

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th August 2020 **(Draft)**

Present: Christine Holden, Simon Bailey, Roger Wilkinson, Chris Berry, David Bland, Margaret Carrington.

Apologies: Derek Harwood, Peter Butterfield.

Clerk: Nancy Bailey.

7 members of the public present.

1. **Minutes of the last Meetings.** The minutes were approved by the council. Proposed by Roger Wilkinson and seconded by Margaret Carrington. The chair signed the minutes.
2. **Parking in the village-**The chair welcomed members of the public to the meeting and parking by members of the public in the village was discussed.
Currently there are many visitors to the village, more than usual due to the COVID crisis. These visitors are finding parking difficult and so are parking inconveniently and often dangerously. Parking is on pavements, opposite other parked cars, on bends and so on. The situation is acute on Avenue road but also up Bilberry, Smithy Row and on Longridge/ Whalley Road. It is making life difficult for those in the village by obstructing access to properties, blocking pavements for wheelchairs and prams and making driving through the village hazardous
The situation is on-going and the parish council have reported this to the police. The police have responded by making more visits to the village and by putting up a sign warning people about parking dangerously.
The point was made that villagers were asked to contact the police and Lancashire County Council highways themselves which was felt by some present to be the job of the parish council. However the reason villagers are asked to do this is the higher volume of complaints made the more action we are likely to get.
From the discussion a plan of action was agreed. Firstly Parish Council to contact the police to ask for more copies of the poster to place all around the village. Secondly Parish Council to ask about the legality of using cones to reserve parking/ prevent dangerous parking particularly at the weekend and also see who could provide these cones. Thirdly to hold a public meeting to involving Highways, police, borough council to discuss yellow lines and residents' parking. This meeting would only be able to happen when COVID restrictions are lifted. Measures such as yellow lines, parking restrictions and residents' parking would only happen in agreement with Lancashire County Council and with public consultation.
3. **Planning-** The council felt there was no objection to be made about the Greengore planning application. For the Shire Lane planning the council objects on highway safety grounds in line with the comments made by Highways at the last planning application.
4. **Memorial Hall-** Happily the roof is finished and looking good. COVID has halted the grants for the heating but there should be news about the lottery grant around October. The New Drop has offered a bar which will fit into the existing space used as a serving area.
5. **Playground-** COVID signs are in place and there are no safety issues with any of the equipment.
6. **Grass Cutting-** The police house bank is now included in the routine maintenance.
7. **Finance-** Balance at the bank £6987, balance on the books - £ 6457

- 8. Any Other Business-** **a) Membership of organisation,** It was agreed that the council will be come a member of Lancashire Association of Local Councils. **b) Burning in the woods,** it was discussed that there has been some activity of burning things in the woods near the football field. It was thought this was by the football club. It was resolved to contact the football club to ask about this as it could be an issue for environmental health/ Stonyhurst College. **c) Defibrillator,** The defibrillator from the Memorial Hall was used at an incident and has not been returned, Clerk to pursue its return. Also there was a discussion about the Defibrillator at the Shireburn and whether this could be put in a more publicly accessible place, clerk to enquire. **d) Posters,** We have received some posters/notices about following the country code. These need to be displayed around the parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm