

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 1st June 2020 on Bailey Field under social distancing rules.

Note no meetings held in March, April or May (Covid 19)

Present: Roger Wilkinson, Christine Holden, Derek Harwood, Margaret Carrington, Simon Bailey, Peter Butterfield, Chris Berry, David Bland.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

A minutes silence was held in memory of Gordon Nicholson who was a parish councillor for many years.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Margaret Carrington and seconded by Peter Butterfield. A copy was signed by the Chair.

Matter arising from the minutes.

The pavement outside 4 Longridge Road is damaged. The resident is still repairing the wall, state of the pavement will be assessed at the end of this and a report made to highways if necessary.

Plans: Plans have been circulated by email and comments submitted as requested.

It was discussed whether to retain this section of the meeting, but decided it was appropriate in case any discussion was needed.

Common Land: Ownership- David has researched this issue and has found that we can submit all our pieces of land at the same time, making the process slightly easier. It was agreed on the matter of valuation that a low figure will be submitted for the value of the land as if this is not accepted it can always be raised. This strategy was proposed by Peter Butterfield and agreed by all present. Also the land on the Dene at the bottom of the footpath between Longridge Rd and the Dene as this is not at present registered to anyone.

Thanks were given to David for all his hard work.

Memorial Hall: The roof is done and under budget and is looking good. Next project is the heating but this is on hold until the end of the crisis when there will be grants available.

Playground: Chris has continued to do the playground checks. At present the playground is closed. Nancy to make new sign.

Garden maintenance: The bank outside the police house was discussed and it was decided that the Parish Council would like it to be strimmed to about 1 foot in height. Nancy to get a price for this from Calum. There was general concern about the cost of grass maintenance but last time this was looked into it was difficult to find anyone to do the work.

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Signage for the Tolkien Way: Tom Pridmore from Ribble Valley has been in touch and is interested in a discussion post-covid.

Bridleways/ footpaths: A resident has reported dangerous use of a bridle path by cyclists. Clerk to contact County about this matter to see what can be done.

Parking and traffic in the village: The village is very busy at the moment due to good weather and post lockdown visits. A number of residents have complained about cars and inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Also the speed of traffic through the village. County Councillor Alan Schofield is talking to highways about traffic through the village. It was suggested that we try and hold a meeting post Covid with an officer from County present and invited the public to air their views. Clerk will also message PC John Feeny .

Dead Tree: A dead tree has been reported on land which we maintain. This land is not ours. Clerk to contact housing association to check what action needs to be taken.

Minutes on Noticeboard: Margaret Carrington requested the clerk put a copy of the minutes on the village noticeboard.

The Chair highlighted the generosity of villagers helping each other in this time of crisis.

No further meeting was arranged, this will depend on the progression of the lockdown.