

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 7th september 2021 at 7 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church.

Members Present Councillor R Vickers in the chair
 Councillor C Eaves
 Councillor K Galea
 Councillor A Rickard
 Councillor James Smith
 Councillor Justin Smith
 Councillor I Jackson,
 Borough Councillor R Newmark

Also present 6 members of public,

1. **Apologies** for Absence –Councillor S Clarke & Councillor M Pilkington
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Minutes of meeting held 6th July 2021**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
4. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
5. **Planning Applications** – None
- 5b. **Updates on previous Applications** – None
6. **Highway safety issues** –
 There have been requests for a 20mph speed limit on Watt Street, which did not receive this speed restriction in the roll out by LCC highways a number of years ago. There has been a 20mph sign erected at the entrance to Victoria Grove which has further highlighted the need for the same restrictions for Watt St.
 It was agreed this will be taken up with LCC Highways and County Councillor Ged Mirfin asking for the criteria and possibility of getting the 20mph zone.
7. **Consideration was given to the installation of CCTV at strategic locations in village**
 The minimum cost of CCTV cameras would be £10,000 with £100 per month service fee. RVBC will possibly contribute 50% via grant assistance from Lancashire Partnership against Crime (Lanpac). Councillors were reminded of Data Protection issues and in considering the issue could they justify installation.
 The meeting was suspended whilst members of the public raised issues, including justification, Data protection and evidence shows CCTV does not solve crime but removes the issue elsewhere.
 It was agreed not to go ahead at this moment but to revisit the issue in January.
8. **Heritage project ‘Calico & Clogs’ update** –
 Cllr R Vickers reported the project is nearing completion and it is hoped signage will be in place over the next few weeks. It has been frustrating that the project is not moving forward as quickly as it had been hoped.

9. Request for funding from the Little Green Bus Company

Councillors all agreed the Little green bus provides a valuable service to the community

RESOLVED To contribute £200

10. Consideration was given to the dangerous vehicles and untidiness at Falcon House and issues at Cobden Court

There are a number of dangerous vehicles on site which are of interest to local children. The area has rubbish, broken glass and old pallets strewn on it.

Falcon House is private land so it is trespass if anyone enters the site. There are longstanding issues between Calico Housing and the owners of Falcon House. RVBC is aware of the issues and an officer has been on site and reported there are currently no environmental issues.

Planning permission has been granted for change of use from commercial to residential and the development of 9 bungalows. The work will not start as yet.

Councillors agreed the owner of Falcon house, Mr. D Ingham should receive a letter from the parish council pointing out his liability should there be an unfortunate incident and asking for the site to be secured.

The residents of Cobden court will be advised to contact Calico Housing to discuss concerns, RVBC has advised the Dog Warden will be patrol the estate regularly.

11. Request to plant a Rowan Tree along River Walk.

The family of the late Roger Bostock has asked for permission to plant a Rowan Tree along River Walk – an area the family has always enjoyed.

Councillors were all in agreement and the Lengthsman will be asked to stake the identified location.

12. Repairs to the Notice Board to rear of the Bowling Green.

Repairs are complete and the invoice of £225+vat has been received by the Bowling Club.

RESOLVED all were in agreement to contribute 50% (£135 in total) as the notice board is jointly used by the parish council and Bowling Club.

13. Consideration was given to the annual play Inspection report

The report had been reviewed and the main issue is the low wooden trail. The lengthsman will be asked to inspect.

14. For Information Only

Playground Report- No new issues , area around slide still not grassed over. Wicksteed has agreed to return and re seed and tape off the area to give it a chance germinate.

Grassed area near Chestnut Green -opposite the Whins entrance

The area around the edging stones is overgrown. The Lengthsmna/Grass cucutting contractors will be asked to mow.

Borough Councillor R Newmark reported the Covid testing units at Edisford Car Park and RVBC offices will remain until January.

RVBC is looking into centralising with the police 36 of the CCTV cameras . Unfortunately Sabden cannot be linked.

3 Afghan families will be coming to the Ribble Valley but it is currently struggling to find accommodation.

15. Public Participation-

A letter received from resident Mrs E Boyd-Martin was read and highlighted **parking/access issues at the junction of St Nicholas Avenue/Padiham Road**, including overhanging bushes at entrance of

St Nicholas Avenue. It was suggested the properties on St Nicholas Avenue and Padiham road will be leafleted – reminding residents to park with consideration.

Councillors agreed to take photos of highway/parking issues throughout the village and once gathered together a case will be put forward to LCC Highways.

Improvements to Watt street Bus Shelter – No date for improvements as yet

Inquiry about Wildflower areas and keeping more areas natural.

Skipton Properties- pavement and road works completion. Skipton properties to be contacted.

- 14. Date & Time of next meeting** – Tuesday 5th October 2021 at the Pendle Room St Nicholas Church at 7 pm.

Accounts for payment.

TP Hardman	- Lengthsman	£915
BHIB	- Insurance	£834.41
Empress Fencing	-Lengthsman Materials	£54.10
Play Safety Ltd	-Playground Inspection	£141
C Walton	-Grass sabden	£346.04
C Walton	-Grass Blacko	£293.25