

## Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

### Held in the Memorial Hall.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

Apologies

In attendance: two members of the public.

Cllr Jan Alcock, P.C. John Feeney and PCSO Aimee Jarrett informed the Clerk that they would not be in attendance.

1. **Apologies**-none.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**- The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by David Bland seconded by Simon Bailey. All in favour of accepting the minutes as a true record. The minutes were signed by Margaret Carrington.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes: 4a**Bird feeders bought by clerk, **15** Email sent to Ribble Valley with regard to the builder's fence in our AONB.

**It was moved that item 19 Commuted Sum be brought forward on the agenda to discuss enabling members of the public present to make a contribution.**

**19: Commuted Sum:** David Bland spoke about the remodelling of the playground. The extension has now been rejected due to the fact that the climbing frame would be too wide for the area available and the pipework for the heating system would be under the wet-pour surface. The "legs" of the climbing frame may also penetrate to the depth of the pipes. Thus any maintenance/ repairs needed for the heating system may result in the removal of the surface and/or the structure. Chris Berry and David Bland have met with reps from Kompan and Caloo. Present proposals from Kompan include the removal of some of the existing equipment but would include a steel rope frame with slide plus another small slide, seesaw and hopscotch. Caloo have suggested the removal of the present slide and mound to be replaced with climbing frame and slide, small slide and firemans pole. Kompan have now been asked to make a quote of a similar structure.

Simon Tipton and Neal Brown introduced their plan to create an all-weather area at the top of the Bailey Field. This is a plan which could use the £25000 commuted sum or be a separate project. The Parish Council would need to be involved in the project as Bailey Field is owned by them. The project would almost certainly be over £100,000. This facility would be multi-use and for the community and community organisations including- for example the football club, school, bowling club, tennis club etc.

A project team will need to be set up and the need for this facility proved in order to secure grants etc.

**It was agreed that Neal and Simon Tipton would look into the project in more detail by the next meeting.**

**David Bland would speak to Nicola Hopkin about whether the money from the commuted sum could be used in this way.**

**The Parish Council would wait until the next meeting to make a decision which way to spend the commuted sum.**

4. **Correspondence: County Council Conference for local Councils-a)** A conference has been set up by LCC to bring together Parish Councils and Highways. This is on 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.30-2.30, Councillors are invited to attend in person or on zoom. b) Free training is available from LALC for councillors, chairs and clerks, please speak to the clerk if you wish to attend. c) We received Lancashire Public Health annual report and this has been circulated to all councillors.
5. **Finance:** a) A statement to show current finances was given to councillors. b) Cheques for Chris Holden £44.94 and Clerk £28.98 were authorised. c) Christine Richards was approved as our Internal Auditor- Proposed by Margaret Carrington and Seconded by Chris Berry. d) Documents on Internal Control and Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved.
6. **Budget:** Copies of the present budget and next years budget were presented.
7. **Insurance:** The Insurance Sub-Committee has met. We have had confirmation from our insurance company that workers employed by the Memorial Hall Committee are covered by the Parish Council Insurance. We have taken advice on the re-build value of the hall and this is in excess of £1,100,000. This will need to be reflected when we renew our insurance. This may also lead to the Memorial Hall Committee giving a larger contribution to the premium.
8. **Parking:** a) At present this issue is on hold as we monitor how the situation develops this year. b) the signs supplied by PC Feeney require cable tying as they are blowing over in the current weather. **Chris Berry to secure.**
9. **Memorial Hall:** a) Representative on the Memorial Hall Committee- Derek Harwood has volunteered to be the representative on this committee. Des has not been invited to a meeting as yet. b) Margaret Carrington reported that a grant for £30,000 has been applied for from Lancashire Environmental Fund and also the Memorial Hall is to be painted throughout once the work is complete.
10. **Planning:** No objection to any planning at present.
11. **Code of Conduct-** Councillors have all received scam emails. To help prevent this Simon Bailey has altered the details on the website to remove individual councillors email addresses and there is now a form to fill in to maintain privacy.
12. **Defibrillators-** These machines and their cabinets do belong to the Parish Council, their value £1500 per machine and cabinet and to individually insure them it would cost £125 each. It was resolved to try and add them to our overall insurance policy on renewal.
13. **Platinum Jubilee:** There is a working party set up and the group is looking for ideas from the community.
14. **SPID:** No change on this matter. (Remove from agenda)
15. **Remembrance Parade:** This to be discussed at the next meeting.
16. **Playground:** a) The fence is repaired. b) The gate is to be looked at by **Derek Harwood** and made permanently secure. c) The wall is to be repaired/ fencing erected by the householder.
17. **Best Kept Village:** At present it was felt that the village is not ready to be part of this competition. Walker Fold also do not wish to be judged this year. **Clerk to check what the procedure is for individual features to be entered such as bowling club/ cemetery.**
18. **Casual Vacancy:** We had two individuals interested in filling this vacancy however only one finally submitted a resume and so we now have a new Parish Councillor Simon Tipton. The other interested party will be kept in mind for future vacancies.

19. **Commuted Sum:** See earlier in the agenda.
20. **Any Other Business:** a) WI Cherry Tree. The WI wish to plant a cherry tree on the common land in front of St. Peter's Club as a way of celebrating the Platinum Jubilee. **Clerk to contact WI to ask them to submit this request in writing.** b) The Tolkien Trail is very muddy at the beginning through Warren Farm. It is dangerously slippery. **Clerk to report this to LCC Highways.**
21. **Date of next meeting-** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7pm