. **Plans:** No outstanding plans at present.

5. **Common Land:** Decisions have been reached on our ownership of parcels of land in the village. We have not been granted any ownership for the land opposite the Bayley Arms, the land on the Dene at the bottom of the footpath (opposite no 8A The Dene), land at the top of the footpath (next to no 2 Longridge Rd). The Land registry has registered the Memorial Hall and car Park, Bailey Field and playground and the war memorial and land. We have a qualified freehold for the land around the Boer War Memorial and a processionary freehold title for the bus shelter next to the Shireburn Arms. Thanks to David Bland for this work.

6. **Parking and Traffic:** The Parish Council have made the decision to hold a public meeting inviting representatives from LCC and the Police and any other interested parties to discuss these issues, however this has not happened due to COVID and the situation is causing problems for villagers.

a, Parking- PC John Feeney has put prominent signs around the village to discourage illegal parking and these are having some effect. He is also trying to secure some funding for more suitable permanent signs. Other possibilities are more double yellow lines or resident only parking, which would need to be actioned by LCC. PC Feeney will ask the PCSO to come to the village on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. **Action** Nancy to write to LCC highways and Alan Schofield to highlight and ask for advice on parking solutions.

b, Speeding- After discussion about this problem including suggestions of speed bumps and pinch points it was decided that PC Feeney would speak with Mr John Brown, head of Stonyhurst to send a strongly worded letter out to parents asking for them to drive slowly and carefully through the village. Also for

Clerk to write to LCC asking about possibility of a 20 mile an hour limit on Whalley Rd and the Avenue. Also about traffic calming measures. PC Feeney also talked about bringing the camera van to the village.

Action- Clerk to write to highways.

6. Memorial Hall: The new bar is now in place and most finished. Many thanks to Des Harwood. The result of the lottery bid should be known on Thursday 21st January. This is a bid for £81,000 and signs are positive. This money will be principally for heating.

Phase three of the refurbishment which is an upgrade of changing facilities etc will be focused towards funding from Sport England. Therefore our use of the commuted sum to provide sporting facilities for all ages/ genders will be important here. Many thanks to Margaret Carrington for this work.

7. Playground: Andrew from Discovery Days is coming to show Chris how to inspect the swing mechanism. Simon is interested in attending this so that he can also perform inspections, this will be at the end of February due to Andrew's current workload. **Action- Chris to meet with Andrew and invite Simon to demonstration.**

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There is a proposal from a member of the public to alter the swing provision to two toddler swings and 2 "normal" swings, funding has been offered for this. It was decided to do more research into whether this would be the preference of the majority of users. Also to find out from our Playground contractor how much replacement and fitting would cost. **Action Clerk contact Little Hobbits and St. Joseph's School parents and put question on Facebook. Action Chris Berry to find out cost.**

8. Grass cutting: Calum, our grass cutting contractor is staying at the same fee per visit to Hurst Green, £155. **Action- Clerk to send out contract.**

9. Finance: A financial report was presented to the council showing our current position. The Memorial Hall have agreed to pay half of the insurance fee. **Action – Clerk to remind Memorial Hall Committee of this.**

a, The Clerk spoke of the amount of work involved in preparing the finances and general paperwork for the annual internal audit and asked for volunteers to join a subcommittee which will meet perhaps 4 times each year to help with this work. David Bland and Simon Bailey agreed to join this subcommittee.

b, Christine Richards has agreed to do the internal audit this year. This appointment was approved by the Parish Council.

10.Asset register: The Asset Register has been circulated to all councillors and the council approved it as a true record. Simon Bailey spoke about the gardening equipment which we own and proposed that in the spring he will see if this can be sold. This was approved by the council.

11. Risk Assessment: The Risk Assessments listed below were circulated prior to the meeting and were approved as fit for purpose by the council.

Memorial Hall, Bailey Field, Common Land, Bus Shelters, Gardening, Grass cutting, Spid, Playground, flower tubs/noticeboard, risk assessment register.

These do need to be monitored. It was agreed that Margaret would monitor the flower tubs/noticeboard/village bus shelters, David would monitor the Stonyhurst bus shelter, Peter would

monitor the common land and Chris would monitor the Bailey field. **Action Clerk to provide a tick sheet for this.**

11. Commuted Sum: Peter and Des to look at "Trim Trails" suitable for the Bailey Field. **Action Peter and Des.**

14. AOB

a. Butterfly garden- Ideas are needed to cut down the amount of maintenance that this required. **Action all councillors for the next meeting.**

b . Car on sale in the village- There are a number of vehicles in the village centre that are for sale. This is illegal. PC Feeney to assess the situation and take action if necessary.

C. Pavement outside number 4 Whalley Road is damaged and needs reporting to LCC **(Action Clerk)**

d. Gully opposite Silver St. on Avenue Rd needs clearing. **(Action Clerk)**

e. Bus Shelters need painting , quotes needed. **(Action Clerk)**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th February.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.