

Minutes

Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting 17th June 2024 7:00 pm

	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
1	Present: Margaret Carrington (Chair), Isaac Nutter, Simon Bailey, Christine Holden, Lynn Hepworth, Derek Harwood, Jan Alcock, Julie Chang (clerk) Apologies Chris Berry David Bland
2	Minutes from the last meeting for approval proposed by Simon Bailey, seconded by Isaac Nutter and approved.
3	Matters Arising from minutes. None arising.
4	Matters raised by attending public. No members of the public in attendance
5	Correspondence – <i>reply from LCC re blocked drain</i> , we were told that this would be cleaned in due course in the normal cycle of maintenance. Councillors remarked that the right drain couldn't have been inspected when reported on love clean streets as it is clearly blocked with silt and the opening covered in soil. SB offered to report this again with photographic evidence, as the currents of overflowing water when it rains are damaging the road surface and exaggerating potholes. <i>opting in for public rights of way</i> , LCC is offering funds for promoting biodiversity and maintenance of public rights of way in the parish. There is a grant of £500 for clearing vegetation, signposts, waymarks steps and gates or rights of way. Photographic evidence is required (before and after) for an end of year report of any work carried out by residents. There is also £300 available for biodiversity projects, such as nest boxes, hedgehog houses, communal gardens, ponds etc. Councillors agreed that we should apply for these grants. SB agreed to lead on the project. Any parishioners who would be willing to engage with these schemes by volunteering their time please contact the parish clerk or Simon Bailey. <i>new edition of good councillors guide</i> this was circulated to all councillors on 17 th May.
6	Finance – Balance was £16504 on 30.5.24 Cheques: £408 Prime garden services. Income: £0 More payees are requesting payment by BACS or electronic transfer, rather than by cheque. Clerk to find out if we can upgrade the parish account to electronic banking. Vat refund: application in progress. Clerk to seek advice re receipts via second parties
7	Planning applications: 5 the Dene- planning permission has been granted, partly retrospective. 6 Loach Field -some residents had raised concerns with a member of the parish council, but these were with respect to the terms of the leasehold which should be taken to the landlord. Neighbours have been consulted by the planning department, and it was felt that there was no role for the parish council here. 21Whalley Road. No objections.
8	Forward Plan : 8a) Memorial hall car park – no progress 8c) Playground – We have received a quote for a replacement fence with metal caps at the base of the posts to prevent strimmer damage. It is more costly than anticipated so DH is going to have a look at the fence to see if there may be an alternative option to complete replacement. IN is to meet with Jason at primary play to discuss repairs to the softpour. 8d) Best Kept Village competition – Thanks to all the volunteers in the village who have worked so hard on the village with a visible improvement. People who look like

	judges have been seen in the village, so we wait to find out if we have got through to the next round.
9	SpID – This is probably beyond repair. For discussion at the next meeting.
10	Street lighting from St Johns church to dean bridge – After a number of conversations with LCC Highways it seems that we are unlikely to get support for additional street lighting. Remove from agenda.
11	Website domain name We have engaged Easy websites ltd to set up and maintain a parish council website and email address with a uk.gov domain name. A direct debit has been set up for payment and this is likely to go live mid-June. Councillors have seen the new website in development and approve of the new format. The new web address is www.aightonbaileyandchaigley-pc.gov.uk , and the email for the parish clerk clerk@aightonbaileyandchaigley-pc.gov.uk
12	Bus Shelters- IN has contacted a builder regarding missing roof tiles on Knowles Brow bus shelter and ridge tiles on Shireburn one.
13	Internal audit. 13a) the parish council reviewed approved and signed off the AGAR certificate of exemption. 13b) the parish council reviewed approved and signed off the AGAR annual governance statement 13c) the parish council reviewed approved and signed off the AGAR financial statement Clerk will now send the exemption form to PK Littlejohn the external auditors. The notice of public rights will be displayed from 24 th June, and the documents will be published on the new website.
14	Copy of Map: Village hall committee agree to having a copy of the parish map in the jubilee room. Printing will be about £17 but clerk also needs to get cost options for framing.
15	AOB Trees on the police bank look overgrown. The police bank is PC land and responsibility. Councillors to have a look and decide whether cutting back is enough or do they need a more formal cut top reduction. Punchbowl : RVBC are pursuing failure to act on rebuilding through the courts.
16	Date of Next Meeting No meeting in July, as unable to get a quorum due to people being on holiday. Monday 19 th August Monday 16 TH September Monday 21st October Monday 18th November No December meeting Monday 20th January Monday 17 th February Monday 17 th March