

Minutes of the meeting of Aighton, Bailey and Chaigley Parish Council 15th February 2021

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, Cllr Alan Schofield (Apologies P.C. John Feeney)

One member of the public.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Roger Wilkinson and seconded by Chris Berry.

2. **Matters arising from the minutes:** Memorial Hall- Cheque received as a donation towards insurance.

Painting of the Bus Shelters, one quote has been received Clerk is awaiting 2 more. **(Action Clerk quotes for painting)**

3. **Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

4. **Finance:** a. **The Parish Council agreed the Financial Regulations.** b. **The Parish council agreed the Internal Control document.** c. **The Parish Council agreed the terms of Internal Audit document.**

d. The financial statement for February was approved. The clerk stated that cheques were needed for plug plants (£29.93) and LALC membership (£181.84)

5. **Parking:** The problems of parking in the village were discussed, Lancashire County Council have been contacted on this matter but no advice/ conclusions have been reached yet. County Councillor Alan Schofield agreed to support the parish council in seeking measures to solve this problem. Residents parking permits, white H bar markings, single and double yellow lines are all possible measures that could be pursued. The problem at the moment is that there can not be a public meeting (due to COVID restrictions) . It was agreed that households will be written to find out what the preferred options are. **(Action Margaret Carrington to write a letter to residents, then an extraordinary meeting be held to discuss and approve the letter).**

6. **Speeding:** Highways have been contacted to request a 20 mile an hour limit in the village centre, no reply has been received as yet. County Councillor Alan Schofield agreed to support the Parish Council in this request. He is also in touch with Lancashire County about "Slow" markings on the road and speed roundels which were promised last year. **(Action Clerk to continue corresponding with Highways over this matter).**

7. **Planning:** The planning permission is being sought to erect a building on Coronation Wood. The Parish Council feel that this is a very prominent site in an area of outstanding natural beauty. There are already multiple temporary and permanent building on this site which do not have planning permission. The

Council feel that this is not a suitable site for development. **(Action Clerk to write of Council's objections to Ribble Valley Borough Council)**

8. Common Land/ Land Registry: No items to discuss.

9. Memorial Hall: The Lottery grant-aid for the heating at the Memorial Hall has been granted. (Fantastic work by Margaret Carrington and Barbara Herd) The work will be starting very shortly and is expected to be finished by June. At various times parts of the Bailey field and car park will be out of action. This will be managed by the engineers on the project who are closely liaising with Peter Butterfield. Funding is now being sought for phase 3a of the project which is the refurbishment of the football changing rooms, parent and toddler storeroom, stage area.

10. Playground: Feedback from parents as to whether it would be popular to change one of the existing child swing seats to a toddler seat has been patchy with members of Little Hobbits being positive about the change. Unfortunately there was little feedback from the parents of older children, feedback received was negative. Therefore it was decided that we will go ahead and change the seat if the one that Andrew from discovery days has will fit and a member of the public has agreed to finance this at a cost of approximately £120. If this swing does not fit then a quote for new chains will need to be sought and a decision made based on that price.

(held over from the last meeting) 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, this will be at the end of February due to Andrew's current workload. **Action- Chris to meet with Andrew and invite Simon to demonstration.**

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11. Grass cutting: Nothing to report.

12. Butterfly garden: The council approved a design by Margaret Carrington to make the garden require less maintenance. **(Clerk to gather quotes for the work) .**

13. The Warren- Generator: At present there is a generator on the school parent's car park on the Warren estate because the electricity feed to the estate is not powerful enough to power all the houses. This is causing residents of the Warren , Widow Row and others disturbance particularly at night. Christopher Berry has spoken to the MD of Hillcrest Homes and he has said that he will report back to Chris within three weeks with a plan of action. A resident has called in Environmental Health and the officer who attended said that the generator is breaching noise pollution guidelines. There is also a residents action group formed to press for progress on this issue, Roger Wilkinson to liaise with this group. **(Action Chris to speak again with the MD. Clerk to get in touch with Environmental health. Chris and Clerk to liaise)**

11. Commuted Sum: This is on hold until the heating is sorted and the Bailey field is back to normal.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th March.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.