

Minutes of Sabden Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 1st February 2024 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 C Eaves Councillor K Galea Councillor I. Jackson Councillor C Clapham Borough Councillor R Newmark

Also 2 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Councillor K Fielding
2. **Declaration of Members Interests** – none
3. **Public Participation** : reported suspicious vehicle near Littlemoor- advised to ring Police when seen.
Access issues when using Bus Shelter on Whalley Road, opposite school. Dropped kerbs suggested.
Suggestion to place collection tin in shops to help offset costs of Dog Bins.
Large potholes on private road to Medical Centre -write to Medical centre.
4. **Minutes of meeting held 4th January 2024.-**
Resolved -Minutes approved
5. **Accounts for Payment-**
Accounts for payment were reviewed and approved as per schedule
6. **Planning Applications – 3/2024/0026 - Installation of air source heat pump at Pendle View Bungalow , Watt Street**
Resolved No Objections
Update on previous planning applications the following application has been withdrawn
Application 3/2023/0323 Application for residential development of land for 14 houses, 2 bungalows and a new access road at land Off Pendle Street East
7. **Updates on Play Area Improvements.**
Quotes for activity equipment have been received and the grant application submitted. The quote from Wicksteed Leisure for repairs to the Cableway has been received and is much higher than expected. Further quotes will be acquired. The posts on the wooden trail are deteriorating due to trimmer damage -metal shoes will be placed around the base of each post.
8. **Discussions took place about ongoing issues with disposal of Dog Waste.**
Complaints are still being received regarding emptying of Dog waste bins and over flowing bins with bags being left around the bins.

It was agreed signs will be put on the Dog waste Bins reminding people to use another bin if the bin is overflowing. It was also agreed the Lengthsman will be asked to empty bins on a Monday.

9. **Consideration was given to the entry for the Best Kept Village Competition 2024**

Outstanding Features entries were discussed and Clr S Clarke will now ascertain if each is happy to be entered.

Sabden Spring Clean has been arranged for Saturday 19th May.

10. **Parish Lengthsman- Liaison and planning workloads.**

Mark Gray the lengthsman will be attending a course – Safe use of Pesticides- at the end of February

Further Shrub planting along Sabden Brook from the Bus Shelter at Watt St – Clr M Dawson will look at species and costs.

Wildflower beds as last year with the same mix as last year.

Fence near Jubilee Bridge opposite Falcon House in need of repair

Information Board on river Walk in need of repair /updating - . To be removed and costs assessed.

Resident D Grimshaw assisting with updating.

11. **For Information Only**

Playground report – No Change

Parish council Liaison Report- Bor Clr R Newmark reported

PRESENTATION ABOUT THE 'SETTLEMENT STUDY' The Head of Strategic Planning and Housing gave a presentation providing an introduction to the Settlement Study. She outlined the reasons why the Council are preparing the study, namely: - It is a key piece of planning evidence that will inform the Spatial Strategy in the new Local Plan. - It will inform the decisions on the future role of settlements and future settlement hierarchy. - It will establish limits to settlements. - It will inform allocations and policies on green spaces.

HOUSING- Review of the affordable housing allocation policy

RIBBLESDALE SWIMMING POOL- A survey has been sent out regarding the future of the swimming pool and queries were raised as to what exactly was happening with it. The Chief Executive confirmed that there was going to be a feasibility study carried out to determine its future. Various options are being considered e.g. repairing the existing pool, rebuilding a new one, re-locating the facilities etc.

Borough Councillor – RVBC proposal to site 2 electric vehicle chargers on the village car park

Chairmans report – Social Media Posts are currently posted by a resident but going forward this will be undertaken by the council.

CCTV- a meeting with RVBC representatives is planned for 8th February. Clrs K Buckley & M Dawson will attend.

Ribble Valley Area committee meeting – Monday 26th February 7pm RVBC offices Clr K Galea will attend

12. **Date & Time of next meeting**

Thursday 7th March 7.15pm Pendle room.