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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 1ST, 2022, IN CLIVIGER VILLAGE HALL

Present: Counc I. Emo, M Heys V. Bennett, K Whittle, C. Briggs, J. Launer, H. Cameron and R. Brownbridge, Borough Coun. S. Cunliffe and three members of the public.

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

2. Apologies for absence

Coun C. Towneley.

3. Police report

Please see attached report. PSCO Hill asked for people using fields to be more vigilant about closing gates to protect livestock.

4. Questions from residents

A request for a litter bin near to the school was made. Coun Emo to request.

It was suggested that a sundial be placed in the memorial garden similar to one which was there previously. Photos of the old one are available.

Query over the replacement of plastic railings outside the school.

Request for a stop sign at the top of Mount Lane, the clerk to request.

Query over missing Holmes Chapel sign, this was knocked over by a lorry several years ago and LCC say it does not need replacing.

Query over finishing off of milestones. This is in hand.

Query over who clears up after a road accident. If reported to Street Scene, they will attend.

Query over Scottish Power Community Fund spending. A report is available on the council website under information.

5. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted.

(a) Bus service problems

First Bus had promised to speak to their drivers re missing stops and the bus route. Also they will look into the bus timetable and bus stop publicity with their partners TFGM to ensure this is consistent.

(b) New sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

Coun Emo and Towneley to liaise over new benches and a milestone type directional sign.

(c) Mount Lane playing fields lease

County Coun. Towneley confirmed a meeting had been held with the school and LCC to discuss the lease. She said maintenance of the field is minimal and bringing the field under the wing of the council makes maintenance, repairs and community events a more viable option.

(d) Milestones

The milestones are nearly completed and the school jubilee one has been designed by the children and a modern look has been agreed. It will be placed outside the old school for all to see. The maiden cross will be returned to its site asap.

(e) Scottish Power

It was agreed that the parish council committee of Couns Heys, Whittle and Launer will now organise the next funding, with Coun. Launer organising the publicity and amending the forms and guidance to embrace the parish council's admin. The closing date will be mid August, with the independent panel due to meet at the end of August, beginning of September.

(f) LCC outstanding items

Coun. Towneley to organise for overgrown vegetation to be removed from the steps coming up to the housing estate on Burnley Road.

No update from LCC re the kissing gate problem behind Southward Bottom.

No update re the trip hazard on Burnley Road, following the utility work.

(g) Miller Homes bulbs and narrowing of pavement

BBC's planning team are liaising with LCC and Miller Homes to resolve both problems.

6 Allotments

Investigations had been made to try and find a natural water supply, but this may prove difficult. It was agreed to contact United Utilities to see if a water supply can be provided. One of the plots does not seem to have been tendered, another has been targeted by vandals. Coun Whittle asked for the allotment agreement to be amended to allow for fruit bushes and not trees. This will done when the annual renewal is held in August.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun Cameron raised a concern from a resident re the cutting of grass verges and hedgerows in the village and the need to be aware of the wildlife and wildflowers. BBC's parks are to cultivate wildflower areas using money set aside from the Scottish Power Community Benefit Fund at Mereclough garden, Red Lees Road opposite The Calder, just below the bus stop at Foxstones Lane, right up to 301 Red Lees Road on both sides and at Mount Crescent.

Coun Brownbridge asked re the purchase of land on Burnley Road to provide a small garden area. Advised to contact the landowner.

Coun Whittle asked for a letter of congratulations to be sent to the village school head on her education award. An update on the police LandRover is needed.

Coun Briggs raised speeding concerns in the village, especially on Park Road.

The community garden project at the memorial garden was discussed, a licence agreement has been drawn up, subject to the garden group being constituted. A plan of how the garden will look and costings have been provided by the group and it was agreed the matter will be discussed fully at the August meeting in order to move forward.

6 (b) Borough reports

Coun. Cunliffe gave details of the new solar farm at the wind farm which was passed by BBC. He suggested the council undertake a neighbourhood plan.

Coun. Launer gave details of his role on the borough council's scrutiny and licensing committees and said there is a new exhibition by David Tomlinson at Towneley Hall.

6 (c) County reports

Coun. Towneley sent in a report covering the jubilee and expressing her thanks to the organisers and attendees. Street Scene has won a grant of £5,800 towards the detection of rural crime and fly tipping. She is undergoing talks with LCC re speed strips and also a rights of way issue raised has been resolved.

6 (d) Village hall

Coun Briggs gave details of the successful jubilee breakfast and a planned treasure hunt.

7 Finance

In - £45 – hire of the pavilion for July school event.

Payments:

July:

£400– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses .
£38.58 – Clerk's pension..
£11.86 – British Gas for Gerry Dawson pavilion.
£31.87 – Eon for Gerry Dawson and RACA park pavilions.
£69-94 – Waterplus for Gerry Dawson Pavilion

August:

£400– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses .
£38.58 – Clerk's pension
£45 – J. Barritt, PAYE.
£31.35 – HMRC.
£292.34 – I Emo, jubilee event.
£175 – Burnley Silver Alliance Band, jubilee event.
£372 – Falkland Electrics, Gerry Dawson pavilion.
£18 – A Porter, jubilee event.
£105.71 – A. Scholes, jubilee event.
£228 – P. Harbour, Gerry Dawson pavilion.

SPR fund - £2,541 – Shane Johnstone, milestone project.

8 Correspondence

A letter of thanks was sent from former councillor, Gilly Smith for her gift from the council.

LCC's parish council charter was sent on the email round robin.

Extension of closure of footpaths 12-4 FP89 and 90 at Red Lees Road, agreed by the Secretary of State for Transport.

9 Planning

Planning for Health and Residential Extensions Supplementary Planning Documents passed to Coun Whittle.

FUL/2022/0252 PROPOSAL: Provision of four glamping units each for up to 6 people including hot tub, secure bike storage, electric vehicle charging point, a recycling/waste area; parking bay, associated landscaping and, water treatment plant. AT: Stiperden House Farm Kebbs Road Todmorden - no comments.

HOU/2022/0298 – proposed double storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 31 Red Lees Avenue – no comments.

HOU/2022/0327 – proposed single storey extension to side elevation at 13 Hill Crest Avenue – no comments.

10 Date of next meeting

August 5th, Cliviger Village Hall at 7 p.m..

