

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 7th November 2017 at The Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church at 7pm.

Members Present Cllr A Haworth in the chair
 Cllr I Jackson
 Cllr R Newmark
 Cllr P Newmark
 Cllr M Pilkington
 Cllr S Clarke
 Cllr H Spry
 Cllr K Marks

Also present 11 members of public

Clr A Haworth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Cllr J Shorter
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Public Participation** : Mr M Fielding commented upon planning application 3/2017/0966 – at Union Mill. No objections to the application for change of use to office/business but great concerns over traffic & Highway Safety. Watt Street is a very busy road leading to many residential properties plus Industrial premises and St Marys RC School. It is currently a 30mph area. Other residents spoke of their concerns over highway safety and safety for children and pedestrians at school times. On average 35 vehicles drop off and pick up at St Marys School either end of the day. Cty Cllr A Atkinson explained RVBC are the planning authority who could make provisions for highway safety via S106 funding. Mr A Ainsworth pointed out the amount of water running from the top of watt Street from the fields and down the road and explained the current unmade section of stone acts as a soakway, should at anytime in the future there be a move to tarmac this area of road the drainage issues will need addressing. Mrs E Boyd-Martin talked about parking issues at the junction of St Nicholas Avenue and Padiham Road and how they restrict access into St Nicholas Avenue.
4. **Minutes of meeting held 3rd October 2017**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed.
5. **Accounts for payment** – Approved as per the attached schedule
6. **Planning Applications** -
Application 3/2017/0966 - Change of use of part of former mill from A1 antiques distribution centre to B1 office business centre, erection of external fire escape and creation of parking provision for 40 vehicles. At Union Mill Watt Street Sabden
 Councillors considered comments made by residents and further discussed the Traffic and Highway issues.
RESOLVED -No objections to the change of use and creation of parking provision. However the council will ask RVBC if they are minded to approve the application to consider placing a condition for traffic calming measures via the S106 funding.

- 6b. Update on previous applications :**
Print Works, Stubbins Lane RVBC were concerned that no work has started on the site and may be out of time however a piece of correspondence has been produced and shows consent of a RVBC planning officer that clearance works constitute works have begun.
Telecommunications Mast –Dry Corner Farm . Application approved and now Bor Clr R Newmark is trying to establish when works will commence.
- 7. A letter was received from Father Corcoran from Our Lady of the Valley (St Marys RC Church regarding parking.**
 In his letter Father Cocoran at length explains the options for parking vehicles with in the village and states that St Marys Community Hall car park will not be made available for resident car parking. Councillors were disappointed by the response but at present could not offer any alternative options to ease car parking issues.
- 8. Update on proposals for Outdoor Gym Equipment**
 The clerk has confirmed the order to Caloo and confirmed that S106 funding will be made available to assist with purchase. An Application for grant assistance has been made to the parish champion but to date we do not have a decision.
- 9. Results of Lancs Best Kept Village Competition**
 Sabden has done exceptionally well in this years competition –winning the Medium Village section. Sabden Crown Green Bowling Club, Specialsied Auto Services and War Memorial all were placed 1st in the category in the Special Merit entries.
 Chairman Clr A Haworth extended his congratulations and thanked all of the Councillors who had worked so hard in keeping the village tidy.
 Councillors discussed siting the winning Plaque. It was agreed the area near the trough at the junction of Whalley Road, Clitheroe Road & Padiham Road would be best and will price a metal signpost and a stone built column. To be decided at the next meeting
 Further discussions will take place at the January meeting on how to plan future works in preparation for the competition
- 11. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
Playground Report – No Change
Borough Councillors Report – Bor. Clr R Newmark reported the updates on Bus Services , Telecommunications mast and Print works.
Advertising Boards – a request has been made to the parish council for permission to place and advertising board at the Whalley Road junction. RVBC are the authority to contact.
- 13. Date & Time of Next meeting** –Thursday 30th November 2017 in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church at 7pm. At 6.30 pm a meeting will be held to set the precept for 2018/19.

