

## Minutes

### Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

#### Parish Council Meeting 17 August 2026 - 7:00 pm

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|          | <b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>1</b> | <p>Present: Cllr Margaret Carrington (chair), Cllr Des Harwood (Vice Chair) Cllr David Bland, Cllr Isaac Nutter, Cllr John Wilkinson, Ward Cllr Jan Alcock.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Lyn Hepworth.</p> <p>Also present were Chair of the HGMH Niall Macfarlane and 14 members of the public.</p> <p>Before proceeding further the Chair informed the council that she had received a notice of resignation of Cllr Christine Holden. Cllr Holden has been a member and also past Chair of the council and had been on the council for a long number of years. The council as a whole were most appreciative of the length of service of Cllr Holden and the Clerk was asked to write to her expressing thanks and best wishes for the future</p> <p>Due to this resignation the clerk had advertised that there was a second vacancy on the Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Declarations of Interest – none.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes from the last meeting for approval</b> – Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as correct: proposed by Cllr Wilkinson and seconded by Cllr Harwood.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>4</b> | <p><b>Councillor Vacancies:</b></p> <p>At this point in the meeting the two nominees for the vacancies, Mr George Sykes and Mr David Chippendale, introduced themselves to the council and gave a short precis about their reasons for wishing to become a parish councillor.</p> <p>The Council then voted unanimously to co-opt both nominees to the council with immediate effect.</p> <p>The clerk also informed both new councillors that she would be sending required official paperwork to them for completion as soon as possible in order to comply with RVBC regulations.</p> <p>It was further agreed that Cllr David Chippendale would take over responsibility for the Ward of Chaigley on the council</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Matters Arising from minutes.</b> None not covered under other sections.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Correspondence</b> – covered under other sections.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>6</b> | <p><b>Finance –</b></p> <p><b>1. Actual balance:</b> Actual bank balance at 31 July is £ £29314.31 – no pending transactions.</p> <p><b>Cheques issued:</b> 1) HMRC £150 1.8.26 (835), 2) F. Ahearne £600 1.8.26 (836), 3) A. Townsend £27.50 5.8.26 (837), 4) Prime Garden Services £456 10.8.26 (838).</p> <p>1) Clerk notified council that finalisation and approval of the AGAR was ongoing as there had been a couple of minor queries sent from the auditor. These were being dealt with and it was hoped the return would be signed off in the near future.</p> <p>2) Asset register update completed.</p> <p>Clerk also notified the council that as part of the internal audit it had been noted that the Council must be registered with the Information Commissioner's office in order to be compliant as noted. This has now been done and the clerk will update and post all the relevant documents on the ABC website this week.</p> <p><b>Finance Committee report</b> – met on Tuesday 11th August to discuss various items including contract of employment for Clerk. Cllr David Bland chaired this committee meeting and will submit a full set of minutes before the September meeting.</p> |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Risk assessment check lists</b> – Clerk requested return of lists at next meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| 8  | <p><b>Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>There has been a planning application submitted to RVBC by Plane Farm at Chaigley to install a new slurry lagoon on the far.</p> <p>14 residents of Walker Fold attended the council meeting in order to present their objections to this planning application on various grounds. After much discussion it was agreed that the residents would submit to the council a full list of their objections. It was also agreed that Cllrs Wilkinson and Chippendale would visit the proposed site along with residents of Walker Fold as soon as possible in order to fully understand the situation. If possible Cllr Alcock would also attend this site meeting. This was to be done prior to the ABC Council submitting any formal notification of objections to the Planning Department at Ribble Valley Borough Council.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9  | <p><b>Future Projects:</b></p> <p>1) See below Nos. 1 and 2.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10 | <p><b>Any other business :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Repair of posts around grassed area by St Peters Guild. Discussion followed on who was responsible for maintaining these. Clerk had already been in contact with John Collinge about the repairs and she will get more details from him as soon as possible.</li> <li>2. Painting of bus shelters. Clerk was asked to get three quotations for this work prior to anything being decided. The Chair also pointed out the problems with ivy on the two bus shelters in the village and Cllr Wilkinson said he would deal with this as needed.</li> <li>3. Check lists – these need some updating due to the resignation of Cllr Holden. Clerk will redo the risk assessments as it was agreed that Cllr Chippendale would cover the Chaigley area, Cllr Nutter would continue to cover the playground and also the Bayley Field and Cllr Sykes would be responsible for the two war memorials and surrounding areas. Clerk will submit risk assessments and check lists for these to the relevant councillors in the near future.</li> <li>4. Parking problems in Hurst Green. The Clerk had received a complaint along with a video showing the problems she had encountered over the weekend while driving into the village.<br/> <p>Much discussion followed on the ongoing issues of lack of safe parking, need for more yellow lines in what are deemed to be hazardous points throughout the village. Also the question of the speed limit when exiting the village towards Stonyhurst was raised, as it has been in previous years. The current speed limit is 60 mph immediately on exiting at the top end of Hurst Green and it was thought that this was excessive given the road conditions.</p> <p>It was also queried as to when the police last came to the village to carry out mobile speed checks.</p> <p>The clerk was instructed to write again to Highways at LCC and to send them the email and photographic evidence as agreed with the complainant. The clerk was also instructed to ask the Highways Dept as to when they last drew up a full risk assessment of these issues and to send a copy to the Council. The new correspondence from the clerk would again also be copied over to Cllr Atkinson and our MP Mrs Maya Ellis.</p> </li> <li>5. Policies update – the clerk informed the meeting that she has been updating and reviewing all the relevant policies as required from the audit and that these need to be signed off and minuted at the next meeting in order to be compliant moving forward.</li> <li>6. RoSPA – inspection is due this month and clerk will notify the council once complete. It is expected that following all the repairs and refurbishment work recently completed in the playground that the ROSPA report should not throw up any major issues.</li> </ol> |

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|           | <p>7. Pollution in Dean Brook. Clerk reported that she had submitted a formal complaint to the Environment Agency as requested at the previous council meeting and that she had received a phone call from them on the same day. The Agency informed the Clerk that they were aware of the complaints received from residents and they will look into the matter further.</p> <p>8. New parking area proposal for wooded area next to cemetery. Some discussion followed on the possibility of part of the wooded area on the right hand side of Avenue Road before the cemetery becoming additional public parking. It was agreed that a great deal more preliminary investigation is needed as it is unlikely that permission would be granted by the Environment department of RVBC to cut down any trees in order to open up the area. The next step would be to hold discussions with them about this before anything further is actioned regarding how to develop the area.</p> <p>9. Noise complaint about HGMH last weekend. A resident has complained about the perceived excess noise from an event held in the village hall recently. The Chair of the HGMH committee was aware of the complaint and notified the meeting that he had been up to the event to do what was possible to reduce noise emanating from the hall. It was noted that there may occasionally be issues with noise at certain times when major events are taking place in the Memorial Hall but efforts would be made to keep such noise to a minimum in order to avoid disruption to local residents.</p> <p>10. Bayley Field – it was minuted that thanks must be expressed to Stephen Nicholson and James Haworth for their work to install a fence to prevent vehicles accessing the Bayley Field from the top of the parking area near to the barrier. Thanks were also sent for erecting safety barrier around the manifold covers.</p> <p>11. Football posts for Bayley Field. Cllr Bland referred to the minutes of the previous meeting which stated that the parish council were not currently in favour of purchasing new full sized football nets and were also not clear whether it was the responsibility of the Council to do so.<br/>Cllr Bland felt that it was appropriate that as the Parish Council own the Bayley Field they should replace and fund the cost of new nets. However, it was agreed that it is not necessary to purchase full size nets. They also were not happy with the suggestion of nets being moveable and on wheels. The Clerk was instructed to get back in touch with Barry Bolton to get new quotations for fixed junior size football nets.</p> <p>12. Cllr Alcock then raised the question of the extremely poor attendance by any members of the Parish Council at the Ribble Valley Borough Council Parish Councils Liaison Committee meetings. Our Council has the worst attendance record in recent years. Cllr Sykes agreed that he would take on the role of liaison representative at future meetings. The Clerk also indicated that when possible she would attend with Cllr Sykes.</p> <p>13. Bayley Arms. Discussion followed on the current status of the Bayley Arms and when it may reopen. An update was given to the meeting on the ownership and the situation as it is known. Clerk was instructed to write to Yorkshire Breweries Ltd to ask what is happening.</p> <p>14. Punchbowl. Questions were also asked of Cllr Alcock if she was aware of any new developments with regard to the court proceedings which are still in progress but as of now Cllr Alcock is not aware of any changes to the situation.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20.35.</p> |
| <b>11</b> | <p><b>Future Meeting dates 2026 - 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, no meeting in December.</b></p> <p><b>2027 – 18 January, 15 February, 15 March (up to financial year end 26-27).</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |