

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 7 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church.

Members Present Councillor K Buckley
Councillor S Clarke
Councillor C Eaves
Councillor I Jackson,
Councillor James Smith
Councillor S Clarke

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillors M Pilkington, A Rickard & Justin Smith , County Councillor Ged Mirfin & Clerk A Whitwell
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** – None
3. **Public Participation**
None
4. **Minutes of meeting held 7th June 2022**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
5. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
6. **Planning Applications** –
Application No: 3/2022/0578 Lower Whins –
RESOLVED No objections.
- 6a. **Updates on previous Applications** -None
7. **Highway Safety Issues-**
Highway Safety Issues – No update in the absence of Councillor Justin Smith Discussion took place around the Slow Down Save Lives stickers. The Chairman had already distributed stickers to residents on Padiham Road to display on bins. Councillor Clarke to distribute stickers on Whalley Road. The Chairman had discussed with Frank Windsor at Brookside Garage about displaying the Slow Down banner on these premises and he was in agreement. It was agreed that the banner should be displayed here in the first instance but we may move it elsewhere in the future.
Councillor Rickard to be approached about stickers being displayed on Sabden Primary School which could be seen on approach to the village from Clitheroe Road. It was suggested that residents on Padiham Road may be prepared to have stickers placed in their gardens to have impact on drivers going through the village. Borough Councillor Newmark informed the meeting that Ribble Valley were proposing to purchase SPIDS which could be rented out to Parishes.
8. **Consideration was given to The Local Plan Consultation document**
Two main comments to be submitted to Ribble Valley
 - a. We would like carbon emissions on new builds to be increased from 30% to 50% . We should not be designing and building homes that will need retrofitting in the near future.
 - b. it was suggested that new builds should be centred around Longridge, Whalley and Clitheroe where they have the infrastructure to support new housing – GP surgeries, schools, transport links etc.

- 9. Best Kept Village Competition –**
Councillor Clarke reported that first judging finishes on 17th July but we need to maintain standards of removing weeds etc after this period. If we go through to second judging, we have a very short window to get the village up to standard again.
- 10. Phonebox –**
Lizzie Ellis joined the meeting at this stage. She reported that she can't start to "pretty up" the box until the basic repairs are completed. Michael Derbyshire from Castle Street Metals may be able to fabricate panels but if not all spares for phone boxes are available to purchase. Link has been sent to Clerk. First step is therefore to establish what repairs are needed for the structure. Discussion took place around costs and possible ways of fund raising via schools. Ashley at A & P decorators will paint the box free of charge. Electrics will also be carried out free of charge. Once panels in situ then images will be printed as possible – showing farming, mills and community.
- 11. Consideration was given to Section 106 monies for play facilities.**
Ribble Valley holding £4364 until 2024 to be used on play facilities and leisure. It was decided that the Football Club and the Bowling Club should be approached to see if they have any projects which could be helped by these monies. Councillor Galea will attend next Football Club Meeting and Councillor Jackson will report back re the Bowling Club. Nicola Hopkin is the contact at Ribble Valley.
- 12. Clearance and reporting of blocked drains.**
It was suggested that we should be proactive in reporting blocked drains in the Summer months to avoid flooding in the Winter. The Chairman suggested all Councillors should take areas of the village to check drains. The majority of Councillors were not prepared to do this. The Chairman asked if Councillors would download an app to report blocked drains as they walk round the village.
- 13. Updating of the website.**
The Chairman asked Councillors for ideas for articles on the website to keep it up continually up to date. Suggestions: Councillor Justin Smith's report re Highways and Road Safety, Also blocked drains, telephone box, 101.
- 14. Playground report – no change.** Awaiting Wicksteed to re-seed and fence off area under the slide in the next couple of weeks.
- 15. Parish Council Liaison Committee Report**
Councillor Clarke reported on the Parish Council Liaison meeting. Councillor Clarke outlined details of the work of Council for Voluntary Services and full information will be sent to Parishes. Eric Wright grant of £500 can be obtained to set up groups if they meet the criteria. Information to be passed to Dave Bell re the Horticultural Society.
Ribble Valley Rural Taskforce – asking Parishes to set up CCTV in their areas. Cost :£3350 quoted and grants available Barley PC have successfully set up CCTV and representative of Barley willing to speak to Parish Councils. Councillors were interested in re-visiting this subject in the light of this information. Homes for Ukrainians – 40 sponsors in Clitheroe with approximately 121 guests.
Ribble Valley Climate Action Network – we are in climate emergency right now and everyone needs to work together to find solutions. Everyone advised to read Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. Parishes advised to connect with their communities. SPIDS- discussed above. Simonstone Parish Councillor very concerned about speeding in their areas and offered to work with other parishes to

discuss problems. Councillor Galea interested in contacting her. Local Plan- all parishes urged to send in their comments by 7th July.

Next meeting: 1st September 2022. Councillors Karen Buckley and Kay Galea to attend.

16. For Information Only

Councillors Items:

Councillor Galea – concern regarding proposed Gin outlet at Union Mill. Both Councillor Galea and Councillor Clarke received objections from residents. We can only discuss once the Planning Application has been received.

Councillor Galea also concerned re resident on Pendleside Close who has pulled down fence on his property adjacent to the Football Club and allowing his dog access to the football field. Borough Councillor Newmark to action.

Councillor Eaves reported problem with dropped kerb at junction of Victoria Grove and Watt Street. Road due to be tarmaced – Clerk asked if she would contact Highways to speed up this process as difficult for wheelchair users and prams to negotiate kerb.

Councillor Clarke concerned re possible damage to village with imminent school holidays and asked if she could prepare post for Facebook/Website for parents to discuss with their children having respect for certain aspects of the village.

17. Date & Time of next meeting –

Tuesday 6th September 2022 at the Pendle Room St Nicholas Church at 7 pm.

Payments

TP Hardman. Lengthsman. £1422.52

James Maunder. Lengthsman. £435

Lengthsman materials £59.11

AP Book keeping. Internal Audit £50