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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2021, IN CLIVIGER VILLAGE HALL

Present: I Emo, M Heys, G Smith, C. Towneley, K Whittle, C. Briggs, Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Snowden, Borough Coun. S. Cunliffe and one member of the public.

1. Code of conduct (Declaration of Interest). None

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Police report

Please see attached. PSCO M Hill has completed speed observations in Burnley Road near the Ram Inn and the school and the speeds in general were ok. The plan is to carry out more in October at a number of locations. Speeding tractors are to be monitored. The newly appointed Police and Crime Commissioner Andrew Snowden gave details of a public consultation and the corresponding outcome. He has established a plan of priorities over the next four years and is also looking at the Lancashire Safety Partnership and how it can be approved. One main aim is to introduce more neighbourhood policing. Councillors asked if APNR cameras could be placed on the Long Causeway as a deterrent to speeders and criminals coming over the border from Yorkshire to Lancashire. Also to make the Rural Taskforce more pro active and have a regular speed/traffic light check at the junction of Todmorden/Bacup and Burnley Road.

4. Questions from residents

Mr Bruce Ashmore from Mereclough attended the meeting to update the parish council on the flooding issues which have affected his and other properties in the hamlet. The problems which led to the flooding have been identified through a CCTV search, but involve two landowners and several property owners, so currently the issue is at stalemate due to the high repair costs involved. Coun. Towneley has been liaising with the parties affected and is to contact the Floods Risk Manager Rachel Crompton at LCC for further advice and any possible grant funding.

5 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted

(a) New sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

A quote of £1,100 to cut back the trees has been agreed and Coun Emo to organise work. Coun Towneley to sort out the return of the benches from the borough council parks department .

(b) Footbridge, Walk Mill

LCC's bridge inspector has assessed the bridge and will arrange for the mesh to be replaced as soon as possible.

(c) Mount Lane playing fields lease

Ongoing.

(d) Vegetation at Mount Lane to Meadow Top

LCC is assessing what action is needed.

(e) Fascia boards at Park Road pavilion

This has been repaired. A cleaner is to be sourced to clear out the pavilion.

(f) Vegetation from Hillcrest to Dyneley Avenue

LCC say the flail cut has been done. Couns. Emo and Heys dispute this. Coun. Towneley to resolve.

(g) Scottish Power Benefit Fund

The fund panel have met and granted five applications, with one turned down. The survey has been completed to assess what people in the village would like the excess money spent on. Projects agreed are the renovation of parish milestones, Christmas in the village, possible safety measures to cut down on speeding, Mount Lane pavilion and RACA park play equipment.

(h) Fencing near the garage

Coun. Emo has cleared some of the banking and the fencing needs looking at. Coun. Towneley to contact LCC.

(i) Trees growing onto Burnley Road

Worsthorne Estates has agreed to look at the problem of the vegetation growing onto the pavement from their land.

(j) Noticeboards

New noticeboards have been purchased and installed.

(k) Milestones

Work is due to start soon. Matching funds are being sought by the restorer to pay for a jubilee milestone event which will see young and old from the village working together to create a new milestone to mark the Queen's jubilee celebrations next year.

(l) Miller Homes

Coun Emo has reached an agreement with Miller Homes re the re instatement of the daffodil bulbs on the verge opposite the development. The Planning Inspectorate agreed to the diversion of footpaths 80 and 90 to allow for the development.

(m) Ceramic poppies

The ceramic poppies have now been passed to Rev Casey to place in St John's in time for Remembrance Sunday.

6 Allotments

Three plots are to be made available, Couns. Whittle, Smith and Emo to hold a site meeting to discuss and organise any work needed, the clerk to contact the top three on the waiting list.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun Emo confirmed work has started by BBC on the bus stops in the village which need repairs.

Coun. Heys expressed concern over the way the roads are being dug up for utility work and he fears this may affect the carriageways once the work is completed.

6 (b) Borough reports

None.

6 (c) County reports

None.

6 (d) Village hall

None.

7 Finance

Paid in: £35 – allotments.

£365– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses

£38.58 – Clerk's pension.

£16.49 – Eon for Mount Lane pavilion.

£30.94 – British Gas for Mount Lane.

£21.28 – HMRC.

£35 – J. Barritt for PAYE.

£168 – Signsmith for new noticeboard.

£499 – K Ashworth for new noticeboard and repairs to fascia at Park Road.

£240 – PKF Littlejohn for audit.

The annual audit has been completed successfully, with a few minor admin issues reported.

SPR Funding:

£5,630 – Burnley Youth Theatre for Woven Through Time project.

£10,000 – St John the Devine Church for new community room.

£9,450 – Mount Zion Church for solar energy panels.

£6,110 – Cliviger Parish Council for Reap As They Sow.

£1,210 – Cliviger Toddlers for supplies.

£2,624 – CVS for first part of admin costs.

8 Correspondence

None.

9 Planning

FUL/2021/0521 PROPOSAL: Retention of reconstruction to former ruined dwellinghouse AT: Cold Soil Farm Kebs Road - object to this plan on the grounds of over development and the application is larger than the original footprint. The plan is also interfering with a public footpath. As this application is for the retention, the parish council feels if permission was granted, it would create a precedent for future applications.

10 Date of next meeting

November 5th , 7 p.m, Cliviger Village Hall.

June 4th, Cliviger Village Hall, 7 p.m.