

Minutes of Sabden Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 6th March 2025 at 7.15 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church, Wesley Street.

Present:	
	Councillor K Buckley Chairman
	Councillor S. Clarke
	Councillor M Dawson
	Councillor I Jackson
	Councillor C Eaves
	Councillor K Fielding
	Borough Councillor R Newmark

Also 3 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for absence:

Councillors C Clapham & K Galea

2. Declaration of Members Interests – none

3. Minutes of meeting held 6th February 2025.

Resolved -Minutes approved following amendments swapping Clr K fielding to Members present and K. Galea to apologies for absence.

4. Public Participation-

A query about the steel work near Heyhouses. Advised Gas pipe works.

5. Finance and Accounts-

a) Accounts for payment

Resolved all in favour of approval as per schedule

6. Planning Applications –

None registered

7. Environmental Issues

Consideration was given to the Tree Planting programme -Saturday 15th March 10am

Trees/shrubs from the Woodland Trust have been delivered.

Clr. M Dawson presented extensive plans of suggested locations with count of species along with detailed information about each of the species

Councillors considered the various locations

RESOLVED Planting will take place on the right and left hand side of Clitheroe Rd from no.157 to cattle grid, along the Brookside on the Lower Holme field and on Chestnut green. Also pending approval from Ribble Valley the 3 following locations- River walk, Pendle street east and Bowling Green triangle.

Tree guards and stakes are being provided by A. Galling and staking out will take place in advance of Planting.

Community Litter Pick – 8th March 10am- meet at the car park on Clitheroe Rd

Clr S Clarke has 12 sets of Litter Pickers and Bin liners. All rubbish collected will be taken to the village car park from where RVBC will collect.

8. Consideration was given to the Best Kept Village entry 2025

Clr. S Clarke outlined the competition the aims which are to encourage, through community effort and involvement, a high standard of care and maintenance of all village features, properties and public areas. She explained this competition differs from Village in Bloom which focuses more on beautification through floral displays. There will be 2 rounds of judging during which She also reminded councillors of the judges comments from the 2024 competition.

Outstanding Features were proposed as follows –

Schools Nurseries – St Mary's RC School

War Memorial

Play Area – Lower Holme

Notice Board – Watt Street

Shop – The Village Nook

Village Pub /restaurant – The White Hart Inn

Industrial /Commercial - Specialised Automotive Services

Cultural Social Interest -Calico & Clogs Heritage Trail

Bowling Green

Clr S Clarke will seek consent from those proposed

Area for Exclusion -Falcon House its surrounds and car park – lack of cooperation from the owner

There was a suggestion to increase summer planting, the clerk pointed out summer planting comes at substantial cost to the council, Clr S Clarke said she will be asking the community for more planters -all to be maintained by donor- so this would not increase councils costs.

The clerk mentioned the Green Back Streets initiative and and advised the Biodiversity Grant (£300) could help with this.

9. Update on access road to Medical centre

A letter from the Medical Centre has gone out to local residents asking for a joint approach to maintenance. The parish council will now follow this up with a post on facebook explaining the road is unadopted and not our responsibility.

ACTION Clr KB to write the post.

10. Annual Act of Remembrance

The current organisers have asked if the pc will be involved. To be discussed after the group has met in September.

11. Access to Pendle Hill and Signage

Sarah Dornan, Countryside Access Officer, has responded to our email regarding Cyclists using PROW's and suggested signage is available.

ACTION Clr K Buckley to meet S Dornan to discuss locations for signage.

12. For Information Only

Playground report – Other than a possible hole in the Tyre swing no change.

ACTION Clrs S Clarke/M Dawson offered to check the Tyre swing.

Borough Councillor Report -Councillor R Newmark reported the budget discussed and approved Ribblesdale Pool waiting for final report after which decision – massive refurb so could be closed 3 to 4 months

Food Waste/recycling discussion – council need new bins and lorries also improvements to depot

Parish Lengthsman Update –planning for Spring work and summer bedding.

Councillors Items

Clr K Buckley – raised the issue of VE Day celebrations. Councillors are aware Sabden collective is planning events. Councillors asked if RVBC had grants available.

Clr M Dawson expressed thanks for the works to the pedestrian gate along FP7004

13. Date & Time of next meeting

Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.15pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church