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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2023, IN THE GERRY DAWSON PAVILION

Present: Couns I. Emo, R. Brownbridge, M Heys, C. Towneley, K Whittle, V. Bennett.

### 1. Code of conduct (Declaration of Interest).

### 2. Apologies for absence

Couns Launer, Briggs and Cameron

### 3. Police report

None. There had been an incident in the village on the day of the meeting when a stinger had been put in place to apprehend a car and 3 males were arrested.

### 4 Questions from residents.

None.

### 5 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted, with the addition that Coun Heys gave his apologies, also it was agreed to get a quote for clearing the ground off Richmond Avenue for a community garden and planning application comments are added in item 9, planning.

#### (a) Mount Lane playing fields tenancy lease

A copy of the proposed LCC lease was presented to the council and copies sent to each member. This has been checked by the council solicitor and legally is acceptable to sign. If signed, the council would have to change its insurance policy to increase public liability. The decision is now whether the council wants to take on the ongoing maintenance of the pitch and boundary, together with its current responsibility to maintain the pavilion and its small stretch of land. This would allow the community easier access to the pitch which is currently under the responsibility of the school and also allow the school to continue to use for school events. Together with the pavilion, it would tie up all the parts for an event.

This will have a financial implication for the parish council unless income can be sourced by letting out the pitch and pavilion. Councillors expressed concern that no parking facilities could create problems and also it was suggested the community should have been consulted on the proposal as it could lead to an increase in the precept. Also concerns the pavilion needs more work to bring up to standard.

The positives are it gives the community the chance to create a recreational facility for use by all and grants can be sourced to provide a car park and an upgrade of the pavilion.

It was agreed to make a final decision at the October meeting. Councillors are asked to send any legal or proposal validity questions to the clerk by August 31<sup>st</sup> in order for the answers to be sought before the September meeting. It was agreed to pay a large water bill following a leak.

#### (b) Holme Chapel memorial garden

It was agreed the garden is looking good. The school has promised to look after the planters, but an agreement needs to be made as to what will happen in the holidays. A waste bin has been provided near the garden and a water butt.

(c) Mereclough memorial garden land sale

Councillors have had the opportunity to look at the site measurements and no queries were raised, so the council solicitor has been instructed to start the sale proceedings.

(d) Wildflower project

BBC confirmed it did not have time to re seed the meadows on Burnley and Bacup roads, but going forward, they plan to cut the verges and collect the grass in September/October (weather dependent will scarify verges to create bare patches, seed the sites with the native wildflower mix and roll the sites to create good contact between seed and soil. This is the same as was done in February on Red Lees Road and the council ecologist has been impressed with the different varieties of wildflowers and grass which grew in the few months. The sites will then be allowed to grow throughout the spring and summer 2024 and around August, depending on flowering times, they will cut the grass and leave it on site for a few weeks to allow any seeds to drop into the ground. They would return in a couple of weeks and collect the grass and then allow a few months for further growing, before mowing in the autumn. The mowing technique would then continue for the next few years without the need to seed the site again, hopefully creating fantastic native meadows which should flourish year on year.

(e) Land off Richmond Avenue

It was agreed that the council look at tidying up the council owned land to allow a community garden to be created. Three quotes are to be sourced for this work.

6 Allotments

Three quotes are to be sourced for the trimming of the trees at the front and back of the allotments. Renewals are to be sent out this month and two unworked plots are to be discussed with tenants. One plot has already been given up. Two changes have been made to the tenancy agreement to clear up structure and tree rules. Costings for a new water supply are to be sourced and tenants are to be asked to park with consideration to residents.

6 (a) Councillors' reports

Coun Emo had carried out much work in the village to cut back vegetation in sites which are a problem for motorists and pedestrians. He had also cleared out blocked gullies.

6 (b) Borough reports

Coun Launer sent in a report and said he had been on two sub committees regarding a chatbox designed to free up council operators to allow them to help with more complex cases. A cross party scrutiny committee has created a sub group to ensure climate targets are being worked towards and check the report has the correct focus. The group will report back in March 2024. He has been asked by residents to deal with speeding in the village and is looking at ideas to calm down speeding cars, following a Freedom of Information request to LCC being refused. Concerns of anti social behaviour in areas of the town centre are being looked at by Burnley Council, as is the empty unit at Pioneer Place and the effect the new mall will have on Standish Street. Also Burnley is falling behind in national education tables and there has been a failure to provide a youth zone. Coun Launer hopes the borough will take LCC to task over both issues.

6 (c) County reports

Coun Towneley gave details of a summer holiday club and said she is to meet the police and crime commissioner re looking at speeding problems throughout the county and United Utilities over infrastructure.

6 (d) Village hall

The flower show was due to take place on August 5<sup>th</sup>. The gatepost has been replaced.

6 (e) Scottish Power Benefit Fund

The Overtown and Mereclough Resilience Group has returned their grant money following the work needed to stop the flooding being done by LCC. Councillors to discuss the fund surplus at the next meeting.

7 Finance

In: £180 – Annual charges for the Gerry Dawson pavilion from St John's School.  
£4,630 – SPR return from Overtown and Mereclough Resilience Fund.

Out:

£811.80 – Waterplus for Gerry Dawson pavilion.  
£430– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses  
£38.58 – Clerk’s pension  
£46.58 – EON Next, Mount Lane and RACA pavilions.  
£72 – Cliviger Village Hall 3 months rent  
£81.37 – I Emo, lengthsman expenses.  
£275 – P Harbour, repairs to Gerry Dawson pavilion.  
£96 – Falkland Electrical for PACT tests at the Gerry Dawson pavilion

## 8 Correspondence

A resident had written in re inconsiderate parking at the top of Park Road with the junction of Mount Lane. The matter will be taken up with the police commissioner via the county councillor.

An extension of the footpath closure at the Miller Homes site has been extended to allow building works.

## 9 Planning

Ful/2023/0327 – retention of building for use as holiday let, including car parking, landscaping and ancillary works at Cold Soil Ruins, Kebs Road – object this site is subject to a planning appeal which has not yet been decided. The parish council also feel it is out of character for the area, there is no evidence of need and the building is currently half built.

Hou/2023/0348 – proposed single storey front, side and rear extensions at 120 Richmond Avenue – no objections.

TPO/2023/-373 – application to fell one sycamore tree and crown lift four (or 5) trees located within W1 of the Burnley (Thanet Lee Wood, Cliviger) tree preservation order 1981, at 43 Thanet Lee Close, no comments.

Ful/2023/0384 – erection of retail building and two no canopies and relocated service access route at Towneley Garden Centre – no comments.

Ful/2023/-347 – proposed parking space and dropped kerb with footpath crossing to create new access onto Burnley Road, land next to 344 Burnley Road.

## 10 Date of next meeting

September 1st, Cliviger Village Hall , 7 p.m.