

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Meeting

Minutes Monday 15th April 2024 7:00 pm

	Present: Margaret Carrington, (Chair) Derek Harwood, David Bland, Isaac Nutter Lynn Hepworth, Cllr Alan Scofield (LCC) Julie Chang (Parish Clerk)
1	Apologies : Chris Berry Simon Bailey Christine Holden, Cllr Jan Alcock (RVBC)
2	Minutes from the last meeting for approval:. Minutes proposed by Derek Harwood seconded by David Bland.
3	Matters Arising from minutes. None
4	Matters raised by attending public. Naill MacFarlane asked if it was possible for attendees, such as the local police, to have any issues they wanted to discuss to be dealt with early in in the agenda, so that they didn't waste their time. He was assured by the committee that anyone attending the meeting was welcome to leave as soon as their issues had been dealt with.
5	Correspondence – thank you letter received from Maggie Inskip re Chaigley bench, audit instructions have now been received from PKF Littlejohn, reply from LCC Highways re traffic on Thornley road forwarded to councillors, LALC invoice, D-DAY information from RBVC forwarded to councillors, email from Jan Alcock informing us the there will be funding available from RVBC to commemorate their 50 th anniversary.
6	Finance – The closing balance at the end of March 2024 was £8052.44, with all transactions for 23/24 completed. Vat refund being applied for. Concurrent grant applied for but doesn't usually come through until later in the year. Cheques: Chaigley bench £443.67 Income: Precept received £10,500 RVBC, Stonyhurst £408.50 Finance committee are planning to meet to set next year's budget. Clerks' salary to be reviewed when precept is set around November time, to bring it into line with other areas.
7	Planning applications: Winkley Hall Farm (no objections 4/4/24) Smithy Row (no objections)
8	Forward Plan : 8a) Memorial hall car park, 8c) Playground Quotes have gone in for the application to the rural funding grant. Outcome of bid awaited 8b) Electric charging points not progressing with this currently but to remain on agenda. 8d) Tolkein trail signage: The trail is waymarked from the bus shelter opposite the Shireburn Arms and down Warren Fold. Suggestions for additional signs included adding one to the 'Warren Fold' street sign, or a new post and pin sign. Councillors felt that a sign on the warren fold sign wouldn't be visible enough and there were already too many signs in the area around the war memorial. There was a discussion about whether additional signs would make much difference because people often ask for directions before looking at signs and without consulting a map. The majority of people appear to find the trail successfully and many use their phones. It was decided not to proceed with further signage and to take this item off the agenda. 8e) Best Kept Village competition: Entry sent. NB has held two meetings with good engagement from the village. An audit of the area has been done and generated a 'to do ' list. A WhatsApp group has been set up so that people can get together to form working parties when the weather permits. There have been offers to help out with plants from the Bayley arms and from Winkley Hall. Leaflets have gone out asking residents to weed and sweep the footpath in front of their houses.

	Councillors reported that the wildlife area of the police bank looked unsightly. And could it be planted with wild flowers. Clerk to ask Gardener.
9	SpID- SB to update at next meeting
10	Street lighting from St Johns church to dean bridge. Cllr Schofield was asked if anything could be done about this stretch of road as it was felt to be unsafe. Cllr Swarbrick at LCC has already been asked and replied that installing street lighting wasn't possible. Cllr Schofield said that he would bring it up but didn't expect a different reply. Also the road safety record was good, so it would not be considered a priority.
11	Uk.gov domain name : SB has been looking into this. One provider was £799 to set up and £249 p/a thereafter. Still researching it. Cllr Scofield said that he attends another parish where they have changed but it was much cheaper. Cost depends upon services provided. SB to update at next meeting.
12	Chaigley – Walker Fold sign delivered but not installed yet. Bench ordered and awaiting delivery.
13	Internal audit. –Christine Richards has agreed to act as internal auditor and audit forms have been received.
14	Remebrance Day – as per minutes. Ventbook booked for 2024 D -day – 6 th June. An email was forwarded to all parish clerks from Cllr Lousie Edge encouraging us to organise a beacon. Mellor have a gas fired beacon they lit for platinum jubilee, Clerk emailed to find out if they are repeating this for for d-day. No plans to do this in hurst green.
15	Portrait of the King offer – requested then declined.
16	Update for Parish Council Liaison – IN – didn't go.
16	Any other business – Request for a sign to direct people to the Bayley arms from the main road. Discussion around the wish to support and maintain a public house in the village, but concerns around too many signs already. The landlord could apply for a brown sign, the same as the memorial hall, but the PC would not apply on their behalf or support it financially.
17	Bus Shelters – DB has contacted Adam Nutter re repairs. Thanks to Barbara Herd for cleaning the bus shelter at the Shireburn, removing ivy, moss from the roof and cleaning the gutters.
18	Public Footpath (Deer House Farm) SB reported clerk to ask re progress.
19	AOB – Road closure sign – relating to large pot hole by the golf course, sign is blocking pathway and keeps getting blown over. Clerk to write to highways. Water running down Avenue Road – Naill Macfarlane has written to Stonyhurst about digging a channel to divert springwater into culvert. Minstrels Cross at Pinfold: This has not been repaired. Clerk to write to Stonyhurst RBVC Anniversary fund: discussion about what we could request – junior football nets, or a bicycle first aid station. Need to know sums involved an application process. Clerk to contact Jan Alcock.
	Date of Next Meeting and AGM, Monday 20TH May 2024 AGM 7-7:30, Parish council meeting 7:30 Members of the public welcome.