

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Meeting

Minutes Monday 15th April 2024 7:00 pm

	<p>Pre meeting – Remembrance Sunday meeting. 6:30 -7:00 pm Attended: Andrew and Catherine Penny, Margaret Carrington, Chris Holden, John Collinge, Father Tim Curtis, Laura Orr, Derek Harwood, Simon Bailey, Christine Holden, David Bland, Isaac Nutter Julie Chang (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>Plans for Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2024. The group discussed feedback following last year’s parade and amendments required in light of that.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of parishioners had asked why the service couldn’t have been held at the cenotaph as Avenue Road was closed. The committee discussed safety. Longridge road was not closed, and this presented a problem as the longer there was a crowd at the cenotaph the more likely it was that the crowd would overspill onto the road and increase risk of a road traffic accident. 2. There was also a lot of traffic noise at the cenotaph, so the service would not be heard. We would need to procure a better sound system and power supply. The group voted unanimously for having the service in the Memorial Hall Car park. 3. There was some confusion because the wreath layers were standing in front of some of the chairs, so people did not sit in them. DB will re organise the seating plan. we will ask the marshals to direct people if necessary. 4. There was a lot of noise during the procession from the memorial hall to the cenotaph. This year we will add ‘process in silence’ to the order of service. 5 Difficulty hearing the speakers at the cenotaph – encourage those speaking to hold the microphone up to their mouth. <p>Otherwise, the plan is to ask that the people involved are happy to contribute as the did last year, and a further meeting will be organised for late September/ early October to finalise the details.</p> <p>Actions: Parish Clerk to request road closure order, check that previous contributors are happy to contribute the same as last year, organise next meeting. Fr Tim will liaise with Rev McConkey and contacts Stonyhurst. David Bland will review plan and order of service. Chris Holden will assess need for new leaflets (most were taken away last year).</p>
	<p>Parish Council Meeting. Present: Margaret Carrington, (Chair) Derek Harwood, Simon Bailey, Christine Holden, David Bland, Isaac Nutter Lynn Hepworth, Cllr Jan Alcock (RVBC) Julie Chang (Parish Clerk)</p>
1	<p>Apologies : Chris Berry</p>
2	<p>Minutes from the last meeting for approval: omitted from February AOB was bus shelters – this has been added to March AOB. Minutes proposed by David Bland seconded by Isaac Nutter.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising from minutes. We do need to improve signs for Tolkein trail.</p>
4	<p>Matters raised by attending public. There were 3 members of public attending, Andrew Donelan, Rebecca Donelan and James Slater. Mr Donelan stated that he had attended because of his interest in the Punch Bowl, which was listed as AOB. This matter was dealt with at this point. It was listed as an agenda item to feed back information from RVBC to the Parish, that the head of legal services at RVBC intended to continue with legal action with respect to the rebuilding of the Punch Bowl, which had been ordered by the courts, but no</p>

	progress had been made at the point of a recent deadline. The chair commented that many people in the parish wished to see the punchbowl restored. A question was raised about the stone, which JD assured the PC was all on site and none had been removed. The members of the public left the meeting after this agenda item.
5	Correspondence – grass verges Thornley road – Parishioner complains about the use of 16 wheel vehicles by miles fox haulage which have been driving on the grass verges and causing damage as well as road safety issues. Parishioner has contacted Lancs CC and clerk has contacted road safety officer at LCC for advice. Clerk advised the parishioner that re road safety they can take photographs and send them to our Community Police Officer, also that highways is in the remit of LCC not PC.
6	Finance – Account update: balance on 4.3.24 £8448.94 Cheques: grass cutting bailey field £216.00, walker fold sign £114.00. clerk’s salary £450.00 Income: 0 Vat refund to be claimed est £780.
7	Planning applications: Yew tree farm chipping road chaigley: planning application re submission – plans for barn previously rejected because the materials proposed were too industrial. Cllr JA is going to speak on behalf of granting the permission, as it is an essential farm building for housing farm machinery, it is not visible from many sightlines and does not ‘spoil’ the countryside view. PC agreed to support this.
8	Forward Plan : 8a) Memorial hall car park, 8c) Playground Quotes have gone in for the application to the rural funding grant. This is a match funded grant and the PC have pledged £4000.00 towards this so it should be noted in the financial forecast. Overall the application was for £62,000 for resurfacing car park, painting on parking bays, and 2 new pieces of equipment for the children’s playground. 8b) Electric charging points the memorial hall committee decided against including this in the grant application at the present time. It would reduce the number of car parking spaces available in the village hall car park for non-electric cars. They would consider revisiting this at a future date. 8d) Tolkein trail signage: clerk to find out whether we can just put our own signs up 8e) Best Kept Village competition. Closing date for entries 30 th March Nancy Bailey is holding a meeting for anyone interested in taking part 14 th March, 7:30 memorial Hall, and Thursday 4 th April PC agreed a budget for sundries of £200
9	SpID- SB is working on the battery which works but intermittently. A replacement with a solar panel cost about £5k so not currently in our budget.
10	Street lighting from St Johns church to dean bridge. Cllr Schofield not in attendance. Clerk to contact and ask for update for next meeting. Also to share LCC Road safety toolkit with parish council.
11	Bayley Arms - ACV approved on the grounds that ‘its actual current primary use, namely as a public house furthers the social well being or social interests of the local community by providing a venue for use for social recreation and cultural interests’. The AVC meant that if the building comes up for sale, the vendors need to give the community 6 months to put together a bid if they wish to purchase it, although the vendor is under no obligation to sell to the community.
12	Uk.gov domain name - updates from NALC – this is not mandatory but there is a push towards it and funding (£100 plus vat if you use an approved registrar) to support early adopters. Government have set up a parish council Domains helper service. SB said that ideally we would need a service which allowed to use the tools we already have, such as wordpress, as we don’t want to become dependant on paying a third party to be updating our website with monthly minutes etc. He is looking into it in more detail. JA said that they will be bringing this up at the parish councils liaison meeting.

13	Chaigley – Walker Fold sign has been delivered but needs to be fixed into place. PC approved quote for bench @ £349.65 Clerk to liaise with residents regarding order and installation etc.
14	Grass cutting contract – rise in price approved. New contract to be issued by clerk.
15	Internal audit. – IN will make enquiries re internal auditor. AGAR forms for yr 2023/24 not yet released. This year it will be a form 2 as income/expenditure was less than £25k
16	D -day – 6 th June. D-DAY 80 BEACONS Letter from Colonel John Davies from Lancashire Lieutenancy, about lighting a beacon in the community. Cost £550 for a reusable propane gas beacon. Alternative ways to mark the day are to build a bonfire, or light a lamp of peace at 9:15 pm. Costs of beacon are outside our budget, so we would encourage those who wish to commemorate the day to light their own lamp of peace.
17	Portrait of the King offer -clerk to check with memorial hall committee if it is acceptable to hang the portrait in the jubilee room, and if so order one.
18	Any other business – parish council liaison committee next one 9 th of April – Isaac will attend, and David Bland will attend the following one. Bus shelters: DB has removed some of the ivy from the bus stop at the Shireburn arms but needs access to the neighbouring gardens to remove more, and some of the debris between the bus shelter and the wall. The bus shelter at Knowles Brow has a missing slate from the roof, some ridge tiles need replacing and both need the gutters clearing out. DB will make enquiries with someone who may be able to do this. Footpath: path from deer house farm to golf course blocked by fallen trees. SB will report to LCC footpaths. Playground: IN will take over playground inspections for the next few months.
19	Date of Next Meeting Monday 15th April 2024