

## Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### Held in the Memorial Hall.

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

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

Apologies: David Bland.

In attendance: Cllr Jan Alcock.

1. **Apologies-** We received apologies David Bland and P.C. John Feeney informed us he was unable to attend.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting-** The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by Peter Butterfield seconded by Christopher Berry. All in favour of accepting the minutes as a true record. The minutes were signed by Margaret Carrington.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** a) 6 Councillors and the Clerk were booked on to the Code of Conduct training.
4. **Correspondence:** a) Gambling Act: Simon Bailey had looked through this, the Parish Council have no comments to make. b) Mayoral Walk: This is a proposal by the next Mayor to set up a permanent long distance walking route in the Ribble Valley. There were no objections to this but with Hurst Green's current parking problems it would be better not to have the route beginning or ending in Hurst Green, but to find somewhere with plenty of secure, long term parking. **(Action Clerk to send reply)** c) Rural Task Force: this is a group of 4 police officers based at Clitheroe Police Station who are tasked with investigating matters which impact on Rural Communities. d) Parish Council liaison meeting, 11<sup>th</sup> November at Ribble Valley Council Offices, 6.30pm, Roger Wilkinson has agreed to attend. **(Action Roger Wilkinson)** .
5. **Finance:** A statement to show current finances was given to councillors. One cheque was required to pay for the hosting of the website for the next 5 years. £71.91.
6. **Budget:** The clerk presented an updated budget statement, generally the finances are as predicted. We have slightly more income than expected and insurance has risen this year. The Finance Sub-committee will meet to set a budget for next year before the next meeting.
7. **Insurance:** A working party to examine insurance is to be set up. David Bland and Simon Bailey agreed to be on the working party. **(Action, Clerk to write to the Memorial Hall Committee to ask for volunteers).**
8. **Parking:** a) Clerk has written to the School Governors to ask about use of the school car park in the evenings, weekends and holidays. No reply has been received. The Parish Council have received a letter from a resident of The Warren stating that as the estate is private and unadopted by LCC the residents pay for the up keep of the roads. He would not be in favour of allowing public use of the car park. Roger Wilkinson who lives on the estate to try and find out if this is the opinion of the majority of residents. **( Roger Wilkinson to find out views of residents) . b)** The Clerk has written to Ribble Valley BC about what support they would give to the setting up of a new public car park in Hurst Green. A reply was received from Adrian Dowd stating that if the Parish Council identified a site then this is the point where some support maybe available. No separate reply was received

from Tom Pridmore (Tourism). c) The Clerk has had correspondence with Onward Housing with regard to bring the car park at Warren Fold back into use. Onward housing have inspected the car park, but do not feel that they can make a new wider entrance. They are however going to work to encourage residents to clear vegetation and remove moss. **(Clerk to write to ask why the alternative entrance cannot be made).** d) At this point the Parish Council are waiting to hear from Mr John Browne who said he would suggest the name of someone to carry out a parking survey in the village and also pledged some financial help with this. **(Clerk to contact Mr John Browne).** e) Signage for the Memorial Hall car park from the bottom of the has been raised with the Memorial Hall committee and also the marking out of car parking spaces.

9. **Memorial Hall:** £15,000 has been obtained in grants to finance the refurbishment of the changing rooms. As this is less than hoped for the focus is to be on the ground floor facilities. The next phase will be kitchen, gents toilets and storage cupboards for the youth club. Margaret Carrington has spoken to Lancashire Environmental and is hoping to obtain funding by reusing/ upcycling much of the existing kitchen. A quote has been obtained for shutters on the bar and kitchen and these will be fitted by mid-November. The heating system is not yet commissioned.
10. **Planning:** There are no outstanding planning issues to discuss.
11. **SPID:** It is possible that David Harrison may be able to modify the device to flash up a speed limit reminder. From our records the current device was bought in 2013, costing £3062, we were donated £1000 from Friends of St. Josephs. **(Action David Harrison to be asked to modify if possible)**
12. **Playground:** No issues.
13. **Grass Maintenance:** One final cut, this will be in line with grass cutting last year.
14. **Remembrance Parade:** Our enquiry to LCC has not yet be dealt with. Margaret Carrington has chased this by phone. Margaret has spoken with Chris Holden (British Legion), there is to be a meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October and if we have no news from LCC the ceremony will be held on the pavement. A suggestion was made that the green in front of the club would be a good place for people to gather. **(Margaret Carrington to continue liaising with Chris Holden)**
15. **Hodder Court Refuse Collection:** No news on this matter. it was agreed to remove from our agenda unless we are asked to help.
16. **Commuted Sum:** Many thanks for the detailed report from David Bland. There are many different companies offering suitable climbing frames and soft surfaces. Peter and David are to invite a minimum of three to view our site and make recommendations. **(Action David Bland and Peter Butterfield)**
17. **Any Other Business:** Our meetings were altered to 7.30p to facilitate the use of the hall by Bootcamp, however this is no longer taking place, therefore meetings will return to 7pm start. The use of the upstairs Jubilee Room was suggested; however this cannot be used due to its inaccessibility for those with mobility issues. A chair lift is expected to be installed shortly.
18. **Date of next meeting-** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm.

**Notes of the Public meeting held by Aighton, Bailey and Chaighley Parish Council on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

**Councillors Present:** Margaret Carrington, Derek Harwood, Chris Berry, Christine Holden, David Bland, Simon Bailey, Peter Butterfield.

**Apologies:** Roger Wilkinson, County Councillor Alan Schofield, PC John Feeney.

Also Present- Councillor Jan Alcock, PCSO Will Hayes, Mr John Browne (Stonyhurst)

13 Members of the public.

The meeting was called to discuss solutions to the village parking problem.

The meeting was chaired by Margaret Carrington. The chair presented the findings of the parking survey carried out in the village during the spring. The survey identified a wide range of views from leaving things as they are to the introduction of double yellow lines throughout the village. (Survey summary available on the website, [www.hurst-green.co.uk](http://www.hurst-green.co.uk))

The Chair also shared the result of a request from the Parish Council for double yellow lines at the top of Warren Fold to ease the problem with the refuse collection and to ensure the passage of emergency vehicles. The request was turned down by LCC due to the fact that there have been no accidents on this road. Taking this reply as a precedent it appears unlikely that we will be able to have double yellow lines anywhere in the village.

The double yellow lines at the bottom of the village around the War Memorial etc were discussed with the feeling that these are not enforceable. However, this is not true these are actual full yellow lines, they are narrower because they are designed for a rural setting. Therefore, anyone not observing this parking restriction can be reported and should receive a parking fine.

Villagers living on Avenue Road feel they are experiencing problems as this is where most visitors park. Residents are unable to park outside their own properties and this impacts on day-to-day life with residents reluctant to go out at the weekend in case they lose their parking spot. Also, any visitors they may have to their houses struggle to park.

The Memorial Hall car park is available for public parking, but it is suggested that visitors do not use it due to inadequate signage. A suggestion was made to mark out the parking spaces to ensure efficient use of the space. (Action) However this car park is often full especially when there is an event on at the hall and when the football team are playing at home. Expansion of this car park to utilise space at the back of the hall was suggested. Local resident Paul Sellars has some experience of this kind of project and will lend his expertise. This possibility of this will be investigated. (action)

John Browne the headteacher from Stonyhurst suggested that the Parish Council commission a traffic management plan and he offered to look into this. He also said that though Stonyhurst would be unable to offer any land for car parking they would be prepared to make a monetary contribution to the creation of more car parking.

Other car parks available in the village are the St. Joseph's School car park and the Warren Fold car park. PSCO Will Hayes reported that he has spoken with the headteacher of St. Joseph's and she was favourable to allowing the St. Joseph's car park to be used at weekends and evenings. (Action) The Warren Fold car park is not used by residents due to the narrow entry. This car park is owed by Onward homes and there is a possibility that the entrance could be moved to facilitate its use. (Action) .

Other ideas discussed included local farmers designating a field for parking and using it as an income stream; liaising with Ribble Valley tourist officer Tom Pridmore. (Action)