

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 6th April 2021 via Zoom at 7pm

Members Present Councillor M Pilkington in the chair
 Councillor S Clarke
 Councillor R Vickers
 Councillor C Eaves
 Councillor James Smith
 Councillor Justin smith
 Councillor I Jackson

3 members of the public

1. **Apologies** for Absence - Councillor A Rickard
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Resignation of Clr A Haworth-** The letter of resignation received from A Haworth was read
RESOLVED the resignation be accepted with disappointment and a letter of thanks to be sent, expressing the councils gratitude for the 18 years of service, many of which as chairman.
4. **Public Participation-**Concerns expressed about safety within the village, as there have been a number of car crimes and trespass recently. In support of CCTV in the village.
5. **Minutes of meeting held 2nd March 2021**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
6. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
7. **Review of Draft Accounts y/e 31/3/21**
 Year End Accounts were reviewed
8. **Annual Governance Statements-2020/21**
 The Accounting statements for the year ending 31st March 2021 were reviewed
RESOLVED confirmed and accepted
9. **Planning Applications –**
Application 3/2021/ 0279 41 Crowtrees Road -Proposed single storey extension to front elevation
RESOLVED No objections.
- 9b. **Updates on previous Applications –**
Application 3/2021/0143- Proposed change of use of 'Garden Cottage' from currently unoccupied annexe to self-catering holiday let. AT: Garden Cottage Pendle House Off Pendle Street East
 Approved by RVBC with conditions
10. **Highway safety issues –**
 Councillors had reviewed the Hamillton Baille report and thought it was a useful tool. Clr R Vickers raised the issues- speeding, pedestrian safety, traffic control, road layout- at the recent Parish council Liaison meeting which suggested discussing with the Community Safety Partnership. Clr Justin Smith suggested we need to gather evidence to build a case & will set up a facebook group to include residents. It was suggested a small working group be formed

- 11. Placement of CCTV at strategic locations in village**
 Clr James Smith has arranged to meet Matthew Brough from 4isecurity on 7th April and will report to May meeting. Bor. Clr R Newmark advised RVBC is accepting applications for funding CCTV.
- 12. Heritage project 'Calico & Clogs' update –**
 Clr Marilyn Pilkington reported the logo competition entries have been received and judged, the winner being an entry from Harry at St Mary's RC School. The PHP has agreed to an extension to the deadline for completion of the project. Castle Sheet Metal are involved in the reinstatement of the sundial on Dial Terrace. Mid Pennine Arts are hoping to fund the renovation of the Richard Cobden bust.
- 13. Best Kept Village Competition 2021**
 As Sabden won the Medium class in 2017 it is now in the Champions class.
 The following outstanding features have agreed to be entered
 Specialised Automotive service, Ella Mia Hair & Beauty, St Mary's RC School, St Nicholas Church, the War Memorial, Sabden Crown Green Bowling Club.
 Maps will be produced as previously and Clr S Clarke will encourage further support from residents.
- 14. Wildflower Gardens**
 It was agreed wildflowers will be planted at the following locations
 Triangle at approach to Cockshots Farm, to right of Heyhouses bridge at Badger wells, a further stretch along Sabden Brook, near telephone box opposite St Marys RC church entrance. Pendle St East along wall – semi circular in front of shrubs, near Bowling Green where xmas tree is planted
- 15. Memorial Tree for John Shorter**
 Following a request by the Police Cadets to plant a tree or site a bench in memory of John Shorter, councillors discussed the options and agreed a tree would be the most appropriate- maybe on the banking of Sabden Brook. The Pendle Hill Partnership and Tree Officer David Hewitt are also involved. The Police Cadets will be advised of the parish council preference.
- 16. Maintenance of Notice Boards**
 Clr S Clarke prepared a report for the meeting which highlighted work required on all the notice boards. Clr I Jackson and Clr Justin Smith offered to do painting/varnish improvements.
 The noticeboard at the rear of the Bowling Club requires more substantial work and its poor design may require the purchase of a new board. Clr I Jackson will discuss this with the Bowling Club at its next meeting.
- 17. Maintenance Works along Whalley Road near the Victoria Mill development and also near Falcon House**
 The boundary wall to no 1, Waterside Close has been raised by 1 or 2 stones height and the verge has been left bare with no turf replaced and no tidy up evident.
 Where this wall ends is the remains of a previous wall. This allows access to the perimeter steel casement retaining wall that proceeds to the edge of Sabden Brook, the drops to one side are of some height and make it a danger as children see it as an adventure playground.
 Prior to the new build the low wall and approx 3 metre gap was at the edge of an incline into a wooded copse.
 Councillors agreed to meet to assess
Bench near 6 Stubbins Lane
 It was agreed the bench will be relocated further up Stubbins Lane at the point where the pavement widens

18. Complaints about Dog Mess Painting

A complaint has been received as the paint sprayed on Dog Fouling on Watt Street did not disappear. Dog Fouling does cause a lot of anger throughout the village and 2 recent posts on facebook were of an aggressive tone and nature.

Clr S Clarke has been spraying for a number of years with a very positive impact and was thanked for her hard work in tackling the issue.

It is with disappointment that the council accepted her decision not to continue spraying.

19. For Information Only

Playground Report- The installation of the new slide is complete. The re-seeding has not yet germinated.

Borough Councillor Report

Bor. Clr R Newmark reported a working group is being set up at RVBC to look at the structure for dealing with complaints about Dog Fouling/Dog Issues .

Will pursue installation of new Bus Shelter at Watt St

Parish Council Liaison Meeting Clr R Vickers reported the Highway issues had been raised (as mentioned at item 10 of these minutes), Sabden Phone Box on the BT list for removal, there has been an increase in Dog Thefts throughout the area. The next PCL meeting will be face to face as the legislation for remote meetings only extends to the end of May.

20. Date & Time of next meeting – Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 6.45pm via Zoom and will commence with the AGM**Accounts for payment.**

<i>MMC Aspinall – Rent for The Holme</i>	<i>£392</i>
<i>Frank Wilkinson – Lengthsman</i>	<i>£492</i>
<i>P Hardman - Lengthsman</i>	<i>£1167</i>
<i>Dick Leigh Repairs to Chainsaw</i>	<i>£66.41</i>
<i>Empress Fencing Materials</i>	<i>£43.13</i>