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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2020, IN CLIVIGER VILLAGE HALL. .

Present: , C. Towneley. A. Pickles , K. Whittle, G. Smith, I. Emo C. Briggs, M. Heys, Sgt P. Ellis and five members of the public.

1. Code of conduct (Declaration of Interest)

Coun. I Emo, planning.

2. Apologies for absence

Coun. Riley.

3. Police report

Please see attached.

Neighbourhood policing Sgt Phil Ellis attended the meeting and outlined plans to try and make more communication with the community and parish council. He said this had faltered in the past, but he was hoping once things improve staffing wise, the links will re grow. The police Landrover is now back on the road, but officers have to undertake training to drive it. More money will need spending on it. He said incident wise, it is currently very quiet.

Coun Smith raised the issue of people jumping the lights at the top junction near JJ Diner and also concerns of teenagers smoking drugs in the bus shelter at the top of Honeyholme Lane.

Coun. Towneley raised the issue of motorbikes coming over from Todmorden at high speed and Coun. Whittle said vehicles regularly drive fast through the village. Coun. Briggs said a 30 mph speed sign near to the village garage may deter people.

A speed detecting van has been deployed near to The Holme and Sgt Ellis confirmed that radar guns could be used at speed hot spots.

4.. Questions from residents

Mr David Smith thanked the parish council for its support over the Red Lees Road development campaign and Coun. Pickles for his hard work trying to keep the land out of the Local Plan in the first place. Mr Smith said it was felt the approval had been a political decision and the plan had not been decided on its merits. He urged the council to seek when possible a green buffer around the “white fields” surrounding the site and also to be vigilant for further applications and if needs be, to alert the community and hold public meetings to discuss.

Coun. Pickles thanked Mr Smith for his efforts speaking on behalf of the residents at the planning

committee and said he understood the Cliviger Valley to be of high landscape value which should be protected.

Mrs Pauline Scholes asked for the council's support for a plan to plant trees, both fruit and native, on the land behind Mount Zion Church. The plan could also include a wildflower meadow around the existing right of way and seating so people can sit and enjoy the view. Mrs Scholes is happy to provide some funding through gifts from family and friends for her landmark birthday. Councillors said the land belonged to Worsthorne Estates and so permission should be sought from them and they felt access could be a problem. Coun. Whittle said the idea might encourage people to plant elsewhere in the village.

Mr Steve Reid from The Kettledrum gave details of a Cliviger Sounds festival of folk, jazz and blues on June 5th to 7th. He also asked if the grass verges damaged during utility work outside the pub could be repaired and Coun.. Towneley said she would take it up with LCC.

Mr Mike Hoyle of 14 Mereclough attended to ask if the council would, in principle, accept a plan to build a garden shed on the land next to his house as part of his lease with the parish council. He wants to replace his existing building with a new one using the design and materials of the council's choosing. Coun. Towneley asked Mr Hoyle to submit drawings and material choices.

5. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted.

5 (a) Burnley Road street lighting

This has been repaired.

5 (b) New sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

Coun. Towneley is dealing with this. She said the land had now been registered, but there was still some discussion over a strip of access land.

5 (c) RACA Park

Coun. Riley asked if vegetation could be cut back in the play area. The lengthsman has been doing this. Coun. Whittle asked for a no ball games sign to be painted on the wall. Coun. Pickles said some of the work had been done on the pavilion, but needed finishing off. Coun. Pickles said the woodchip surfacing has not been re done, but it may be that the council decide on a more permanent type of surfacing. He said the wooden posts on the area need replacing.

5 (d) :Land opposite 81 Red Lees Road

This is subject to a planning application dealt with below.

5 (e) Christmas lights/tree

Coun. Towneley said the lights had been put up and taken down from the memorial garden in Burnley Road, by the lengthsman, They had not been lit up due to a technical fault. Next year she is to look at following Worsthorne's methods of hanging and decorating their lights.

5 (f) Noticeboards

Coun. Emo to chase up the work.

6. Allotments

The lengthsman has cleared the vacant plot and a new tenant has been signed up. It was agreed to charge only £15 to reflect the time left on this year's lease. It was suggested that a provision is made for an extra charge on top of the annual rent if skips are to be continually needed.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun. Pickles asked when the memorial plaques and bulb planting was to be done in memory of Mr Kevin Robinson and Mrs Beryl Crooks. Coun. Towneley to arrange.

Coun. Pickles said the lengthsman has cleared an area at Broad Ing and he intends to buy plants on behalf of the parish council and build the area up.

Thanks were expressed to Coun. Emo for all his hard work clearing vegetation and gullies, in the village.

The lengthsman is to be asked to dig out the three steps which take you up to the war memorial.

Coun. Smith congratulated the work done by Murphys on the new bridge near JJ Diners.

Concern was expressed over further fly tipping on Long Causeway. Coun. Towneley to take up with the Environment Agency.

There was disappointment over the loss of the village bus, but this was down to a commercial decision.

Coun. Briggs said there had been problems with dogs off leads worrying sheep.

Coun. Emo said vegetation needs cutting back at Mount Crescent. This is LCC's responsibility. Coun. Towneley to follow up.

6 (c) Borough

Coun. Towneley spoke about the new dog fouling hotline which can be reached on 01282 475932. She is also to ask BBC to remove and replace the old stickers on lamp posts.

Details of budget proposals for the borough were discussed.

6 (d) LCC

Details of budget proposals for the county were discussed, along with parish champion grants. Discussions are still ongoing re the shake up of local authorities.

6 (e) LALC

None.

6 (f) Village Hall

Couns. Towneley and Pickles to empty the parish council filing cabinet.

Coun. Towneley to organise a Scottish Power plaque to reflect the money donated towards the renovations.

Coun. Briggs said there were problems lifting the tables for storage and concern the tables were being left dirty.

A letter was received from Mr Roger Baldwin, acting as solicitor for the village hall regarding the trustees for the car park in order that the Electricity North West sub station negotiations can proceed. It was proposed that the parish council act as trustees and this was agreed with Couns. Michael Heys, Kath Whittle and Alan Pickles named as parish council representatives.

7 Jerry Dawson pavilion

Coun. Pickles said he will turn the heater off when the weather improves.

9 Lengthsman

Coun. Emo is to put up keep off the grass signs outside Claire's Hairdressers to protect the area planted. The lengthsman has cleared away banking at Mount Lane ready for tree planting. Coun. Towneley said a

second grant for funding from Scottish Power could be made by the parish council for more trees and bulbs.

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10. Finance

Paid in: £9.47 – Electricity North West for Mereclough Chapel.

Paid out:

January:

£398.98– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses including £61 for postage.

£38.58 – Clerk’s pension.

£148 – Blackburn Skips for hire of skip.

£15.98 – Eon, Park Road.

£262.50 – JR Landscapes – lengthsman.

£6.27 – HMRC

£35 – J. Barritt

February:

£16.29 – Eon, Mount Lane.

£73.86 – Lanlee for wooden posts for tree planting.

£60 – Cliviger Village Hall rent, October, November and December.

£764.65 – JR Landscapes, includes £350 for roof repairs to the Park Road pavilion. Coun. Pickles to check on work before payment is made.

£144 – Blackburn skips, second skip, allotments.

£375.98 – Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses.

£160 – Rebecca Hay, reimbursement for repairs to council computer.

£38.58 – Clerk’s pension.

11 Correspondence

Best Kept Village information and Clerk’s Direct passed on. A request from Catherine Sloss, who has relatives buried in Mereclough graveyard, for the removal or re siting of a satellite dish from a neighbouring property, which she feels intrudes on the graveyard. The land in question has now been registered by the parish council and Coun. Towneley is to contact the council solicitor to ask for advice re the dish.

A request from the Lancashire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England was received to support its new manifesto on housing in the countryside following the new Government. It was agreed to lobby the local MP for action to protect Cliviger’s countryside.

12 Planning

Burnley Borough Council has prepared a consultation on the developer contributions supplementary planning document. This has been circulated to all members. Coun. Pickles said he was concerned re “the developer’s ability to mount a viability challenge to the amount of any previously agreed payment if the amount of same later placed the viability of the development at risk through some previously unforeseen circumstance or event. It would be an open invitation to any developer to see if such a challenge could be seen to be remotely successful.” Jackie Copley, planning manager from the Lancashire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England had forwarded a very comprehensive reply and it was agreed to write to BBC endorsing both the CPRE and Coun. Pickles’s comments.

The parish council had received notice for appeal for the erection of a building to provide two holiday cottages, access, parking and ancillary works, application reference: APP/2018/0577, appeal reference: APP/Z2315/W/19/3242325. The council had written back confirming its objections to this plan on the grounds of access onto a main road and no proof of need. There appears to have been no consultation with tourism officers and no feasibility study of need or sustainability submitted or discussed with the parish council, or to our knowledge, other associated bodies.

The parish council feels it is over development of a village site in Holme Chapel, where there are no facilities to sustain such an enterprise. There is also concern that this application will lead to the creation of two unviable holiday cottages in the belief that if they are not commercially viable within a three to five year period, they will be eligible for a change of use and sold off as housing, with an extra development applied for.

App: Ful/2020/0017 – retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural poly tunnel for lambing purposes at Dyneley Farm, Dyneley – no objections.

App: Hou/2019/0582 – proposed single storey front extension at 29 Thanet Lee Close – no objection.

App: Ful/2020/0025 – erection of wooden gate opposite 81 Red Lees Road. No comments.

13 Date of next meeting

March 6th at 7 p.m. in Cliviger Village Hall.