

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church.**

**Members Present** Councillor S Clarke  
Councillor James Smith  
Councillor A Rickard  
Councillor Justin Smith  
Councillor C Eaves

**Also present** 1 member of public

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillor M Pilkington, Councillor K Galea, Councillor I Jackson, Bor Clr R Newmark
2. In the absence of a Chairman or Vice Chairman Clr Amanda Rickard was appointed as chair of the meeting
3. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
4. **Public Participation**  
Mr P Sefton, of Littlemoor is unhappy about the response from LCC – they are unable to introduce any safety measures on Stubbins Lane at present.
5. **Minutes of meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**  
**RESOLVED** Minutes approved & signed
6. **Accounts for payment**  
**RESOLVED** the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
7. **Planning Applications** –  
**Application 3/2022/0185** Demolition of existing rear conservatory and construction of single storey extensions to front, side and rear, alterations to front garden at 7 Timbrells Avenue  
**RESOLVED** No Objections
- 7b. **Updates on previous Applications** -None
8. **Highway Safety Issues-**  
Clr Justin smith reported the Highways meeting at County Hall was very positive.  
**Charlie Edwards** County Councillor explained that he wants parishes to be able to apply to reduce speed limits and replace signage.  
He wants to encourage shared ventures between LCC and parishes but with shared cost  
LCC leveling up fund will respond to potholes/blocked drains, they have the money.  
They may also fund road sweeping and leaf sweeping.  
A possible solution may be to explore funding for walking/cycling paths - make improvements for pedestrians.  
**Andy Pratt - Deputy Chief crime commissioner:**  
Road safety partnership review - will be happy to come and see the traffic issues on Clitheroe RD/Padiham Rd/Stubbins Lane and the lack of safe crossing points at Sabden Primary.

Wants to become proactive rather than reactive. we need to record and report speeding - police will examine footage.

**Michael White - Highways officer**

Possibility of financial contributions to traffic calming if we can make a strong case that development has caused traffic volume to increase.

**ACTION** In the first instance Andy Pratt - Deputy Chief crime commissioner will be invited to visit Sabden and attend a meeting to discuss issues with residents and Councillors

**9. Update on Calico & Clogs Heritage Trail**

An article has been written for a press release in Sabden Good News, Clitheroe Advertiser & Times, PC website and Facebook.

Leaflets will be distributed to schools and local business' and to the wider area surrounding Sabden. There is still work to undertake along the route, improvement of path/steps from the car park to Lower Holme, A board and seat at Stubbins Lane junction with Littlemoor, Wilflower planting along Sabden Brook and planting. Hopefully work will be undertaken as soon as possible to conclude the project.

**10. Sabden Platinum Jubilee Celebrations –**

**Consideration was given to making a contribution to Sabden Collective** - they have asked for support to cover insurance costs, traffic management costs, hire for fun day and family picnic and music event

**RESOLVED** The parish council will contribute £500

**Consideration was given to the parish council giving mementos -**

**RESOLVED** A pack of wildflower seeds will be given to each child at St Marys RC School & Sabden Primary School & Nursery and also to those at the Branching Out Nursery

**Consideration was given to a plaque being placed at the foot of the Cherry Blossom Tree** being planted to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

**RESOLVED** A plaque be placed at the foot of the tree and the plaque from Jubilee Bridge will be replaced along with the one for the tree commemorating the Golden Jubilee

**11. Consideration was given to the response from LCC regarding the request for measures to improve access/egress from Littlemoor House car park –**

*Following previous reports of poor visibility at this junction, we visited the location to inspect the vegetation and to see if any remedial action could be taken to improve sightlines. The hedgerow that could be contributing to a loss in visibility does not fall on the adopted highway, and as such we do not hold any responsibility for the maintenance. Requests to cutback this vegetation should be made to the landowner.*

*With reference to the request for a highway mirror, I should explain that mirrors are considered to be a traffic sign and require the permission of the Highway Authority. Unfortunately, Lancashire County Council (LCC) does not approve mirrors from private driveways within the public highway, except on very rare occasions where there is a poor safety record to support this or where the junction or access could not be improved. With this in mind, the junction of Stubbins Lane and access road to Littlemoor House does not meet the criteria for a highway mirror.*

The parish council empathise with the difficulties being encountered at this location and will contact Onward Housing to ask if they can cutback the hedge. In the meantime it suggested gathering evidence and reporting speed issues.

**12. Update on improvements to Watt Street Bus Shelter area**

LCC still have S106 funds – we have asked if they will fence, plant as suggested originally – still awaiting response ! They are painting bus shelters on Whalley Road and replacing Perspex – no time scale as yet.

**13. Environmental improvements –**

Planting of a Fern bed in the corner of river walk just off Watt Street

**RESOLVED** it will improve the area and the budget is £100

**Suggestion of a Community Vegetable patch/Tubs** -opposite the Bowling Club and Raspberry Canes on the banking to rear of the Bowling Club. Councillors agreed in principle but need further details of exact location and type of containers and if someone will take responsibility and maintain.

**14. Consideration was given to attendance at the special county platinum jubilee service at Blackburn Cathedral on 29th May at 4pm**

No one available to attend

**15. Consideration was given to the LCC draft Speed Indicator Device Policy & Procedure**

Councillors were interested in costings for a 'clever' SPID which collects data.

**16. For Information Only**

**Playground Report-** No change

**Parish Council liaison committee 31<sup>st</sup> March** -postponed

**Monthly update from PCSO Sian Coffey** -This month's logs of note:

16/03-Theft of Vehicle- Clitheroe Road- Van taken during the night by unknown means, no CCTV.

29/03-Sus Circs- Whalley Road- potential poaching, 4x4 entering fields early hours of the morning, patrols attended promptly, searched the area, no vehicle seen.

**Lengthsman update** -another Lengthsman has been employed on a months' trial basis and will assist the existing Lengthsman

**17. Date & Time of next meeting – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the Pendle Room St Nicholas Church at 7 pm. preceded by the Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish Meeting commencing 6.30 pm**

T P Hardman	Lengthsman	£2427.45
Thomas Ainsworth	Materials	£269.21
RVBC	Grass Cutting	£160.05
Brian Dent	Hire of Machinery	£138
Miles Fox	Materials Barrow	£43.66
Huntroyde Nurseries	Plants	£148
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Landlife Flowers	WildFlower seed	£51.99
Glasdon UK	Dog Bin Bags	£415.70