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

Held in the Memorial Hall.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: three members of the public. PCSO Aimee Jarrett

Cllr Jan Alcock informed the Clerk that she 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 Chris Berry. All in favour of accepting the minutes as a true record. The minutes were signed by Margaret Carrington.
- 3. Matters arising from the minutes a) The W.I. wish to plant a tree to mark the Platinum Jubilee.t. Peter's Club but the ground in front of the club is grass on hard core and this plus drains mean that this is not a suitable place to plant a tree. WI have contacted Onward housing to ask if the tree can be planted on the land next to the Bayley Arms. If this is not possible then on the land adjacent to the Boer War Memorial. The tree would be an ornamental maple tree. The Parish Council agreed to this plan.
- 4. New Councillor- Simon Tipton was welcomed on to the Parish Council.
- 5. Correspondence- a) The temporary fence at the rear of The Warren housing estate is being monitored by Ribble Valley. The owner has been given until 8/4/22 to remove it. b) Lancashire CC have responded to our email with regard to the state of the Tolkien Trail behind The Warren and will send an officer out to inspect it. c) Virgin Bank has informed us that it is to start charging if we have more than 10 transactions in a month. The charge is £6.50. (Discuss this fully next meeting)
- 6. **Finance:** a) A statement to show current finances was given to councillors. b) Cheques for Chris Holden £13.54 and Katherine Turner £216 (Platinum Jubilee) were authorised.
- **7. Budget:** Copies of the budget for next year have been circulated. The budget was approved by all councillors.

It was agreed to move agenda item 10 Planning to this part of the agenda to accommodate members of the public who were present.

8. **Planning:** a) Members of the Public attended the meeting to talk about their plans for a small development on land behind Bilsbury Cottages, this would be a development with section 106 restrictions. They have discussed this with Ribble Valley planning and are at the early stages of developing this plan. A discussion took place after the members of the public had left the meeting and concluded that the Parish Council are unable to give a view on this until they have seen the actual plans submitted. (**Clerk to inform the Members of the Public of this)**. b) A planning application has been received for Greygarth, Lambing Clough Lane. As this was only received today Councillor will consider and let the clerk know of any objections.

- 9. Commuted Sum: a) New Parish Councillor Simon Tipton presented his plans for a MUGA (Multi activity games area). The first quote has been £225000 + VAT. Simon discussed putting together a project team. He has liaised with the St. Joseph's School, spoken to villager Steve Clarke and gained information about the Youth Investment Fund and Sport England. It was proposed by that a Project team be planned with suggested members to be put formally to the Parish Council at the next meeting. (Action Simon Tipton) b) Christopher Berry spoke about new quotes for the development of the Playground. At the next meeting a decision will be made between using the Commuted sum money for either the MUGA or the Playground. Margaret Carrington suggested that members of the public be encouraged to attend to give their view. Clerk to ensure this is clear on the posters and website.
- 10. Memorial Hall: a) The Risk assessment has been received from the Memorial Hall Committee. b) A grant for £42000 has been received to cover refurbishment of the Gents toilets, kitchen and Jubilee Room. c) Shutters are now in place on the bar and kitchen hatch. c) A issue was raised with regard to the inspection covers for the new heating system on the Bailey Field. These a causing a tripping hazard. It was agreed that the Clerk get in touch with Ribble Valleu BC to seek advice on this. (Action Clerk) .d) Drainage on the Bailey field was also discussed as the field is not back to the state it was before the fitting of the new heating. It was agreed to give the field a year or so (May 2023) to see how it has settled.
- **11. Platinum Jubilee**: The working party have met twice and plans are being formulated for a day activities. Events are to be publicised in Round the Green.
- 12. Remembrance Parade: This to be discussed at the next meeting. (Action David Bland)
- 13. **Playground:** a) The gate is to be looked at by **Derek Harwood** and made permanently secure. b) The wall is to be repaired/ fencing erected by the householder.
- 14. Any Other Business: a) Spid- There are plans for its repair.
- 15. Date of next meeting- Monday 25th April (Date change due to Easter Monday) 7pm, Memorial Hall.