

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 1st September via Zoom at 7pm

Members Present Councillor A Haworth in the chair
Councillor M Pilkington
Councillor S Clarke
Councillor A Rickard
Councillor R Vickers

Also present 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillor C Eaves, Borough Councillor R Newmark

2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None

3. **Public Participation** –None

4. **Minutes of meeting held 3rd March & 5th May 2020**

Reminder to install a bollard on the corner of the field to the rear of The Angles

RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed

5. **Accounts for payment**

RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule

5a. **Internal Auditors Report**

AP Book keeping Services carried out the Internal audit as per the recommendations and reported all was in line with requirements and the Internal Audit report had been signed and submitted to the external auditor.

6. **Planning Applications** -None

6b. **Update on previous Applications**

Application 3/2020/0353 Replacement of an existing part pitch roof/part flat roof single storey outrigger with a flat roof. 2 pendle St West. REFUSED

Application 3/2020/0081 Change of use of summer room to holiday accommodation to rear of 9 Pendle St East APPROVED with conditions

7. **Consideration was given to the Government White Paper outlining changes to the Planning Law**

Councillors had had the opportunity to read the document and subsequently discussed this long, in depth & complicated document which it was felt required some knowledge of planning law to understand the changes in full

Councillors expressed concerns that:

- parish councils will lose the opportunity of consultation which in turn will lose the local knowledge base.

- Affordable Housing loss (no requirement if sites are less than 40-50 houses) will impact on young families and communities

-small development (extensions, increase 1 to 2 storey, vacant buildings change of use) could lead to substantial increases in residential properties

A benefit for Sabden- a protected area -AONB- will still require planning

8. Consideration was given to improvements to the parish council website

RESOLVED all in favour of adding a news page.

Easy Websites advised this will be free of charge

9. Bid to Pendle Hill Partnership for funding of an Heritage Trail

Councillor Pilkington reported the working group had met and discussed options and now a draft proposal is in place to provide 6/8 information boards on a short trail around the village, which will be hard surface suitable for wheelchairs/pushchairs. Pendle Radicals has offered to help with research and gathering of information. The maximum grant available is £10k with 25% of the funding being covered by the parish. The proposal looks at using QR codes to allow a digital version. Future maintenance will be the responsibility of the parish.

Last date for submission is 11th September.

RESOLVED agreed to submit the application based on the draft proposal put forward.

10. To receive recommendations for the request for Sabden Bowling Club to purchase the ground.

RESOLVED all were in favour of supporting the bowling club in their bid to purchase the ground but to ask for a clause to be included should RVBC be minded to agree to the sale, which retains the use of the ground for recreational purposes.

11. To receive recommendations regarding the renewal of the Dog Control Public Space Protection Order

RESOLVED all in favour with the recommendations to agree all the conditions as laid out in the existing order should remain and the order should continue. It was also agreed that the problem is not so much the conditions but the enforcement. A suggestion being to take away the job of emptying dog bins from the dog wardens to give them more time to patrol.

12. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Playground Report – All seems to be fine. Tyre Swing shackle needs greasing

We have had the annual inspection which is a very good inspection. Issues raised are remedial works
A meeting with a rep from Wicksteed has been arranged– looking at the slide and quoting for replacement. Already have a quote from Kompan Ltd. All quotes should be in by next meeting

Highways Issues – Bull Bridge-Since March when it was no longer possible to pursue for a site meeting nor a meeting at County Hall, LCC has been contacted asking for repainting of Road Markings and improvements to safety measures. Nil response to date.

St Nicholas Avenue – there have been representations from residents to LCC about the ongoing issues at the junction

Emptying of Public Bins -there have been numerous issues over several weeks with the emptying of bins on The Holm, River Walk , Watt St & Rose Garden. A meeting is arranged with RVBC to discuss further.,

Devolution – Bor Clr R Newmark has advised there is currently no process for consultation. Geoff Driver at LCC went out on his own without any agreement from other leaders . Ribble valley councillors would like a local referendum and are backed by RVBC

13. Date & Time of Next meeting –Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom