

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 1st October 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 I Jackson
 Councillor M Pilkington
 Councillor A Rickard
 Councillor R Vickers
 Borough Councillor R Newmark

Also present 3 members of public,

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillor C Guirdham, Councillor K Marks
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Public Participation** –reports of blocked drains on Wesley street, Padiham Road, Whalley road & Village car park, temporary signs not removed from Whalley Road, reports of overgrown foliage at various locations.
4. **Minutes of meeting held 3rd September 2019**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
5. **Presentation by James Reilly from Easy websites**
 Mr James Reilly of Easy websites gave a demonstration on a typical local council website and explained how he develops, supports and updates and estimated £600 for the work
6. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
- 6a. **Notice of Conclusion of Audit**
 PKF Littlejohn LLP signed off the accounts and had no issues to report
7. **Planning Applications** - None
- 7b. **Update on previous Applications**
Victoria Mill- The meeting was suspended to allow Mr P Hargreaves to express his disappointment at the visual impact of the retaining wall recently built on the site. He explained the materials used are not inkeeping with properties locally and no provision for wildlife has been made on the river bank. The meeting was reconvened.
 Borough Councillor R Newmark explained the Rivers trust and Ribble Valley Planning had accepted the materials. The material used is non porous and if natural stone had been used it would have been porous because of the pointing.
 Councillors agreed the wall looks very stark at the moment and whilst it will weather it was felt it still wouldn't be inkeeping.
RESOLVED Ribble Valley planning and Skipton properties will be advised of these comments and Skipton Properties will be asked if they can plant some vegetation to take away the stark nature.

Application 3/2019/725 6 stubbins Lane Demolition of existing and erection of 2 storey 3 bedroom property. Approved by RVBC.

8. Consideration was given to the development of the website

Following the presentation by Easy websites councillors

RESOLVED to go ahead with the development as demonstrated by Easy websites.

The clerk and Clr R Vickers will arrange to meet to arrange.

9. Further discussion took place on the notice to remove the Phone box

An update at the Parish Council Liaison meeting advised there is a campaign taking place to save as many as possible fully operational phone boxes. Comments should be sent to RV Regeneration team by 8th November.

RESOLVED The council will appeal against the removal of the phone box and should that fail , register to adopt it.

10. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Playground Report – Little change. A couple of springers need washing down. Safety surface by the rocket very slippery

Borough Councillor R Newmark -reported RVBC are looking for a further Dog Warden

Parish Council Liaison Meeting- Clr R Vickers reported he and Clr A Haworth attended. Reported Dr J Higgins Accountable Officer at ELHT spoke on Better Life and hope for more integration between the Health Service, Local councils & groups to encourage healthier lifestyles.

Pay Phone box removal discussions , Dinckley Bridge has been officially opened. There has been some Air Quality monitoring by Read PC who are concerned about the levels.

Ribble Valley Area committee – main discussion centred around BT payphone box removal.

11. Date & Time of Next meeting –Tuesday 5th November 2019 at 7pm in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church .