

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church.**

**Members Present** Councillor M Pilkington in the chair  
 Councillor R Vickers  
 Councillor S Clarke  
 Councillor C Eaves  
 Councillor James Smith  
 Councillor I Jackson,  
 Councillor A Rickard

**Also present** 3 members of public PC Scott Fairclough & PCSO Sian Coffey

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillor K Galea, Councillor Justin Smith Borough Councillor R Newmark & County Councillor G Mirfin
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. PC Scott Fairclough from the police rural task force and PCSO Sian Coffey introduced themselves to the meeting and outlined their roles and explained how we all can help by reporting activity. It was encouraging to hear Sabden has a low crime rate and it is generally a very safe area. Unfortunately, what was clear was people are quick to talk about concerns/activity but do not report them- these officers are noticing lots of comment on Facebook community pages but have never had any reports.  
 ‘In the Know-Lancashire’ is an emailing and texting service whereby the police share information of activity within the area, they believe that by giving people useful information and making it a two way process, they can make our communities active participants, in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour.
4. **Public Participation**  
 Mr P Sefton, explained the residents at Littlemoor are unhappy, following consultation with LCC regarding installation of a Traffic Mirror, as LCC pointed out Highway mirrors are considered to be a traffic sign and require the permission of the Highway Authority. Unfortunately, LCC does not approve mirrors from private driveways within the public highway, except on very rare occasions and as a consequence they will not support a traffic mirror at this location.  
 Concern was expressed over the sight lines at the Bus Shelter at the junction of Watt St/Whalley road when the 3 tier planter returns for the summer.
5. **BT Phonebox**  
 Lizzie Ellis updated the meeting. A post on Sabden Community page had generated a lot of interest, with a number of ideas for use . Lizzi will coordinate and improvements will be made to the phonebox by local people.  
 Once ideas have been gathered together the parish council asked for an outline of plans and use.
6. **Minutes of meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
**RESOLVED** Minutes approved & signed
7. **Accounts for payment**  
**RESOLVED** the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule

**8. Planning Applications –****8b. Updates on previous Applications –**

**Application 3/2021/1068**- Proposed 2 storey side & rear extension-1 Lane Ends,- Approved

**Application 3/2021/1136** Proposed demolition of existing detached garage and erection of replacement garage and store room. Hollins House,- Approved

**9. Highway Safety Issues-**

LCC has responded to our correspondence as follows

Parking at St Nicholas Ave junction with Padiham Road-

There is a good safety record on St Nicholas Avenue and Padiham Road and the current restrictions are deemed sufficient to allow a vehicle to egress with care from the minor side road. The existing double yellow lines cover to the rear of the footway on Padiham Road.

LCC considering if parts of Watt Street, Pendle Street East and Pendle Street West would be appropriate for H bar markings at dropped kerbs.

The speed of traffic on Watt Street has been previously assessed for the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.. Given its excellent safety record, it would not meet the criteria for additional mitigation measures at this time.

Both Clitheroe Road and Whalley Road do have a high pedestrian demand throughout the day, our current programmes for new or upgraded pedestrian crossings have been allocated. LCC are holding details on record for assessment in the future.

**10. Heritage project ‘Calico & Clogs’ update –**

On schedule to be ready by the end of the month QR codes set up and ready to be finalised. The Lengthsman is aware the information boards are to be installed by the end of February.

**11. Request for use of The Holme for Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 1400-2200**

It is hoped the Lower Holme will be used for a few local food and hot drink stalls and for families to gather and picnic/celebrate.

**RESOLVED** all in favour to permit use. The organisers will be asked for sight of Insurance & Risk assessment documents and reminded the field must be left clean and tidy with all litter removed.

**12. Councillor Code of Conduct Training**

The planned training had been cancelled as a number of apologies had been received. Councillors have received all the training resources and a Model Code of conduct for review.

Following discussions it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

**13. For Information Only**

**Playground Report-** No change

**Parking on Watt Street opposite Sanwiches Café.**-Following the erection of signs stating ‘Café Parking only’ our chairman visited the café to explain the area is common land and therefore available for all, this was followed up with an email and letter. To date the signs are still in place with the same text. Clr Justin smith offered to visit the café to have a chat.

**14. Date & Time of next meeting – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at the Pendle Room St Nicholas Church at 7 pm.****Accounts for payment.**

T P Hardman	£855.51	Empress Fencing	£45.96
T Ainsworth	£87.75		