

Minutes of the meeting of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council Monday 21st November 2022

Held in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Simon Bailey, Christopher Berry, Christine Holden, Margaret Carrington, Des Harwood, Roger Wilkinson.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

Also present Councillor Jan Alcock.

One member of the public.

1. **Apologies**-David Bland
2. **Minutes of the last meeting – October 2022** Were accepted as a true record. Proposed by seconded by Christine Holden and signed by the Chair as a true record.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes** – a) Parish Council liaison meeting- attended by Roger Wilkinson- nothing to report. b) webinar attended by Simon Bailey with regard to the lottery heritage fund, up to £100,000 can be bid for without match funding. The criteria demands community involvement- projects such as gardens, wildlife, renovations etc as long as the community is involved with the bid and the delivery of the project.
4. **Correspondence:** a) Letter from the Clerk expressing her intention to leave the post after the next audit (June) . b) Christmas Lunches- Grants available from Ribble Valley for community lunches, to be passed on to Coffee Stop, Catriona Harris. c) Warm-Spaces grants from LCC- to be passed on to Coffee Stop Catriona Harris, Little Hobbits and to Niall Macfarlane. d) Resident from Waddicor Hall- wrote with reference to the speed of traffic outside his property and his frontage being churned up by vehicles. **Clerk to contact and advise contacting highways LCC and local police.** e) There is a cyber crime webinar on Wednesday 30th November at 10am, please let the Clerk know if you wish to join. f) Public Realm agreement- there was some confusion as to exactly what the table we had been sent was showing- **Clerk to contact for clarification.** f) Ribble Valley Climate Action Network, an open letter from a local action group, Borough Councillor Jan Alcock was aware of this letter. **g)** At this point in the meeting as there was a member of the public present the chair requested that the member of the public raise their issue. This resident raised concerns about the amount and speed of traffic at the top of Knowles Brow near to the entrance to St. Mary's Hall. She was advised to contact highways (LCC) , copying in C.C. Alan Schofield and to also raise the matter with the school.
5. **Finance-** a) Cheques for £72 – new pads for the defibrillator at Hodder Court and £20 for the wreath laid on Remembrance Sunday. b) The precept for 2023-24 was discussed. Simon Bailey reported that there had been a meeting of the finance sub-committee and that Simon had suggested a £3000 increase, David Bland had felt that this was too larger percentage increase and favoured £2000. Simon pointed out that with the precept at the current rate we are living a hand to mouth existence having to postpone spending and being reactive rather than planning ahead. More precept would give the Parish Council the freedom to think about future projects and support local plans. Simon share the precepts at various other comparable parish councils (Waddington £18,500,

Read £12,000, Grindleton £8,000). It was unanimously agreed by the councillors present that the precept will be raised by £3,000 to £9,500. **Clerk to complete the paperwork for this.**

6. **106 Monies-** The work on the playground is expected to commence in February.
7. **Memorial Hall-** a) The Jubilee Room has been revamped, with a new floor, cupboards and decorated. A new carpet is to be fitted. The kitchen is now complete and the Memorial Hall have paid for new ceiling tiles in the main hall. b) The Parish Council has a problem with meetings at present as a new pack of cubs have been formed and are using the Memorial Hall on a Monday. It was decided that Parish Council meeting will be moved into the re-vamped Jubilee room but it is imperative that the stair lift is installed soon so that Parish Council meeting are accessible.
8. **Plans:** no formal objections to any of the current plans were made. It was noted that the hearing with regard to the breaches of planning law at the Punch Bowl has been postponed.
9. **Platinum Jubilee-** The Jubilee Table is in the process of being engraved.
10. **Remembrance Day** – All present felt that the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday had gone well with few complaints from the public. It was noted that older people had requested some seating at the car park as they find it difficult to stand for long period. There will a discussion in January led by David Bland to create an action plan for next year.
11. **HMRC-** No report on any progress.
12. **Footpaths- Stonyhurst Golf Club-** Margaret Carrington has sent a second letter to the bursar at Stonyhurst requesting that a gate replace the stile.
13. **Defibrillator-** A first-Aid/ Defib course is to be held on Wednesday 23rd November at the Memorial Hall, kindly organised by Catriona Harris.
14. **Water Supply-** No news on this subject.
15. **Playground-** Has been inspected by Chris as he does each month. Due to our financial situation it was agreed to leave the wall repair – **Clerk to inform the residents and those who have quoted.**
16. **Appointment of New Councillor-** An expression of interest to join the Parish Council was received from resident Isaac Nutter. It was agreed to co-opt him on to the Parish Council. **Clerk to begin the process of co-option .**
17. **Any other business-** Driveway leading to Winckley Hall and Winckley Farm has notices on it stating that in is a private driveway, however this has been used by locals for decades as a footpath to the river and an alternative route for the Tolkien trail when the ground is very muddy. **Clerk to begin the process of applying to have it designated a right of way.**
18. **Date of Next Meeting- Monday 16th January 2023**