

Minutes of the meeting of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

In attendance: Cllr Jan Alcock, P.C. John Feeney

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Peter Butterfield and seconded by Christopher Berry.
2. **Matters arising from the minutes:** There were matters arising from the minutes. **Playground-** Peter spoke to the charity and they agreed to give 50% of the cost of the soft surface. This cheque has been received and the soft surface repaired.
3. **Correspondence:** A letter has been received asking the parish council to set the precept.
4. **Plans:** There are no outstanding issues at the moment.
5. **Common Land:** No progress on this issue at present.
6. **Memorial Hall:** Des reported on the work he is doing to install the bar. The rear fire door has been moved and is being fitted then the bar can be installed. Margaret reported that there is still no news from the lottery due to COVID. Work is beginning on a bid for money from Sport England. Improvements will be made to the changing facilities and this maybe linked to the Commuted Sum. Peter reported that he has spoken to John Book the Project Manager for the ground source heating, he said that as soon as he gets the go head work will start within a few weeks.
7. **Playground:** All issues highlighted in the ROSPA report have been addressed except for the issue with the swings. Andrew from Discovery Days is coming to show Chris how to inspect the swing mechanism. Simon is interested in attending this so that he can also perform inspections. **Action- Chris to meet with Andrew and invite Simon to demonstration.**
8. **Grass cutting:** The future of the butterfly garden was briefly discussed with a view to reducing the maintenance required. **Action- Councillors asked to come up with ideas and plans for the January meeting.**
9. **Finance:** A financial report was presented to the council showing that we have spent more than we have received this year and therefore our reserve may be down to £2000 by the end of the financial year. David suggested that the Memorial Hall committee are asked to make a contribution towards the insurance as this is a major expenditure. **Action – Nancy to contact Niall and Agnes to request a donation.** It was suggested that we try to build up our reserve to £3000 which will cover most unexpected expenditure.

**10. Precept:** Due to the above situation it was decided to set the precept at £6000. **Action- Nancy to complete the paperwork to set the precept.**

**11. Commuted Sum:** Peter and Des still looking in to options for this money.

**12. Remembrance Sunday:** A socially distanced wreath laying was held, Christine laid the wreath for the parish council.

**13. Tolkien trail:** Simon has made a series of suggestions for the leaflet. It was agreed that these be sent to Ribble Valley Borough Council. **Action- Nancy to send ideas and amendments to Tom Pridmore.**

#### **14. AOB**

**a. Parking:** PC John Feeney gave us an update about what actions the police have been taking in the village, from giving advice to serving tickets on illegally parked cars. John advised contacting him or his colleagues but if that is not possible phoning 101. He also told us that he has set up a mobile speed camera in the village and also has access to a hand held speed gun.

**b. At the last meeting it was agreed that we ask Alan Schofield to come to the village on a Saturday afternoon to see the parking situation. He has been invited but no response as yet. Councillors said they would meet him once they knew when he is to visit. Action Nancy to inform councillors when Alan is to visit.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.