

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

Members Present Councillor A Haworth in the chair
 Councillor J Shorter
 Councillor S Clarke
 Councillor H Spry
 Councillor I Jackson

Also present Cty Clr A Atkinson, 3 members of public.

1. **Apologies** for Absence- Councillor P Newmark, Councillor R Newmark
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Public Participation** – Buses running to timetable, Large Pothole on Simonstone Road outside 127 and suggestion for a Village clock.
4. **Minutes of meeting held 7th February 2017**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
5. **Councillor K Eardley – Resignation**
 Due to work commitments Clr K Eardley sent a letter of resignation from the council.
RESOLVED Councillors regrettably accepted the resignation and expressed their sincere thanks which will be conveyed to Kelly.
6. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
7. **Planning Applications -**
Application 3/2017/0084 Single Storey extension to rear and flat-roofed attic dormer on rear roof pitch. 23 Pendle St East Sabden
RESOLVED No Objections
- 7b. **Updates on previous Applications – 3/2016/1183 -10 whalley Road - Refused**
8. **Best Kept Village Competition 2017**
 The Certificate of Merit entries were confirmed as follows:
 1. St Nicholas Church
 - 2a. St Mary's RC School
 - 2b. Sabden Primary School
 3. White Hart Inn
 6. Holme Play Area
 7. Specialised Automotive Services
 9. Littlemoor Sheltered Housing
 11. Watt Street Notice Board
 12. Sabden War Memorial
 13. Sabden Crown Green Bowling Club
 It was agreed to circulate information regarding the entry via Notice Boards, The Good News, Parish Council website, Facebook and Twitter

9. **Consideration was given to attend in the LALC Planning workshop at Howick House on 20th April 7-9pm**
No one will attend
10. **Consideration was given to information received from RVBC regarding the Community Housing Fund**
Following on from a few queries the Community Housing Strategy officer at RVBC made the following comments
The offer of Community Housing Fund does not supersede the core strategy.
The fund is not necessarily looking at new build.
Sabden has obviously had its share of affordable housing .
The only way we would look at sites not identified in the core strategy is if they are exception sites and 100% affordable developments would fall into this. However this would need to be supported with Housing Needs evidence.
Councillors agreed not to pursue this at this time.
11. **Consideration was given to a resident complaint regarding increased illegal parking within the village**
A Padiham Road resident expressed concerns regarding the number of vehicles parking on double yellow lines and on the pavement along Padiham Road.
Councillors considered various options – contact Parkwise and ask them to monitor, contact LCC to consider removal of double yellow lines, residents parking scheme but monitoring could be an issue !
It was agreed to invite LCC Highways to make a site visit to discuss the options available
12. **Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2017**
Inspector Paul Goodall will be invited to attend to speak about Policing in the Ribble Valley.
13. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
Playground Report – Cllr J Shorter reported the new swing seats had been fitted. There was a tyre mark across the play area – possibly a scooter !
Several Young People from Sabden have signed up for the Burnley FC training sessions
Dog Warden/Microchipping event will take place on 19th April at St Marys community Hall between 11am & 3pm. Leaflets are being produced to promote the event.
Bottle banks – are shabby and in need of a clean
Village Car Park would benefit from a clean up – RVBC will be asked
Blocked drain outside Sabden Primary School – despite the drain jetter attending to the drain it still remains blocked
Neighbourhood Watch- a vehicle has been stolen from Crowtrees Road
14. **Date & Time of next meeting – Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7pm**

Schedule of Payments
March 2017

Accounts for payment

P Hardman	£1575	Lengthsman
P Hardman	£57	Spid
JA Jones	£85.20	Lengthsman materials
Thomas Ainsworth	£469.99	Lengthsman materials
Empress Fencing	£23.04	Lengthsman Materials
PM & M	£150	Payroll services
Brian Dent	£66.15	Lengthsman Machine Hire
Wickstead	£755.16	2 Flat & 4 Cradle swings
Fasthosts	£70.19	Website hosting