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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2020, VIA ZOOM.

Present: I Emo, P Riley, M. Heys, C. Towneley.

1. Code of conduct (Declaration of Interest)

None.

2. Apologies for absence

Couns G Smith, K Whittle and C Briggs

3. Police report

Please see attached. PSCO Barnes said anyone who wishes to receive local crime alerts via Lancashire Talking, can do so by contacting her via email. The new PSCO Mark Hill has been shown around the parish by Coun. Towneley and his details passed to local residents.

4. Questions from residents

None.

5. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted.

5 (a) New sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

Coun. Towneley said a new wooden fingerpost would cost £600. There may be a spare one available from Pennine Bridleway.

5 (b) Advisory sign opposite The Hollins

The sign has still not been put up, the clerk to ask LCC for a timescale.

5 (c) Website

A new site www.clivigerparishcouncil.com has been created.

5 (d) Garden shed, Mereclough

A site visit has been held and it was agreed that the proposals were agreed in principle subject to any planning permission needed. As the building will be on parish council land, a new lease would have to be drawn up with an annual charge of £200 plus any legal fees incurred by the parish council. Materials for the

building would also need to be agreed.

5 (e) Vegetation on Burnley Road

LCC has clipped back the obstructing vegetation and also inspected the pavement and will carry out any necessary repairs.

6. Allotments

The remaining two plots have now been filled. There has been some tree pruning and clearing up on the allotments.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun. Heys raised the problem of cars parking on both sides of Long Row.

Coun. Towneley reminded councillors that the issue of a satellite dish on parish council land in Mereclough is due to be re looked at.

She said the town's MP, Antony Higginbotham would be interested in attending a parish council meeting in the future.

6 (c) Borough

Coun. Towneley discussed a possible parish grant for urban greenways. She also suggested the council look at council owned land in Higher Red Lees for possible projects.

6 (d) LCC

Coun. Towneley discussed the winter gritting and gully cleaning programmes.

6 (e) Village Hall

The village hall has closed due to the latest lockdown. Concerns over lack of income have resulted in the committee launching a Just Giving page and also signing up to Amazon's Smile campaign where 0.5 per cent of sales is given to the hall if customers choose the Victoria Institution charity.

Coun. Towneley said the roof needs attention and solar panels have been suggested. The group wishes to apply to the Lancashire Environment Fund for a grant, but in order to apply, a third party needs to go into partnership and provide 10 per cent of the costings. The village hall committee had asked the parish council as custodians, to be the third party. It was agreed that all councillors would be asked to decide at the next meeting when final costings had been sought and any councillors who are on the village hall committee, to declare an interest.

7. Scottish Power Community Benefit Fund

None.

8 Jerry Dawson pavilion

None.

9. Lengthsman

The lengthsman contacted the clerk and has asked that his work is done by price rather than hours. Councillors will re look at this when the new growing season starts.

10. Finance

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Paid in £70– allotment rent.

Paid out:

£345– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses.

£38.58 – Clerk’s pension.

£550 - Rebecca Hay – repayment of payment made for website creation, domain and 12 months admin of website.

A copy of the proposed budget will be circulated to councillors and the precept set in December.

11 Correspondence

Coun Gilly Smith had asked for an agenda item for December regarding Zoom/physical meetings, as she believes physical meetings should be held in Covid secure environments such as the village hall, when the present national lockdown finishes in December, to allow all councillors to have input. It was agreed to have a vote in writing.

The signs and waymarkers group had contacted the clerk to ask re the land owner details following the blocking of maiden cross on the Long Causeway by a new wall. The clerk had passed on details of Scottish Power.

Miller Homes had requested name suggestions for the new Red Lees Road development. These had been submitted and included historical and sporting names linked with the village. The developer and borough council had decided to go with the sporting names as the council has moved away from using people’s names now.

MP Antony Higginbotham is supporting the local electricity bill.

12 Planning

None.

13 Date of next meeting

December 4th , 7 p.m., via Zoom.