

# CLIVIGER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2022, IN CLIVIGER VILLAGE HALL

Present: Couns I. Emo, M Heys H. Cameron, V. Bennett, K Whittle, J Launer, R Brownbridge, C. Towneley . six residents.

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

2. Apologies for absence

Coun Briggs.

3. Police report

Please see attached report

4 Questions from residents.

Members of the Overtown and Mereclough Resilience Group attended the meeting to ask for an extension on the amount awarded by Scottish Power's Community Benefit Fund to secure match funding to make up the shortfall in the consultant's fee of £8,114.40 and conduct the survey in better weather.

The group wants to create an up to date mapping system to highlight the routes of surface water run offs, areas of flood and wash off, drainage systems and culverts in the water catchment areas of Mereclough and Overtown. They also want to establish the conditions of culverts and investigate any potential deterioration which may lead to back up and flooding and to include this information on the issues map.

Also to investigate sustainable methods of reducing the impact of surface water run-off in Overtown and Mereclough in the form of an opportunities map and liaise with the community, landowners, tenants and statutory authorities and obtain as much information as possible from them to inform the issues to the opportunities map. The group say the survey will be a living document for everyone in Cliviger, LCC highways and the Making Space for Water group and The Environment Agency.

The group also asked the parish council to consider making up the shortfall in funding of £3,484.40. It was explained that this money could not come out of the precept as the Scottish Power fund is for awarding monies which benefit the community.

Coun Towneley said LCC already has a map of the problem areas and are aware of where the problems are, so a repeat survey would not show up anything new. Also there is the problem of ensuring the people responsible for the cause of the flooding take appropriate action.

Coun Heys proposed that the group write to the council to ask for an extension and this will be put to Scottish Power. The council will re look at the fund's finances in February/March, this was agreed by all councillors.

5 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted

(a) Holme Chapel memorial garden

Mr Roger Baldwin is looking at registering the land. It was agreed to buy four hand made planters, two for the garden, two for separate sites to be decided.

(b) Milestones

Work on the jubilee milestone to take place in January along with finishing off boundary stones and beginning the

marker project in the New Year.

(c) Directional sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

Coun Emo and Towneley are working with a local contractor re a new bench. The milestone artist is to work with Neil Whalley re a large stone directional piece.

(d) Mount Lane playing fields lease

Coun Towneley said the lease had been agreed between LCC and the school governors and is to be circulated to all parish councillors to inspect.

(e) First Bus problems

Residents who are still concerned about the bus service and feel First Buses are not taking appropriate action are asked to report concerns via [www.bususers.org](http://www.bususers.org)

(f) Candent re reinstatement of grass verges

Coun Emo met with Candent to sort out the reinstatement of grass verges. The sign at Sunnyfield Avenue has been damaged. The clerk to contact BBC.

## 6 Allotments

Coun Towneley is awaiting a quote for digging the area up. The remaining two vacant allotments have been filled. Couns Emo had met with a tree contractor and organised the felling of three trees. Coun Towneley is to discuss with one allotment owner before the tree is felled.

### 6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun Emo to arrange a Christmas meal following the December meeting.

Coun Brownbridge had attended a meeting of LALC and gave details of joining the association.

Coun Launer reported problems of leaves on pavements which could cause potential slipping problems.

Coun Heys asked for more bulbs to be planting. The clerk to ask BBC to arrange when sorting out the wildflower project.

Coun Bennett asked if excess equipment from the parks department could be utilised. Coun Towneley said it was usually disposed of due to health and safety issues. Coun Bennett also reported barbed wire fencing causing potential problems on a footpath near Station Road. She also said the historical boards at the Long Causeway need updating and refreshing. This could be a potential project for Scottish Power funding next year.

Coun Whittle reported a crumbling wall at Burnley Road and expressed concern over the length of the temporary traffic lights on Bacup Road.

An update on Copy Wood was given and Coun Cameron reported a problem of pools of water by the swing at RACA park and rope on a tree which needs removing.

### 6 (b) Borough reports

Coun. Launer to give a double report next month.

### 6 (c) County reports

Coun. Towneley gave details of LCC's plans to move grass verge cutting to two cuts, missing out the first cut of the year and move more towards wildflowers. The future of the police Land Rover has been discussed by the 3 parish councils and the police and the next step is awaited. LCC is to introduce a village gateway project to crack down on speeding, which will include the need for funding from the parish council. County are to survey all the trees in the parish. It was agreed for Coun Towneley to organise the testing of the street lamps and she is also meeting BBC over the failure of the first wildflower project. Ideas to celebrate the King's coronation include a summer concert. Details of Mayoress fund raising events also supplied.

### 6 (d) Village hall

Work is to begin on the roof/solar panels. The loft is to be insulated and the cellar tanked and any necessary pointing. A new storage area to be made and extra lights provided in the car park.

### 6 (e) Scottish Power Benefit Fund

Dealt with earlier in the meeting.

## 7 Finance

Payments:

In – Eon - £50 re payment.

Out:

£410– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses .

£38.58 – Clerk's pension

£50 – Eon via Rebecca Hay

£45.16 – I Emo, lengthsman's supplies.

£53.86 – Water plus, Gerry Dawson pavilion.

£72 – Cliviger Village Hall rent for 3 months.

£1,473 – Basically Cheer and Fitness, second payment from Scottish Power

£140 – Solar lights for Christmas trees.

### 8 Correspondence

A letter of thanks for sympathy was sent by King Charles III.

### 9 Planning

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 174 Site address: Land at Walton Copy Farm, Burnley Road, Cliviger, BB10 4TA Alleged breach: Without planning permission and within the last four years, the carrying out of unauthorised engineering and excavation works to the west and to the rear of the existing cottage. The creation of a new concrete road leading to a newly created higher plateau area with concrete block walling and concrete block compound area. The depositing on the site of unauthorised materials, concrete block compound and unauthorised storage containers Appellant's name: Mr Philip Anthony Braithwaite Appeal reference: APP/Z2315/C/22/3307509 Appeal start date: 12 October 2022

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### 10 Date of next meeting

December 2nd, Cliviger Village Hall at 6 p.m., followed by Christmas meal.