

## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at The Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church at 7pm

**Members Present** Councillor A Haworth in the chair  
 Councillor J Shorter  
 Councillor I Jackson  
 Councillor K Marks  
 Councillor M Pilkington  
 Councillor C Eaves

Also 9 Members of the public

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillor R Newmark, Councillor P Newmark,

2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None

3. **Co-option of New Councillor**

Christine Eaves spoke a little about herself and reasons for wishing to become a councilor.

**RESOLVED** unanimously that C. Eaves be co-opted as a Councillor.

The Declaration of Acceptance of office was duly signed in the presence of the Clerk and Chairman

4. **Traineeships & Apprenticeships**

Mrs Alison Holden & Ms Andrea Gardner were present to explain proposals.

Through the Pendle Hill Landscape partnership (PHLP) it is hoped 9 apprenticeships will be created with the partnership providing some of the funding for salaries. The apprenticeships will be in local environment services – to try and plug the skills gap in rural skills - and Myerscough College will provide the support.

As a precursor for the Apprenticeships are Traineeships which are work placements for 16-24 yr olds with 2 days in college when teaching will focus on English, Maths and Employability Skills and 2 days work placement. Following the 6month traineeship there will be option to move onto an apprenticeship or employment.

The PHLP is hoping to engage with local communities with the support of Myerscough College to initially provide traineeships and then implement apprenticeships. As much of the Lengthsmans work is using skills which the traineeships/apprenticeships will offer this could provide an ideal work placement for a trainee or apprentice. With the support of Myerscough College it is hoped through engagement with the Lengthsman via the parish council a traineeship could be offered .

The programme is fully supported by the college and H&S and Risk Assessment are all dealt with by the college.

The Lengthsman will be approached and will be connected to A Holden & A Gardner for further information.

5. **Public Participation :**

Mrs M Wright gave an update from the Pendle Hill Landscape partnership and details of the Hedgelaying competition on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Cockshotts Farm, Sabden

Mrs E. Boyd-Martin once again raised the issue of parking at the junction of St Nicholas Avenue & Padiham Road which restricts access to the Avenue.

8. **Planning Applications** - due to attendance by 7 residents in connection with this application it was agreed to bring the item forward.

**Application 3/2019/0011**

Formation of a paved patio area in the existing beer garden with five shed seating booths. White Hart Inn

Residents spoke of their concerns:

Location adjacent to neighbouring gardens – noise and privacy concerns

Hours of use – extends possibility of noise

Security -Supervision and if the pods will be locked when not in use

Exact purpose of the structures(pods) – will there be overnight stay

At present it doesn't appear that any conditions are set

The parish councilors will visit the site and discuss the application with the applicant before making a decision.

**Planning Application 3/2018/1162 Stubbins Lane, Sabden**

*Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from planning permission 3/2010/1014 to substitute new plans in order to regularise unauthorised works*

- RESOLVED** Sabden Parish Council OBJECT to this retrospective application.

*One of the reasons stated for submission of the revised plans is due to drainage invert levels on site which do not allow units 4 and 5 to be set lower than the remaining units. The applicant submitted a planning application in January 2018 (3/2018/0022) which detailed changes in floor levels to the properties due to existing drainage invert levels. This would suggest that the issue was known several months before construction of the units commenced. This planning application was withdrawn and building works commenced in May 2018, but these works included the revised levels, without a revision to the original Planning consent.*

*The other reason stated is minor alterations to fenestration/openings on units 4 & 5 but councillors believe there have also been alterations on the other 3 units.*

*The developers/builders went ahead and made the changes without any regard for the legality of it and for the planning process.*

*There was opportunity to consult with planning when these apparent unforeseen problems occurred but they continued with the development.*

*This disregard for compliance questions the validity of the whole planning process .*

*If RVBC approves this planning application it will set a precedent and allow other developers to make changes to approved plans and apply for amendments retrospectively and Sabden Parish Council believe this is unacceptable.*

*Sabden Parish is disappointed that RVBC has not acted more quickly .*

- 8b. **Updates on previous Applications**

**Victoria Mill** – Demolition has taken place and work is ongoing

Councillors expressed concerns that RVBC do not have a rigorous enforcement process in place

6. **Minutes of meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**


**RESOLVED** Minutes approved & signed

7. **Accounts for payment**

**RESOLVED** the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule

9. **Consideration was given to entering the 2019 Best Kept Village Competition**

It was agreed to enter the competition but details will be confirmed at the next meeting.



10. **Consideration was given to a request for lighting on the Holme Play Area** Councillors pointed out that there is lighting along the path which is adequate and therefore do not consider any further lighting either necessary or appropriate.

11. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**Playground Report** – Small Adventure Trail requires cleaning and the Steering wheel needs attention.

**Borough Councillor Report** - In his absence Bor Clr R Newmark sent details -

Bottle Banks – RVBC are preparing a report but the existing will be replaced with a more modern version

Fly Tipping is on the increase

**Parish Council Liaison report** – Clr J Shorter reported Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw spoke to the meeting explaining the budget is being cut by 26%. An increase in council tax of 46p per week on band D properties and equivalent across the bands will help to bring in 80 extra officers. Launching a scheme ‘Our Lancashire Lets join together’.

**Local elections will be taking place in May**

12. **Date & Time of Next meeting** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church.