

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 4th April 2017 at The Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church at 7pm

Members Present Councillor J Shorter in the chair
 Councillor S Clarke
 Councillor I Jackson
 Councillor K Marks
 Councillor P Newmark
 Councillor R Newmark
 Councillor M Pilkington
 Councillor H Spry

Also present Cty Cllr A Atkinson, 4 members of public

1. **Apologies** for Absence- Councillor A Haworth, Clerk A Whitwell
 In the absence of the clerk Clr H Spry took the minute notes.
2. **Co-option of 2 Councillors**
 Marilyn Pilkington and Kathryn Marks both gave a brief summary of their backgrounds.
RESOLVED M Pilkington and K Marks co-opted as councilors
Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed
 J Shorter handed over documents for the 2 councillors to complete and return
3. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
4. **Public Participation** –
 Margaret Wright gave a presentation of the Pendle Hill Landscape Project Partnership and encouraged councillors to attend the event on Tuesday 11th April at St Mary's Community Hall. Posters were left for display on notice boards and social media.
 The project is not just about tourism, more about the landscape and access to the hill to encourage more people to explore Pendle Hill. The Partnership will be presenting to the Heritage Fund in September 2017
5. **Minutes of meeting held 7th March 2017**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed following amendments to date, to item 12 name of Police Inspector and clarification of Schedule of payments
6. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be clarified and approved
7. **Planning Applications**
Application 3/2017/0177 Extension of domestic curtilage to include an erection of double garage, store, midden, cleaning area and stable block. At Orchard Cottage Clerk Hill Road
RESOLVED No Objections
Application 3/2017/0238 Detached garage at the rear of house. 17-19 Watt Street
 Clr.J Shorter read out letters from residents of Watt Street regarding vehicular access and concerns that use of garage could be commercial rather than residential.
RESOLVED the parish council will contact RVBC regarding the access rights

Residents reminded that they should send their letters direct to RVBC and copy into the Parish Council.

Cllrs reminded that they should where possible visit sites where an application has been submitted

7b. Any updates of previous applications –

No updates.

8. Consideration was given to the list of work in preparation of Best Kept Village Competition

J Shorter read out list of areas that needed attention. Councillors volunteered to maintain certain areas. Cllr Shorter to contact BT regarding refurbishing the Phone box. A further 3 litter grippers for use by Cllrs will be purchased.

9. Draft School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20

Primary schools in Sabden are currently fully or slightly undersubscribed and it is forecast that the situation will remain the same over the next 5 years. No concerns about schools closing or requiring expansion. County Cllr Atkinson highlighted the need for more school places in Whalley so is confident that primary schools in the local area will remain open. Secondary schools in Ribble Valley are forecast to be oversubscribed by almost 500 places by 2022.

10. Update on parking within the village and response from LCC

J Shorter read out communication from Ben Dawson LCC-

'Presently we are concentrating our limited resources in areas where there is a road safety need based on number of injury accidents. This criteria means that we are presently not undertaking parking reviews on amenity grounds this also includes any residents only parking schemes.

We are more than willing to look at proposals from the Parish Council as these are locally based and usually closer to neighbourhood need however this work does not currently meet our service offer.

With regards to your invitation for a site meeting, these are very resource intensive and due to the volume of requests received we can only consider attendance if the visit would prove beneficial to the county council in either understanding the issues better or have options to discuss. We are therefore unable to support the request for an officer to attend a site meeting at this time.'

County Cllr Atkinson attended the monthly meeting with Director of Highways on 6th April. LCC who are no longer contracting Parkwise. At the meeting he stressed the need for Sabden (and Whalley) to be inspected after office hours as a matter of urgency. CCllr Atkinson to give details of the new company to Cllr Shorter

11. Attendance at Spring Conference 2017

No interest

12. For Information Only

Playground Report

All equipment in good order. A number of residents have requested outdoor gym equipment. Cllr Shorter to ask Wicksteed for estimated prices.

Borough Councillor Report

Bins on car park – request to relocate to the left of current location – to the right of toilet block
European grant availability minimum £8000 to purchase, for example, outdoor gym equipment
CCTV to be installed in car park on a pole in the corner next to bins and footpath. Camera will be fixed, recordable with up to 2 weeks of footage.

LALC meeting

Cllr Shorter attended. The LALC Clerks contract has ended so it may be the last of the scheduled meetings. Chairman questioned their worth.

Parish Council Liaison Report

J Shorter attended. There was a Presentation by Veterans in the Community. A Plaque will be placed on behalf of RVBC at National Memorial Arboretum on 6th May.

Payphones those still in need of repair being chased by Joseph Hildred.

Some parishes use the lengthsman to clean the phone boxes.

Transparency Code - RVBC/LALC to produce a cribsheet as guidance for Clerks.

Local Plan meeting 6th April

Mayors reception 6:30pm 10th April

PACT Meeting Report

Some stone thefts had been reported. A. Landrover stolen. Two suspicious males reported at 2:40 am by resident on way to work. Police attended

Next meeting 10th May

- 13. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 2nd May 2017 following the Annual meeting at 6:30pm**
M Pilkington giving apologies in advance for meeting on 2nd May

Part 2 – exclusion of public

J Shorter read out letter of complaint from resident at 4 Whalley Road dated 23rd March 2017.

BCLr R Newmark reported on his meeting with the resident. No further discussions took place.