

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 2nd February 2021 via Zoom at 7pm

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

Also present Borough councillor R Newmark & 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies** for Absence
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Public Participation**-none
4. **Minutes of meeting held 5th January 2021**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
5. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
6. **Planning Applications**
Application 3/2020/0032 Replacement of unauthorised existing flat roof with a new pitched roof over a ground floor south facing rear outrigger. At 2 Pendle St West
 The meeting was suspended to hear the concerns of the resident in the neighbouring property at 4 Pendle St West -The unauthorised flat roof is over hanging the party wall and the drainage pipes on the proposal extend into the neighbouring property.
 The meeting was reconvened
 The proposals were discussed at length and covered the following.

 The parish council is concerned that Ribble Valley has allowed an unauthorised construction to remain in situ for so long without enforcement. In the first instance, it would appear the advice was to submit a retrospective application which was subsequently refused as it was contrary to Policy DMG1, DME4 and Key Statement EN5.
 Ribble Valley still did not carry out any enforcement despite the unauthorised structure being a contravention of policy and permitted a re-submission some 4 months later. The Parish council noted the resubmission- application 3/2020/0895- and was pleased the proposal was to reinstate the pitched roof which is more inkeeping within the AONB.
 On reviewing the most recent resubmission the parish council is concerned about the following issues of trespass/encroachment and the impact on the neighbouring property
 The plans show the facia boards overhanging the party wall into the neighbouring property
 The drainage pipes also extend into the neighbouring property.

Following a decision of approval by Ribble Valley it is usual for the following condition to be set- 'the development must be begun not later than the expiration of three years beginning with the date of this permission'.

The parish council would like reassurances from Ribble Valley, if it is minded to approve this application, that due to the retrospective nature of the application and original unauthorised construction a revised condition is set reducing the time by which the work should commence but also setting a date by which the work should be completed. As this unauthorised structure has already been in situ for almost 2yrs the following suggestion will be sent to RVBC- work should be completed 'no later than the expiration of 3 years beginning with the date of the erection of the unauthorised structure'. All were in favour of the following resolution

RESOLVED Sabden Parish Council has no objection to permission being granted to restore the original pitched, gabled roof but will ask Ribble Valley to consider the issues relating to the neighbouring property, the enforcement issue and the conditions set as stated above.

6b. Update on previous Applications -None

7. Consideration of Highway Safety Issues

Clr Justin Smith gave a short presentation setting out current issues – Volume of traffic, Driver attitude and Pedestrian space/Safety being high priority.

Changing layouts- i.e. signage, positive approach- working together with local groups, using the power of the media to bring the community on board and consideration of the village heritage- any changes to have respect for the heritage with any street & village design to be positive change. LCC/highways may be resistant/restrictive to plans.

Bor. Clr R Newmark suggested the Community Safety Partnership at RVBC may be able to help and advised the LCC policy which is lead by data on fatalities is not the central government policy.

8. Update on works at Bull Bridge

The following response from LCC was met with disappointment.,

LCC have ordered the posts, but they are not standard and required custom manufacture. The Materials team are currently in receipt of the request and will source a competitive supplier capable of handling the work. Unfortunately, they still cannot offer a timescale. The sign shop have completed the sign plates, and the installation work is on order for when the posts are sorted.

9. Consideration was given to the location of the Adult Gym equipment.

The councillors considered a request by a resident to move the Gym equipment closer to the childrens play equipment. The Gym equipment is designed for anyone over 1.4m in height. Therefore, it is not suitable for our younger residents. At the time of installation it was considered the play area was an inappropriate location for the equipment due to its height restriction.

RESOLVED All in favour of leaving it where it is.

10. Heritage Trail- Calico & Clogs

Clr M Pilkington reported the PHP has confirmed it will be happy to extend the completion of the project to March 2022 due to the pandemic.

The working group is meeting fortnightly, collating information and St Mary's School has submitted some entries for the Logo competition.

11. Best Kept Village Competition 2021

Correspondence from BKV has indicated there are 2 ideas for the 2021 competition.

1. To run the competition as previously but judges will be local.
2. To run a simplified competition with photo entries being submitted for one overall winner

Councillors agreed we still need to look after our village competition or not. Community spirit and village pride should be a strong focus and all will be asked to do what they can.

12. Consideration was given to planting more Wildflower beds.

Councillors agreed there are a number of locations around the village which could be planted. Clr S Clarke will prepare an article for our website and Facebook explaining the benefits of planting wildflowers. Clr M Pilkington is chair of the Friends of Bowland and they help conserve the countryside, so she will speak with them to establish if they can offer assistance.

13. Training Workshops

Clrs James Smith & Richard Vickers expressed interest in attending the Councillor/clerk workshop in April

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Playground Report-No issues. 4 Seater See saw still off site.

Borough Councillor Report -

Falcon House development on hold due to Covid

Mentioned Haweswater Aqueduct Project and Traffic impact on Ribble Valley

Parish Council Liaison Committee-

Clr R Vickers reported the meeting was predominantly about the Haweswater Aqueduct Project.

United Utilities gave a presentation, the traffic impact to certain areas of the Ribble Valley will be huge with 170 extra movement of traffic per day over a 6 year period. Suggestions of a temporary bypass being made North of Waddington village for construction traffic.

Public Rights of Way- The Lengthsman is working his way through the list of faults. Those which are on the proposed Tramper trail or on hold until decisions have been made.

15. Date & Time of Next meeting –Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom