

Minutes of the meeting of Aughton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 27th September, 2021

Held in the Memorial Hall.

Present: Christine Holden, Simon Bailey, Peter Butterfield, David Bland.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

Apologies: Roger Wilkinson, Derek Harwood, Margaret Carrington, Christopher Berry.

In attendance: PC John Feeney.

One member of the public present.

1. **Apologies-** We received apologies from Roger Wilkinson, Derek Harwood, Margaret Carrington and County Councillor Alan Schofield informed us he was unable to attend.

The Chair and vice chair not being present the meeting was chaired by Christine Holden.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting-** The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by David Bland, seconded by Peter Butterfield. All in favour of accepting the minutes as a true record. The minutes were signed by Christine Holden
3. **Matters arising from the minutes:** Councillors were reminded that the AGM of LALC is taking place via zoom on 21st November at 10 am. No Councillors are able to attend. The Clerk will attend.
4. **Correspondence:** a) Gambling Act- A response to this is required by 24th October. **(Action All Councillors to read before next meeting, ask Clerk if you need to be sent another copy)** b) Working Together Better, there is an on-line survey to fill in and there will be a conference on 13th November. **(Action note date in Diary, would be good for a couple of Councillors to attend)** . c) Bus improvement plan- an on-line survey to fill in by 30th September.
5. **Finance:** A statement to show current finances was given to councillors. Three cheques were needed. Cheque for £94.80- playground inspection cheque for £2738.82 insurance, cheques for £310 prime garden services. These were all approved. Simon Bailey reported that the mower has been sold for £34.58. As stated in our financial regulations a Councillor who is not either a signature on cheques or a member of the finance subcommittee will look at the accounts, Christopher Berry has agreed to do this. **(Action Christopher Berry)**
6. **Insurance:** The premium has been paid this year but due to the on-going refurbishment of the hall and the changes in its use it is felt that before the next renewal this subject needs to be looked at carefully in association with the Memorial Hall Committee. It is suggested that a working party be formed to explore this. **(Action, next meeting- volunteers for working party)**
7. **Budget:** The clerk presented an updated budget statement.
8. **Parking:** A public meeting was held, notes attached to these minutes. The Parish Council will investigate the idea of creating parking on the Bailey Field, particularly because since the upgrade of the Memorial Hall more parking is needed. This is an idea only at this stage and there are pros and cons raised by Councillors. A decision can only be taken when all the facts and opinions are gathered. This idea will be discussed at our next meeting where a Councillor will be identified to take a lead on this investigation. The point raised about improved signage for the Memorial Hall

car park has been passed on to the Memorial Hall Committee. The Clerk will write to St. Joseph's School Governors about use of the School car park. **(Action Clerk)**

9. **Memorial Hall:** There is to be a grill fitted around the bar for security and the family of Gordon and Jo Nicholson have kindly offered donations made at their funerals to finance this.
10. **Planning:** There are no outstanding planning issues to discuss.
11. **SPID:** County Councillor Alan Schofield contacted LCC but there does not seem to be any other known repairers of the SPID apart from the one we already have. We are urged by LCC not to go ahead in purchasing a new device without consulting LCC. Thanks to Alan for this enquiry.
12. **Playground:** The inspection took place and all was generally ok. Two issues were raised, the height of the swings and a loose screw on the slide. Christopher Berry has dealt with the screw and looked at the swings but does not feel they need any attention at present. Full ROSPA report has been sent to Councillors for their information.
13. **Grass Maintenance:** No issues this month.
14. **Remembrance Parade:** The Parish Council are expected to take a lead on this event. Margaret Carrington has contacted Olwen Heap and suggested that we may have a kerbside service with no road closures. PC John Feeney agreed to investigate the situation further. **(NOTE of progress since meeting;** John phoned LCC, and Margaret has filled in a form about our event, we await news.)
15. **Hodder Court Refuse Collection:** No news on this matter.
16. **Commuted Sum:** David Bland and Peter Butterfield are looking into the purchase and erection of a larger climbing structure and shared brochures and links for Councillors to look at. The sum we have been allotted will also need to cover fencing and flooring. I was agreed that they will invite some company representatives to look at the area and give informed quotes. Also contact Ribble Valley for advice. **(Action David Bland and Peter Butterfield)**
17. **Any Other Business:** None
18. **Date of next meeting-** Monday 18th October at 7.30pm

Notes of the Public meeting held by Aighton, Bailey and Chaighley Parish Council on Monday 20th 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)

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. PCSO 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 owned 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)

