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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2021, VIA ZOOM.

Present: I Emo,, M. Heys, C. Briggs, C. Towneley, one member of the public.

Before the meeting started, a two minute silence was observed to mark the sad deaths of Coun. Paula Riley and former parish councillor David Heginbotham.

1. Code of conduct (Declaration of Interest)

None.

2. Apologies for absence

Couns G Smith and K Whittle .

3. Police report

Please see attached. Coun Towneley discussed the rural Land Rover and said Briercliffe, who own the vehicle, do not now wish to use it. There are two police officers trained to use the vehicle. It was agreed to budget £500 towards future use and for Inspector Damien Pemberton to be invited to a future meeting.

4.. Questions from residents

Mr Shane Hudson from AFC Burnley raised the possibility of using the Mount Lane playing fields and pavilion for training and matches. The field is partly owned by the village school and there are on going talks to discuss ownership and once this is cleared up, the matter of useage can be discussed further.

Mr David Smith of Burnley Civic Society had raised the issue of the renovation of the Maiden Cross with Coun Emo. Scottish Power had agreed to pay for the work and Burnley Borough Council's conservation officer confirmed that although it is listed locally, the renovation would not harm its heritage. The clerk to advise both parties that the work can now go ahead.

5. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted.

5 (a) New sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

Coun. Towneley is to contact a local sign maker for a quote.

5 (b) Advisory sign opposite The Hollins

Coun. Emo said the sign had received a few bumps already.

5 (c) Garden shed, Mereclough

The applicant has withdrawn his request for a shed. Current renting of parish land will be discussed when the lease is up for renewal in April.

5 (d) Car parking problems on Burnley Road/ Long Row

Coun Heys said the problem was still ongoing, with the pavement blocked. The local police are looking into possible safety measures.

5 (e) Red Lees Road development

Concern was expressed by Coun Heys that daffodil bulbs planted on the verges next to the development may have been dug up when works to widen the road have been undertaken. The clerk to contact the developer to arrange an amicable solution.

6. Allotments

Coun Whittle asked if a skip could be provided to clear up rubbish on site. It was felt that the problem is caused by holders taking on items and then not removing after use and it was suggested as the parish council has paid for a skip several times in the past, that the allotment users themselves organise and pay for one when needed.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun. Briggs expressed concern that village estates are not being gritted during the snow by LCC and this was causing particular problems for vulnerable people not being able to get out. Coun Towneley said LCC had to prioritise routes using the man power and vehicles they have, to cover the whole county. It was agreed the clerk write to LCC to ask if a grit bin could be provided on Thanet Lee Close.

Coun Whittle asked for a "sunken dip" in Park Road to be re reported to LCC via the clerk and that the RACA toilets stay closed during the pandemic.

Coun Emo said LCC had attended to a manhole defect in Red Lees Road and a road defect on Burnley Road close to the Co-op buildings.

There had been a few incidents of sheep on the road in the village.

Coun Heys said following the meeting with Scottish Power, the council needs to re look at the community benefit fund and ways of publicizing it and encouraging more community projects to come forward. It was agreed this would be done when the physical council meetings re commence to allow all councillors to discuss.

6 (c) Borough

Burnley Council is due to set its budget this month.

6 (d) LCC

Coun Towneley said the May elections look set to go ahead and the polling stations would probably be at Mount Zion and Pike Hill library with special measures to deal with the pandemic. She said LCC are assessing flooding problems at Mereclough.

6 (e) Village Hall

The village hall is currently closed. A meeting has been held and various grant applications discussed as well as current cleaning procedures/costs.

8 Finance

In - £9.47 – Electricity North West for wayleave.

Paid out:

January:

£35 – J. Barritt – PAYE.
£355– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses.
£38.58 – Clerk's pension.
£15.78 — Eon for the Mount Lane pavilion

February:

£7,500 – SPR grant to the Burnley Bridleway Association
£350– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses.
£38.58 – Clerk's pension.
£16.02 — Eon for the Park Road pavilion

11 Correspondence

None.

12 Planning

FUL/2020/0564 – proposal: agricultural building at land at the Long Causeway – object. The parish council would question the need for this building and whether it qualifies as an agricultural holding. If permission is granted, we ask that conditions are attached to ensure that the building remains to be used for its original permission and to ensure there is no change of use to a house in the future if the building becomes redundant. These points are made because the site is in the open countryside and there is concern that the application has arisen due to the land being sold off in plots by the original owner and permission could set a precedent for future application on other parts of the land.

FUL/2020/0612 – creation of new hardstanding and fence enclosure for equine use at land off Richmond Avenue – object on the following grounds: It is inappropriate development on a green field site, the application is very close to neighbouring homes, there is some confusion over why the application is on equine grounds and the council would question whether this is permitted development. There also appears to be no evidence of need for this application.

Permission in principle (amendment) order 2017 notice of application for permission in principle. App PIP/2021/0018 – stage one permission in principle application for one self build dwelling at land off Barcroft – the parish council objected to the original application and these objections still stand. Objections for the new application are: This application is on a green field site and is not permitted for development in the council's own Local Plan and there is no evidence of need for this application and to give permission would set a precedence for future applications. Access is close to the children's play area and the land is a former mining site and so the land may be contaminated.

13 Date of next meeting

March 5th , 7 p.m., venue to be confirmed.