

Minutes

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 20th January 2025 7:00 pm

1	Apologies Chris Berry, Lynn Hepworth Present Margaret Carrington (Chair) Simon Bailey, Isaac Nutter, David Bland, Des Harwood, Christine Holden, Cllr Jan Alcock, Cllr Alan Schofield, Niall McFarlane, Julie Chang (Clerk)
2	Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by DH and Seconded by DB Accounts forecast needs to be amended to document planned salary increase for the clerk. Minutes otherwise accepted as a true record.
3	Matters Arising from minutes. none
4	Matters raised by attending public. – NM wished to discuss agenda item 8d Resurfacing of the Bayley field, so this was brought forwards. On 15/1/25 NM met with DB, Barry Bolton and Alex Silverwood who is an agronomist. Since the instalment of the ground source heating pipes, there have been issues with the drainage of the field. This may be because old drainage pipes were damaged, or due to the inversion of the clay soil to the surface. Installing new drainage could be complicated by the presence of the heat pump at 1 m depth. AS is going to get an expert to generate a report on the drainage and he will do one on the surface and re seeding. Village Hall committee is funding the report and NM will share the reports with the PC. Timescale, costs and a project plan have been requested, and next steps will be determined with this information in hand.
5	Correspondence – a. 29/11/24 defibrillator fund is open – <i>not received – clerk to re send</i> b. 9/1/25 road closure on rock brow chipping – <i>put on HG facebook</i> c. 17/1/25 consultation of trough of bowland landscape – <i>DB will respond</i> 21/1/25 extended footpath closure until 1 st august 2026 - <i>noted</i>
6	a. Finance – balance as of 3 rd January 2025 £10962.16 b. Cheques: clerk’s salary £450, Gallagher’s insurance £50, prime garden £420 friends of St Josephs (Christmas lunch) £250, pending: community pub £65, Christmas tree £70, cenotaph plants ££112.93, gift £30, c. Direct debit: website £36.96 x 3 (Nov, Dec, Jan) d. Income: £250 RVBC Lunch club grant £408.50 Stonyhurst contribution to road closure for Remembrance Day parade. e. Precept application. £11,500 applied for. f. Electronic Banking: - in progress
7	Planning applications: a. Appeal Notification APP/T2350/W/24/3355255 Barn at Winkley Hall Farm Whalley Road Stonyhurst BB7 9PN - <i>noted</i> b. Consultation on prior notification, 3/2024/1041, Agricultural Building at Foxfields Farm Whalley Road Hurst Green BB7 9PN – <i>no objection</i> c. 3/2024/1019, Kemple Down Birdy Brow Chaigley BB7 3LR – <i>no objection</i> d. 1 Pinfold Cottages – email received from parishioner explaining retrospective planning application. To be discussed when formal application received.
8	Forward Plan : 8a) Memorial hall car park: New signs being arranged. Issues with people parking across the marked bays appear to have been resolved. Clerk to find out legal responsibility, regarding gritting of the carpark in inclement weather.

	<p>8b) Playground – quotes re surface delayed due to weather.</p> <p>8c) CCTV -Discussion around was this really necessary or a reaction to recent events in the village. Benefits would be evidence/documentation of incidents. Chipping have found it useful but have a paid manager at the village hall who takes responsibility. Issues for us are around finding people to take responsibility for running it and governance around the correct usage. We would need a policy. Clerk to find out what policies are already available from RVBC</p> <p>8d) as above.</p>
9	Review of risk assessments. Reminder to be done February, May, August, November.
10	Footpaths – The area between the 1 st and 2 nd kissing gates on the Tolkien trail around the back of St Peters club is very muddy and impassable. Probably outside the remit of our £500 budget for pathway maintenance, which is more for strimming and pruning. Chair will take a photograph and send it to the footpath department to see if they can improve it.
11	<p>Parking. One of the councillors sent a photograph of cars, double parked on the bend at the Shireburn, to the local police station at Longridge and was told that despite number plates being visible they had to be present to ticket in person, but they did not attend, simply said let us know if it happens again. The email trail will be forwarded to Cllr Alan Schofield.</p> <p>Speeding People are speeding up the Avenue at 8am. Although national speed limit applies after the gateposts, to drive this fast is somewhat unadvisable due to there being no footpaths and a large number of pedestrians. Clerk to write to headmaster to please remind parents.</p> <p>There was a query about people speeding through the village around St John's. The police have advised that there is nowhere suitable to park a mobile speed unit in this area to assess.</p>
12	<p>AOB:</p> <p>Grit bins: were discussed but the day after the meeting bins on The Dene, Bilsbury cottages and approaching St Johns had all been filled and repaired/replaced as necessary.</p> <p>Absent councillor: The parish council is quorate and functional in covering for an absence and is happy to continue doing so.</p> <p>Bus stops: BKV judges thought they needed sprucing up. Councillors felt that they were in good repair. The little library has been a success, thanks to Fran Wemyss Holden, and the bus shelter is clean and tidy.</p> <p>Post and chain fencing around the cenotaph/club. Is likely to need repair and replacement in the not too distant future and should be considered for the forward plan. Add to agenda for next time.</p> <p>Chaigley road: Now two sets of traffic lights, wall still not repaired after 6 months. Clerk to forward correspondence from Highways to Cllr Schofield.</p> <p>Puchbowl: hearing scheduled at the high court at the end of February.</p> <p>Bayley Arms: Simon Tipton is leading a community interest group.</p>
13	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>2025: Monday 17th February, Monday 17th March</p>