

Minutes of the AGM of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 23rd May 2022.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

Apologies: Roger Wilkinson, Christine Holden, Simon Tipton.

In attendance: PC John Feeney, Two members of the public.

Apologies received from- Councillor J. Alcock

1. **Minutes of the last meeting-** The minutes of the previous AGM were approved as a true record. Proposed by David Bland, seconded by Christopher Berry. All in favour, the minutes were signed as a true record.
2. **Declaration of interest-** No interests declared.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairman's Report:** Read by Margaret Carrington.

CHAIR'S REPORT TO THE PARISH COUNCIL MAY 23rd 2022

- Parking has been an issue in the village for some years and to address this a parking survey and an open meeting was held with various options available for villagers to think about such as yellow lines etc. The Parish Council also looked at various additional parking in Warren Fold and the school car park and our PC Feeney provided temporary portable signs to restrict parking. The outcome of the survey was inconclusive with no definitive mandate for the Parish Council to act upon and as PC Feeney confirmed that we had now explored all the options it was decided to remove parking from the agenda for the time being.
- Grants have been sourced for the memorial hall which has now had a new roof, new ground-source heating, refurbished changing rooms above and below and work agreed for a new kitchen, refurbished Jubilee room and gents' toilets. A total of £270k has been raised to date.
- Commuted sum – a total of £25k was made available for the Parish Council to spend on behalf of the village on the Bailey field. Various suggestions have been looked at namely; an addition to the children's playground for older children to use, a multi-use all weather sports facility and the bowling club have suggested a new scarifier be bought for them. The council have explored the playground option in depth but have not yet made a firm decision on any of the options although the amount available is time restricted.
- The Stonyhurst bus shelter has been painted as has the bus shelter opposite the Shireburn
- The Butterfly Garden has successfully been maintained by volunteers with an emphasis now on a herb garden for use by villagers
- The generator issues at the Warren, which caused huge annoyance to residents, have now been resolved
- Planning issues have been discussed over the year and the Parish Council have voiced their objections rigorously when necessary. This was particularly the case in terms of the Punch Bowl, a Grade 2 listed building, which was demolished without consent.
- The PC continues to maintain the land which we have responsibility for together with other significant land in the village

- Remembrance Day went ahead successfully and the organisers of the day managed to hold the parade with increased vigilance for the parade and a new village hall venue for the service
- Finances: These have been kept in a healthy state by our Finance sub-committee with reports issued at each meeting on the state of the budget and matters arising. The clerk's wages have been increased to keep parity with others and the precept has also necessarily been increased to keep pace with inflation and to take account of the additional homes in the village
- The SPID has not been working for some time and Cllr Berry is investigating how this can be resolved
- We were sorry to see Cllr Butterfield resign after many years of service on the Parish council and welcomed Cllr Tipton to the vacancy

It remains for me, as chair, to thank all of the councillors, clerk and our volunteers in the village for their hard work and ... in terms of our mission statement which is.... 'work to deliver better services and local change' then, yes, I think this has been met and hope you agree.

5. **Accounts:** The accounts for the year 2021-2022 were presented. Proposed that they are accepted by Christopher Berry and seconded by David Bland. All councillors in favour of their acceptance.
6. **Election of Chairman: Simon Bailey took the Chair to facilitate the election of a Chair for the Parish Council.** There was no one who wish to stand as Chair and Margaret Carrington agreed to continue as Chair.
7. **Election of Vice Chairman: Simon Bailey continued to act as Chair for the election of a Vice-Chair for the Parish Council.** There was no-one who wished to stand and Christopher Berry agreed to continue as Vice Chairman.
8. **AOB:** There being no further business the AGM was closed.