

Minutes of Sabden Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.15 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church, Wesley Street.

Present:	
	Councillor K Buckley Chairman Councillor S. Clarke Councillor C Clapham Councillor C Eaves Councillor K Fielding Councillor K Galea

Also 3 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence:

Councillors I Jackson & M Dawson, Borough Councillor R Newmark

2. Declaration of Members Interests – none

3. Minutes of meeting held 6th March 2025.

Resolved -Minutes approved

4. Public Participation-

A query about the ownership of the trees between Black Hill View and the allotments. Advised to contact RVBC

Comments about refuse collections- blue bin waste all going in with general waste. Paper collection was delayed due to issues but due to windy weather was blowing around the village.

5. Finance and Accounts-

a) Accounts for payment

RESOLVED all in favour of approval as per schedule

b) Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

RESOLVED the Annual governance statements 2024/25 were approved following review

6. Planning Applications – None to date

Land off Pendle St East-Councillors are aware there has been recent correspondence to residents regarding development at this site.

7. Environmental Projects

Greening Backstreets Project to rear of Pendle St West

Residents are working together to create a living wall from recyclable materials and have approached the pc for assistance with funding.

RESOLVED All in favour of making a contribution of £100

Planting near Jubilee Bridge

RESOLVED donated plants to be planted in the area around the trees and perennials purchased from Huntroyde Nurseries will be planted In the rest of the area. Clr S Clarke will liaise with the Lengthsman

8. Consideration was given to Road Safety & Highway Improvements

Previous plans to introduce 'Dragons Teeth' road markings on Clitheroe Road & Padiham Road were reconsidered. Following the increase of the precept specifically for Road Safey Clr K Buckley has been

liaising via the Road Safety Group with LCC. Due to staffing issues LCC will be unable to make a visit but has suggested we submit our revised plans giving specifics of what we want and where.

RESOLVED All were in favour for a submission to be made to LCC for 'Dragons Teeth' on Clitheroe Road as per original plans (approaching the village in the vicinity of the 'Sabden planter') and for a Speed bump to be placed on Padiham Road- (heading from Bull bridge towards Shippys Store) in the vicinity of the 70yd sign near the White Hart. If this proposal is rejected by LCC a further option is to purchase a Speed Indicator device.

9. For Information Only

Playground report There is a hole in the soiled area near the slide (presumably dug by kids).

Sovereign Play have been on site carrying out the inspection on the activity trail.

Borough Councillor Report -Councillor R Newmark in his absence sent a message regarding a £500 grant available for VE day celebrations.

Councillors will ask the local groups which are planning celebrations to apply to the parish council for a share of the grant.

Parish Lengthsman Update –

Following on from a recent review with the Lengthsmen all parishes within the project have been asked to be clear with communications, as there have been some mixed messages from some of the parishes.

Councillors felt Sabden communications were generally good but if there is any need for further clarity before communicating with the Lengthsmen WhtsApp is effective.

James Maunder has advised he has taken on other employment and consequently will not have sufficient time to carry out all of his lengthsman duties, therefore he will be unable to do the litter pick and service the dog bins in Sabden. Also due to vehicle issues he is unable to carry out the work this week. The bins are overflowing and the Thursday refuse collection has been missed.

As a temporary measure Alex West will empty on Monday next. A message will be posted on the website and on social media explaining the situation.

Ribble Valley Area Committee

The clerk has received a number of requests for attendance by parish council representatives. It is hoped going forward, that this committee will be well attended by parishes.

Councillors Items

Clr K Galea -raised the issue of overhanging branches and self seeded saplings narrowing the road on White Hill

Clr S Clarke suggested notices be placed in garden areas around the village and these could be illustrated by young people. It was agreed a message will be posted on social media and in the Good News asking for anyone aged between 8yrs-16yrs to come forward if they would like to do an illustration.

Clr K Buckley – reported that an offer had been made to replace 2 benches at the Rose Garden. The third bench will be replaced when the seat from Stubbins Lane is moved following the installation of a memorial bench. The existing benches will be donated to the Football Club.

10. Date & Time of next meeting

Thursday 1st May 2025 following the Annual Parish Meeting at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 6.45pm on 1st May.

Alex West	Lengthsman	£680.40
Stuart rostron	Lengthsman	£1017.12
Empress Fencing	Materials lengthsman	£698.28
Glasdon Uk	Bin Bags	£183.41
Burnley Hire	Rotovator	£36.00
PM & M solutions	Payroll services	£183.75