

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at The Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church at 7pm

Members Present Councillor A Haworth in the chair
 Councillor S Clarke
 Councillor C Eaves
 Councillor C Guirdham
 Councillor I Jackson
 Councillor K Marks
 Councillor M Pilkington
 Councillor A Rickard
 Councillor R Vickers

Also present 3 members of public,

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Borough Councillor R Newmark
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Public Participation** – concerns were expressed regarding the Notice of removal of the Public BT Phone box on Whalley Road
4. **Minutes of meeting held 2nd July 2019 and 22nd August 2019**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
5. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
6. **Planning Applications** - None
- 6b. **Update on previous Applications**
Victoria Mill-Skipton properties advised work is progressing but the recent inclement weather has caused a few delays with the building of the retaining wall along Sabden Brook.
 Lorries are arriving early morning and at schooltimes.
7. **Consideration was given to improvements to the website**
 Councillor R Vickers had obtained quotations for a total revamp of the website, converting the Hosting and some minor improvement.
 It was agreed to pursue the quotation for a revamp and Councillor Vickers will come back to next months meeting with full details of the quotation for a total revamp.
8. **Consideration was given to the recent RoSPA Play Ground Inspection report**
 The report was presented to the meeting. Overall the outcome was good , any issues recommended for remedial works will be undertaken by the Lengthsman.
9. **Consideration was given to remedial works at steps from car park to Lower Holme**
 As the slope is quite steep it was agreed that a handrail would be beneficial on the left handside going down. The lengthsman will be asked to carry out the works.

10. Best Kept Village end of judging update

The chairman thanked Sue Clarke & her team of volunteers for their tremendous efforts, the village has been looking very good. The planters have been successful and lots of individuals have been working well. There are still some areas which need quite a lot of work, but each year more & more people are becoming involved

11. Update on recruitment of Community Champion

An advert has been displayed at various locations over the past few weeks, it has now been posted on the parish council website and on social media. To date there has been no applications/interest.

12. Consideration was given to attendance at Chairmanship workshop 10th October 7-9pm & Finance workshop 14th November 7-9pm both at Howick House Penwortham – No interest**13. Notice of LALC 75th AGM Saturday 23 November 2019 at 10am at Howick House, Penwortham. No Interest to date.****14 Discussion the notice to remove the Phone box**

There has been a lot of interest and calls to keep the phone box for community benefit if BT decommission the service. The council agreed to register for adoption of the phone box if BT are minded to decommission the service. In the meantime discussions will take place at the Parish council liaison meeting. The following article will be posted on facebook *The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their comments regarding the removal of the BT Telephone Box on Whalley Road. The Parish Council also agreed it should be kept and put to good use.*

As a consequence the council will register an interest in 'Adopting the Kiosk' and going forward will be looking for assistance for the maintenance and upkeep of the kiosk. If anyone can help please let us know via email (info@sabdenparish.org.uk). Initially, there are a couple of broken windows to be replaced and the door needs some attention.

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Playground Report – Little change. Goal mouths on Lower Holme need some attention

16. Date & Time of Next meeting –Tuesday 1st October 2019 at 7pm in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church .