

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Meeting

Minutes Monday 17th July 2023 7pm

1	Present: Margaret Carrington (chair), Simon Bailey, Isaac Nutter, Christine Holden Cllr Schofield Cllr Jan Allcock, Julie Chang (clerk) Apologies: David Bland Chris Berry, Des Harwood,
2	Minutes from the last meeting for approval: Proposed by Simon Bailey, seconded by Isaac Nutter and accepted as a true record.
3	Matters Arising from minutes. Dog fouling – seems to have improved, councillors mentioned the Sandrock area in particular. Memorial benches – carry forwards to next meeting. Road sign at Walker Fold. Clerk to enquire re possibility of a grant towards the cost of its replacement, prior to further discussion on August agenda. Amendment to May Minutes – An amendment to the minutes of 15/5/23 section 12d was approved. Wording has been changed from <i>the governance statement, balance brought forwards and precept was read approved and signed off by all councillors present</i> to <i>The Annual Governance Statement, and Accounting Statement was read, approved and signed off by all the councillors present.</i>
4	Matters raised by attending public. No members of the public were in attendance.
5	Memorial Hall- Work on new windows has begun. Instructions for use of the stairlift have been placed in the kitchen.
6	SpID SB says that there are still issues with the SpID working intermittently. He thinks there are other issues to explore regarding its malfunction and wishes to exhaust these before the committee decides whether to purchase a new battery or not, as the batteries cost £100 and the exact same battery as the original is no longer available.
7	Correspondence – dog fouling consultation,- RBVC sent out a consultation canvassing public opinion regarding the public spaces protection order (PSPO) which gives them extra powers re dogs. The PSPO expires in October. The consultation link was shared on facebook and the website. RBVC planning checklist consultation, this consultation about the checklist of evidence required in planning applications and was sent out to councillors, is open until 2 nd august. The document can be seen at www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/downloads/file/3707/draft-validation-checklist-june-2023 and feedback given at planningappeals@ribblevalley.gov.uk Cosy homes – is about funding available to support alternative heating methods, eg installation of heat pumps. Initially it appeared interesting because it applied to areas with no gas supply but doesn't cover our postcode. (action: to share with councillors) community payback – a letter sent from ministry of justice to local councils to go to parish council 'for us to identify any suitable opportunities' for community payback in our area. No immediate concerns were raised. Any feedback from the community – please contact parish clerk. New Mayor Mark Hindle would like to meet all Parish Councils. Clerk to arrange. Insurance renewal questionnaire received. IN to review and advise clerk prior to its return.
8	Account update Balance as of 27 th June was £16,561.08 and forecast – we have £5140 available with £3,000 contingency fund allowed for. The forecast is healthier than expected because of the VAT refund, increased precept, and reduced costs of repairing the playground wall. The topic of increasing the contingency fund was raised, as this has been static for some years. Review of Contingency fund is to go on next months agenda. Cheques Simon Bailey barrier tape £9.99 Prime garden services £372.00, clerk salary £450, spica invoice £1059.36, Simon Bailey for website £58.80

	concurrent grant -application due in 31 July. Estimated to be £713.9 ex vat Audit – In process.
9	Playground a) invoices are awaited for the materials for the repaired wall. This has now been completed and looks beautiful. The parish council wishes to extend its thanks to Michael Targett for re -building the wall and A1 skips for providing a skip free of charge. b)the replacement spinner is due to be delivered Friday 21 st July c) inspection – notification received that it is booked for august and will cost £75+ vat, plus additional £3.50 for each item over 5 items.
10	Co – option of new councillor. The council have agreed to the co-option of Lynne Hepworth to the parish council. Clerk to inform RVBC and complete new councillor paperwork
11	Planning applications – details regarding applications for St Joseph’s school and Deer Barn – were circulated by email prior to the meeting as a response was required before the date of the meeting. No objections were raised to either and the clerk responded accordingly to the council.
12	Remembrance Day – DB has prepared plans for the order of service and is liaising with Mr and Mrs Penny. RBVC have agreed the road closure. Clerk has enquired about official paperwork of notification but not yet received a response.
13	Community garden/ onward housing- Wayne is coming to do an inspection on Friday 4 th August 10am Warren Court car park. Chair and Clerk will meet him to discuss the contract re the butterfly garden.
14	Defibrillator @Hodder court Terry Longden attended and presented to the PC a summary document that he had prepared about the defibrillator, it’s costs and the agreement with NWAS. The defibrillator at Hodder Court is owned by NWAS but the parish council are the responsible hosts. It has failed on two occasions and has been repaired under its warranty. When the warranty expires, if the machine develops a fault, then it is the responsibility of NWAS. Hence the costs of the defibrillator to the parish council are for the pads and the battery. As a battery lasts for years and the pads 6 months, the costs for the next 5 years are predicted to be £157.00 p/a. There are other defibrillators in the parish, not knowingly under the aegis of the PC, who must have similar arrangements in place. Clerk to enquire.
15	Stonyhurst bus shelter – reminder sent to RVBC re graffiti.
16	Pinfold Cross- estates team currently busy over the summer but will review it.
18	Risk Assessments – Ready to be uploaded
19	Forward plan – Sineage – can we have a sign for the beginning of the Tolkein trail, as many people seem to get lost. Clerk to email tourism officer and copy in Cllr Schofield. Playground equipment – consider purchase of see saw. Street lighting – clerk to send details to Cllr Schofield who will enquire with Highways Best kept Village – to go on agenda for December for application 2024.
20	Any other business – PC thanks Chris Holden for his work on planting around the war memorial, a brilliant display. Dene Cottage: concerns have been raised regarding the condition of the house and garden, but the parish council does not think this is within their remit.
21	Date of Next Meeting Monday 21 st August 7pm. Future meeting dates, 18 th September 2023, 16 th October 2023, 20 th November2023, no meeting December , 15 th January 2024, 19 th February 2024, 18 th March 2023

