

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Tuesday 4th February at The Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church at 7pm

Members Present Councillor A Haworth in the chair
 Councillor S Clarke
 Councillor C Eaves
 Councillor I Jackson
 Councillor A Rickard
 Councillor R Vickers
 Borough Councillor R Newmark

Also present 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies** for Absence – Councillor C Guirdham, Councillor M Pilkington
2. **Declarations of Members Interest of items on the Agenda** - None
3. **Public Participation** –
 A query was raised about landscaping and redevelopment around the bus shelter at Watt Street. A condition of planning consent for Victoria Mill requires Skipton Properties to fund a new shelter which LCC will install. At present the timescale is not known Bor. Cllr R Newmark will pursue with Ribble Valley.
 A comment regarding the rebuilding of the wall on Stubbins Lane adjacent to the housing development. The materials used are not inkeeping and do not appear to be like for like. Bor Cllr R Newmark has taken up this issue with Ribble Valley planning.
 The installation of cats eyes on Whalley Road is an improvement and beneficial.
4. **Minutes of meeting held 7th January 2020**
RESOLVED Minutes approved & signed
5. **Accounts for payment**
RESOLVED the accounts for payment be approved as per schedule
6. **Planning Applications** - None
- 6b. **Update on previous Applications**
 No updates or resubmissions.
7. **An update was given on issues relating to Dogs/Dog Fouling on The Lower Holme and Play Area**
 More people are keeping dogs on leads and picking up . Still some ignoring advice and still walking across play area with dogs. As RV has received the parish letter regarding the issues the dog warden should be able to patrol more. A third dog warden has been appointed by RV and they should be using body cams within the next month.
RESOLVED a dog park post will be installed to rear of the swings near the 2 benches to encourage dog owners to keep their dogs off the play area. Cllr R Vickers will arrange for a sign to be printed and the Lengthsman will be asked to install.
8. **Update on Funding for various projects**
 Cllr M Pilkington has offered to complete grant applications and is gathering information.

A Bowland Champion grant will be applied for to assist with painting the white railings on Simonstone Road. A grant via the small grants scheme of the Pendle Hill partnership will be applied for to assist with improving the path along the lower Holme to assist with accessibility for all and when the larger grants scheme opens on 6th April it is hoped to create a heritage trail around the village from this funding.

9. **Website Update**

The website is now fully functional. The chairman thanked Clr R Vickers for all his input. It will now be publicised via the Good News and strap lines on village notice boards. The clerk has had the content and system management training. Links to other community websites were discussed but advice from the website developer was against creating links.

10. **Best Kept Village 2020 arrangements**

A meeting for 2 village reps is being held by the Best Kept Village committee on Monday 24th February at 7.30 pm at Samlesbury Memorial Hall. Clr S Clarke will coordinate attendance.

RESOLVED To hold a village clean up on Saturday 4th April 10-12 noon meeting on the village car park. Bor Clr R Newmark will check if RVBC will be able to provide bags and litter pickers

11. **NALC Spring Conference – 17th March 2020 London-** focus on Health & Wellbeing and healthier communities.

12. **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Playground Report – No change. Goal mouth are still in needed of re-turfing. Unfortunately the poor autumn weather and wet winter has delayed the work.

Borough Councillor Report -Bor. Clr R Newmark is looking at recycling options for the village due to issues with the recycling bins on the car park. RV are asking properties throughout the borough who currently have purple sacks if they can accommodate a bin.

There are ongoing issues with a skip on a side alley off Padiham Road.

Clr Newmark apologised that he and Mrs Newmark had been unable to attend the civic service at Blackburn Cathedral

Parish Council Liaison meeting Clr R Vickers reported the Rotary club have a Tree Challenge and are engaging with local people through schools and looking for common ground /council owned ground appropriate for planting.

RV are holding a community Heritage Festival – Reveal Ribble Valley- they are asking for heritage type events.

There was a presentation about Substance Misuse in the RV

Pendle Hill Partnership- highlighted grants available and said they have had interaction with Sabden school in connection with the Treasure Trail

Wiswell PC highlighted the LCC ‘Report it’ system had sporadic response from LCC

Date & Time of Next meeting –Tuesday 3rd March 2020 at 7pm in the Pendle Room at St Nicholas Church .