

Minutes

Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

AGM Monday 20TH May 2024 7:00 – 7:30 pm

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| | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING |
| 1 | Present: Isaac Nutter, David Bland, Simon Bailey, Margaret Carrington, Lynn Hepworth Christine Holden (Chair) Julie Chang (Clerk) No members of the public attended. Apologies Chris Berry. Minutes from last AGM Were proposed by David Bland and seconded by Isaac Nutter |
| 2 | Matters Arising No matters arising from the minutes |
| 3 | Chair's report. The Parish Council of Aughton Bailey and Chaigley works to fulfil our mission statement which is 'to deliver better services and local change.' To date; the Memorial Hall has been completely refurbished; regular charging of the SPID traffic control takes place together with frequent checks of the playground. The grass is cut on a regular basis in those areas for which the Parish Council is responsible; Remembrance Day service is organised alongside the British Legion with the Parish Council contributing 50% towards the cost of road traffic management - Stonyhurst making up the rest with a contribution from Dutton Parish Council. A lovely stone table was bought to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee and whilst we try to keep the bus shelters up to scratch we do appreciate the work of village volunteers who often brush them out. A defibrillator is maintained at Hodder Court. Ribble Valley has been contacted in terms of the Bayley Arms Grade Two listed building falling into disrepair and we have tried to address the parking issues in the village by liaising with villagers, the local police, highways and Stonyhurst College but responsibility for change ultimately rests with Lancashire highways who do not deem it a priority at present. Looking ahead we considered additional signage for the Tolkien Trail but are aware of the impact of too many signs in a small village. We are trying to improve the street lighting from St John's church to the bridge particularly as the small narrow pavement in this area presents a safety risk and a villager has recently fallen in this area. Hurst Green have entered the village for the Best Kept Village competition and are grateful for the band of volunteers who are seeking to achieve this. New signs are now in place in Walker Fold; we have replaced a broken bench for the residents. We are aiming to continue to upgrade the village playground and tarmac the car park however funds at this stage allow for the carpark to have a new surface only. Money has been granted for this through a Rural Fund grant. Our thanks to all those in the village in whatever capacity who do their best to try to keep the village a place enjoyed by all and my thanks in particular to all members of the Parish Council who give their time voluntarily to maintain and improve the village. FORWARD PLAN - suggestions 1. Encourage Highways to provide street lighting in Longridge Road nr St John's and to improve pedestrian access on the very narrow pavement there. 2. Tarmac the village hall car-park 3. Purchase new items for the children's playground DB thanked MC for all her hard work as chair |

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| 4 | Annual accounts for the year April 2023 to March 2024 were reviewed and approved. |
| 5 | Election of Chair/Vice chair Margaret Carrington was proposed as chair and voted for unanimously. Chris Berry was voted in as Vice Chair. CH Thanked Margaret for all her work as Chair, especially with regards to her fundraising and work to improve the memorial hall. |
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| | PARISH COUNCIL MEETING |
| 1 | Present Apologies Chris Berry. |
| 2 | Minutes from the last meeting for approval proposed/seconded |
| 3 | Matters Arising from minutes. |
| 4 | Matters raised by attending public. |
| 5 | Correspondence – RVBC anniversary offer for Redwood tree and separate offer for community orchard – councillors said no free land. Already a community orchard on the golf course. Bailey arms – request for planter with sign -declined in view or wishing to reduce clutter with signs, reply from highways re road closure acknowledged. Road now repaired. Minstrels cross – Stonyhurst have passed on to Carter Jonas to determine whether it is part of their estate, parish summer newsletter – response with summary of parish successes planned – lock on gate to Bailey field from Smith row – not a right of way, lock was placed some years ago to deter dog walkers passing through and allowing their dogs to foul the field, with great effect, so lock won't be removed – RBVC anniversary fund – no application process in place. |
| 6 | Finance – Balance on 18/4/24 was £1808.97. Cheques: prime garden services £612, clerk's salary £450, hanging baskets and sundries for best kept village £134.48 Income: precept received 02.04.24 £10,500 Finance committee report and budget : Last year's budget and expenditure were reviewed, and a forecast put together based on that, with a 10% increase was factored in to costs. Contingency has been made for 40% of the precept - £4,200.00, and £4,000.00 put aside as match funding for the rural grant. It is assumed that the clerk's salary will be raised next year to £2,000.00 p/a. Based on these assumptions, the predicted income for 24-25 is £20,112.60, the expenditure £18,623.61, which leaves £1,488.99 available. |
| 7 | Planning applications: footpath diversion green thorn farm, Hodder house, 5 the dene hurst green, hill crest house. No objections to any of the above planning applications, However clerk has been asked to formally enquire about the delay in the council receiving the planning application for 5 the dene in January and registering it in May. It appears that work has already commenced and is this now a retrospective planning application. |
| 8 | Forward Plan : 8a) Memorial hall car park – going ahead with funding from memorial hall committee and rural grant. As the grant application did not include the children's playground equipment, the £4000 we had set aside for match funding will not be needed for that purpose but can still be spent on the playground 8b) Electric charging points – not going ahead, remove from agenda. 8c) Playground – A small child's tower slide had been planned, but after liaison with mums and toddler group, they didn't think this was necessary. Need to consult with users around what they would like, so IN will liaise with the friends of St Josephs. There are also some maintenance issues around the playground. Some of the wooden fence posts are leaning and appear to be getting damaged at the bases by the strimmer. Clerk to get costs for replacement fencing with metal guards. Also there are areas where the flooring has separated creating a trip hazard. Clerk to find |

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| | <p>out who did this last time and get costs for re doing. IN will be present to show what needs doing.</p> <p>8d) Best Kept Village competition Hurst Green have entered and Nancy Baily is leading a team of volunteers from the parish. They have been weeding and cleaning streets, washing signs and street furniture, hanging baskets and attending to flower beds. A newsletter has been sent out and there is a whatsapp group if anyone wishes to get involved. Judging commences June 8th. Councillors unanimously agreed to increase the budget available to £400 to support the project.</p> |
| 9 | SplD – defer to June |
| 10 | Street lighting from St Johns church to dean bridge – Clerk to let LCC highways know that a parishioner recently did fall on that stretch of road and due to the narrow pavement fell directly into the road. |
| 11 | Website domain name SB has researched a company which is hosting .gov.uk websites for a number of parish councils across Lancashire. It will cost £250 to set up and migrate the website to the new domain, and then about £369.60 +vat p/a to maintain. SB checked with councillors re the need for them to have emails – none have been contacted by parishioners by email in the last year so this is not thought to be necessary. PC agreed to go ahead with this, aiming to be set up by July. |
| 12 | Chaigley –New bench and sign in place. |
| 13 | Internal audit. – Documentation with internal auditor. |
| 14 | Remembrance Sunday - put back on agenda after September meeting |
| 16 | Bus Shelters- IN will liaise with builder regarding missing roof tiles on Knowles Brow bus shelter and ridge tiles on Shireburn one. |
| 17 | Public Footpath (Deer House Farm) – reported – can come off agenda |
| 18 | Copy of Map It would be nice to have a copy of the map of the parish for people to refer to. Clerk to get costings for copy and framing of PC map. Liaise with memorial hall committee. |
| 19 | <p>Any other business –</p> <p>Punch Bowl – no updates</p> <p>Benches Kris Potts has asked if it is OK to refurbish one of the wooden benches, gratefully accepted.</p> |
| 20 | Date of Next Meeting Monday 17th June 2024 |