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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2023, IN CLIVIGER VILLAGE HALL

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

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

2. Apologies for absence

Coun Towneley.

3. Police report

Please see attached report. Coun Whittle asked why a vehicle theft from Park Road has not been logged. The clerk to pass to PSCO Hill.

4 Questions from residents.

Mr P Braithwaite from Walton Copy Farm attended the meeting to discuss the enforcement action which BBC has brought on his development. This has gone to appeal and Mr Braithwaite invited councillors to attend the site for further discussions and asked if the parish council would withdraw its letter of support for BBC. It was agreed that although the council had sympathy for Mr Braithwaite's ongoing discussions, it was agreed not to withdraw the parish council letter, because the parish council has only commented and is not the planning authority which has taken the action.

Ms M Dew and Ms D Salmon from the Mereclough Flood Group gave an update on work which LCC has started in order to try and resolve drainage problems in the area. The group are grateful for the work which they hope will ease the flooding. They wish to monitor any problems and if all is ok, then hand back the Scottish Power Community Benefit Fund money after September, which is the deadline for spending set by Scottish Power.

5 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted.

(a) Police landrover

No update from United Utilities over vehicle availability. Coun. Launer said Worsthorne Parish Council had rejected the offer to buy the police vehicle which Briercliffe Parish Council is trying to sell.

(b) Book shelter at RACA Park

Coun Towneley had organised a recycled fridge to be used as a book shelter and it was hoped there would be a plant swap section as well as the books. The council supports the book swap shelter, but was concerned over the unit being used as it was felt this would not fit in with the area and could be open to abuse. The councillors confirmed they would prefer a book swap case similar to the one at Ightenhill, which has been specially manufactured for the purpose.

(c) Holme Chapel memorial garden

Mr Roger Baldwin is looking at registering the land. The roof has now been fixed and the wall is due to be repaired soon. It was agreed when the new planters are purchased, that two are placed at the memorial garden, one outside the hairdressers and one near to Hillcrest Avenue. Coun Whittle said the school has asked if it could adopt the planters at Holme Chapel in terms of watering and replanting etc. This was agreed.

(d) Mereclough memorial garden

The council solicitor confirmed the order of notice received for 16 Mereclough was in order. It was agreed to get further legal advice over the entrance into the garden.

(e) Milestones

The project is underway with the jubilee stone to be ready and in place for the King's Coronation. The medieval crosses project has been researched by Burnley Civic Society and LCC are looking at the sites.

(f) Directional sign at Mereclough Memorial Garden

Coun Emo and Towneley are working with a local contractor re a new bench. The milestone artist has sourced a large stone for the directional piece.

(g) Mount Lane playing fields lease

Coun Towneley said the lease should be ready to be looked at next month.

(h) King's Coronation

Coun Towneley had suggested inviting the Cliviger Uke Band and also said parking had to be organised. Also, she gave details of bell ringing at St Mary's in Todmorden, people are invited to attend to learn the skill in a national campaign to get the country bell ringing for the coronation. As the village hall is also planning an event on the Monday, it was agreed instead of using the council precept, that a joint application for funding is submitted to BBC, who has set aside £10,000 for events.

6 Allotments

Coun Towneley is awaiting a quote for digging the area up for the water pipe. Couns Emo and Whittle to check the allotments.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun Cameron raised the issue of defibrillators in the village. Currently there is one outside Mount Zion Church and one at Overtown.

Coun Heys raised the issue of litter, vehicles parking on the road and poor groundwork at The Miller Homes development in Red Lees Road.

Coun Launer gave details of a project to highlight walks and trails in the village. It was suggested this could be a source for an application to the next Scottish Power Community Benefit Fund.

Coun Launer said an empty house in Burnley Road is now up for sale.

6 (b) Borough reports

Coun. Towneley sent in a report, congratulating Coun Emo on his award for volunteering. She gave details of the Love Your Streets app for reporting highway issues and council tax levies. Work is to start later in the year on the A671 Bacup Road and grit bins are to be filled before the predicted cold snap .

6 (c) County reports

As above.

6 (d) Village hall

Dealt with under 5 h.

6 (e) Scottish Power Benefit Fund

Scottish Power is to hold a Teams meeting with the panel and new councillors. The annual report is being prepared.

7 Finance

In £300 – LCC bio diversity grant.

Payments:

Out:

£415– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses .

£38.58 – Clerk's pension

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

£22.45 – British Gas for Gerry Dawson pavilion.

£52.67 – Eon for Gerry Dawson and Park Road pavilions.

£540 – Find Me A Business – annual website renewal.

£1,100 – R Ferguson for repairs to the shelter at Holme Chapel, money from Scottish Power fund.

An invoice for £646 .30 received from Waterplus for Mount Lane pavilion is to be disputed.

8 Correspondence

None

9 Planning

FUL/2022/0692 - Barn conversion to C3 dwelling with rear extension and associated groundworks at St John's Barn, off Green Lane, off Burnley Road - object - due to very small footprint, concern about additional parking and effect noise from nearby primary school will have on an occupants. Also as it is just above the busy school parking area and crossing point, concerns over dangers. The access is on the National Trail, has the National Trail Team been alerted? The site is not in Burnley's Local Plan. Any building would need to be done with sensitivity due to the building's proximity in the village.

HOU/2023/0062 - proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and enlargement of hardstanding at 11 Dyneley Avenue - no objections.

10 Date of next meeting

April 7th, Cliviger Village Hall , 7 p.m.. AGM is May 19th to accommodate the auditor.