

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Monday 21st June 2022

Held in the Memorial Hall.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: 2 members of the public, Cllr Jan Alcock.

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

1. **Apologies**-Christine Holden, Simon Tipton
2. **Minutes of the last meeting** – Were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Christopher Berry, seconded by Derek Harwood and signed by the Chair as a true record.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – a) “Golf Course” footpath: it was raised by Margaret Carrington that the footpath which crosses the field from The Avenue to the Golf course close the Our Lady’s statue crosses the wall via very narrow stile, which she feels is in contravention of equal opportunities legislation. Margaret has spoken to the Golf Club who say that it is the responsibility of the landowner Stonyhurst College. It is also true that this is not designated a right of way though it has been used as such for tens of years. Simon Bailey has looked in to how a path can become a right of way and will send a link to this information to all Councillors. Discussion about way forward at the next meeting. **Action Simon Bailey.** b) The Clerk has been looking into health and Safety issues regarding the volunteer who is at present weed killing in the village. As this person is a volunteer not an employee it is believed that a certificate of competence is not required though Councillors felt guidance such as only weedkilling in the early morning or later in the evening when people are not around. The weedkiller is also expensive at £104 for 5 litres of Round up. It was agreed that this is a valuable service which the Parish Council would wish to continue but some Health and Safety guideline should be written (**Clerk**) and Margaret Carrington to speak to the volunteer with regard to the purchase of weedkiller. **Action Margaret Carrington.**
4. **Correspondence:** a) There is a Parish Council liaison meeting on Thursday 30th June at 6.30pm, Clitheroe Council Offices, Roger Wilkinson agreed to attend. **Action Roger Wilkinson.** b) We have received notice that an inspection of the Playground on behalf of ROSPA will take place in August. c) A letter was received from LCC with regard to attaching objects (hanging baskets etc) to lamp-posts.
5. **Finance:** a) The document for the Annual audit were presented to the council. b) All councillors approved the Certificate of Exemption. c) All members of the Council approved the Annual Governance Statement. d) The accounting statements were approved by the council. e) A cheque for £18.76 was approved for Jubilee celebration items. f) The Clerk presented account from the Jubilee day celebrations showing that £474.09 had been spend, leaving £315.91 to be spent on Jubilee celebrations.
6. **Commuted Sum:** The proposal at the last meeting to extend the Playground sideways was looked into by David Bland and Christopher Berry. This will not be possible as the space available would only allow for a very small piece of equipment and space around the equipment may not conform to health and safety requirements. There is also a pipe for the Memorial hall heating crossing this area. Kath Molyneux (Member of the Public) also pointed out that extending the playground in this

way could cause access issues. The option favoured by the working party (DB and CB) involves the removal of the trail at the bottom end of the playground. A vote was taken on the proposal that the playground will be renovated with the addition of a climbing frame and the removal of the trail. Proposed by David Bland and seconded by Derek Harwood , 5 councillors were in favour and one against, therefore this plan will go ahead.

7. **Memorial Hall:** a) Bailey Field has had top soil and grass seed spread by volunteers to improve its surface. b) Parts of the Memorial Hall are being painted with all bills going to the lottery fund. c) In September work will start on the kitchen, gents toilets and Platinum Jubilee room.
8. **Plans:** Bungalows at The Warren were discussed with concerns about building in the ANOB being aired. And the fact that Hurst Green has already had an addition of 31 houses, a large addition to a small village. A vote was taken as to whether the Parish Council wishes to make any presentations to the planners, 4 councillors had no objections, 2 councillors objected, therefore no formal objection will be sent to the planning department.
9. **Platinum Jubilee:** a) The celebration held during the Jubilee weekend on the Bailey Field was felt to have been a success with great attendance and the weather just about being kind. Margaret Carrington and her committee were thanked for their work. b) A proposal was made by Derek Harwood to create a Jubilee stone table and place it on the village green at a cost of £700 plus the purchase of gravel. Derek Harwood has spoken to Peter Holden at the St. Peter's Club and he is in agreement and will help to transport and site the stone. The Council therefore took a vote as to whether to go ahead with the purchase and siting on a Jubilee Table on the village green. The vote was unanimously in favour of this project. The Clerk presented the budget which shows that if necessary, the Parish Council can provide funds. There is £315 in the Jubilee Funds. Donation from the public will also be sort via Round the Green. Donations from Cllr Jan Alcock and Margaret Carrington were received. **(Clerk to send letter of thanks)** . The wording of the stone still needs to be finalised. Derek to go ahead with this project.
10. **Playground Wall- to be discussed at the end of the meeting due to David Bland having a conflict of interest.**
11. **MUGA-** no progress on this project.
12. **Consultation on Local Plan-** David Bland attend this meeting and found it a very useful meeting. Views at the meeting were that there is too much emphasis in the plan on tourism and leisure which tend to generate low paid jobs. Also that planning seem to encourage large developments with those wanting permission for a single house often failing to receive permission. This then leads to dishonesty with applicants siting other uses for houses (tourism, office space, agricultural labourers) then applying for change of use further down the line. Other councils also highlighted a lack of liaison with adjacent councils such as Preston and South Ribble. The local plan is in place until 2038 with emphasis on large developments near the A59 and Longridge. It was reported that there is enough land obtained for development for the next 14 years. Discussion at this meeting highlighted encroachment on the ANOB and the amount of houses in the village now being used as holiday rentals rather than family homes once again causing young people from the village to be unable to live in the village. This also eventually will lead to a village without a community as is now experienced in parts of the Lake District and Wales. It was agreed that the Council would not make a single response but that individuals should make their own responses via the Ribble Valley website.
13. **Water Supply, Bailey side of the village-** Households from St. John's vicarage to Dutton have been experiencing disruption to their water supplies in a situation which is getting worse. The pipe work

