

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 25th May 2021-

Held in the Memorial Hall.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: County Councillor Alan Schofield, P.C. John Feeney

Apologies: Councillor Jan Alcock.

One member of the public present.

1. **Apologies-** All councillors present at the meeting.
2. **Declaration of interest-** None
3. **Minutes of the last meeting-** The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by David Bland, seconded by Christopher Berry. All in favour.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were no matters arising.
5. **Finance:** a. Two cheques were approved for Round the Green. £560 from Lancashire CC grant and £25 donation from residents. b. Margaret Carrington agreed to be an extra signatory on the cheque book.
6. **Parking Survey:** The summary of the parking survey has been circulated to the residents via Round the Green and placed on the village website. The general feeling amongst the Parish Councillors is that the parking situation has begun to improve a little, perhaps due to multiple factors of signs on the pavements, issue of parking tickets and the easing of the lockdown which means people have more variety in their choice of activity. The Parish Council are still planning to have a public meeting in September. County Councillor Alan Schofield said that he would try to attend this, he was unsure whether it would be possible for Highways staff to attend but he could approach the cabinet member for highways when a date for the meeting is available.
P.C. John Feeney stated that over 20 parking tickets have been issued and so far not one has been contested which may show that people do know that they are parking where they should not. He also said that members of the public are contacting him via the website or phone to report illegal parking. He has had a meeting with the headmaster of Stonyhurst re-possible car parking sites. The headmaster suggested the Golf Club car park, but this is often full with golfers. He is going to look into other possible venues and report back to P.C. Feeney. P.C. Feeney is still searching for funding for no parking signs, but those in the village at present are able to be kept here. (Clerk to circulate Parking summary to County Councillor Schofield)
7. **Memorial Hall:** The installation of the heating is continuing and is due to be commissioned soon. Then the field will need to be harrowed and re-seeded. The heating system consists of radiators for background heat and fan heaters to top up temperature. Derek Harwood is continuing with the joinery work and is panelling the rear wall. Many people have worked together to enable this work and thanks are due to Niall Macfarlane for his work in coordinating activity on the ground and keeping all informed of progress. A celebration evening to which all the village are welcome is

planned soon. In the meantime, fundraising must continue with The Yorkshire Shepherdess and A Hurst Green's got talent show planned.

8. **Common Land/ Land Registry:** We have received correspondence from the "Open Spaces – Grant a Green" campaign. David Bland has looked at this and think that we do not need to take further action, however he felt that it would be helpful for another Councillor to look at this document to check that this is the case. Christine Holden volunteered to take a look. **Action David Bland to pass on links to Christine.**
9. **Playground:** The some of the COVID warning signs disappeared from the playground. These have now been replaced. Christopher Berry continues with the monthly checks but has suspended the checks on the Bailey Field due to the fact it is not in use at present.
10. **Grass Maintenance:** Grass cutting is taking place and the clerk is monitoring the number of cuts. The contractor has been asked not to exceed 12-13 cuts in the year. The bank outside the police house has bee left and is covered in wildflowers, however Margaret Carrington asked that it be strimmed on the next cut as plants are restricting the pavement. (Clerk to ask for the bank to be strimmed)
11. **Bus Shelters:** The Stonyhurst bus shelter has been painted. Margaret Carrington reported a plank in the shelter opposite the Shireburn, Peter Butterfield offered to remove this. **Action Peter Butterfield to remove plank.**
12. **Bee and Butterfly Garden:** Work by volunteers is continuing and the garden is looking good. Hopefully another two week and it will be clear. Various villagers have kindly donated herbs to plant. It is also hoped to obtain some steppingstones to aid the gathering of herbs. **Clerk to look into obtaining donations of steppingstones.**
13. **Generator The Warren:** Work is continuing in the laying a new electricity supply. The time scale set was 12-16 weeks which will expire on 22nd June. The generator is still being used. Christopher Berry is monitoring the situation.
14. **Commuted Sum:** David Bland and Peter Butterfield to look into ideas and quotes for a fitness trail on the Bailey Field. They will also check with Ribble Valley about time scales to use this money. **(Action David Bland and Peter Butterfield to look at ideas and correspond with Ribble Valley)**
15. **Any Other Business:** a. Niall Macfarlane raised the problem of power sources in the village. There is no town gas in the village and fuels such as oil are no longer considered a good choice for the future with a green agenda meaning that it maybe phased out. This would leave the village dependent on bottled gas or electricity. The problems with the electricity supply to The Warren many indicate there is an inadequate supply. Greener alternatives are likely to be the way forward. **County Councillor Alan Schofield** offered to look into any longer-term plans being made by Ribble Valley Borough Council. This may be a topic to raise at a parish Council Liaison meeting. b. P.C. John Feeney informed the Council that there will be a new PCSO operating in the village soon.
16. **Date of next meeting-** Monday 21st June at the Memorial Hall.