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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2023, IN CLIVIGER VILLAGE HALL

Present: Counc I. Emo, V. Bennett, C. Towneley, J Launer, M Heys, H. Cameron, Borough Coun S Cunliffe.

1. Code of conduct (Declaration of Interest).

None.

2. Apologies for absence

Couns C Briggs, R. Brownbridge and K. Whittle.

3. Police report

Stats for October to November had been sent through. There were one assault, two burglaries, two ASB, one theft and one vehicle related crime.

4 Questions from residents.

None.

5 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were accepted, with a minor amendment to item 6 (c) which should read the speed monitoring project was on the A646.

(a) Holme Chapel memorial garden

Coun Emo has cleared out the planters and is awaiting a quote from BBC's park's department about replenishing the newly acquired planters. Daffodil bulbs have been donated by parks.

(b) Land off Richmond Avenue

A third quote to be sourced..

(c) Speeding in the village

LCC had installed some speed monitoring boxes in the village and these have now been removed and the data is to be assessed and discussed with the county road safety officer.

(d) Code of Conduct

The clerk had discussed the protocol regarding the Code of Conduct and any complaints. As the parish council adopted the borough code of conduct, any concerns need to go through the borough council monitoring officer in the first instance and not the clerk or chairman. There was concern that the non political parish council, made up of volunteers, is being unfairly used via social media for political arguments and this is detrimental to the work of the parish council. The counter argument is that social media is used to keep residents informed.

(e). Mount Lane pavilion

The utilities have now been shut off for the winter.

(f) Wall collapse between Bullshead and Walk Mill

LCC has inspected and issued a request that the wall is repaired as a priority. If the work is not done, LCC will begin a legal process which may mean they repair and charge the land owner.

(g) Miller Homes

Following concern from the parish council regarding the closeness of one of the houses to a property outside the development, Burnley planners had inspected and said the Council was approached separately about this in August this year following the setting out of plot 78 which is directly to the south side of the neighbouring house at 113 Red Lees Road.

The separation distances were measured and found to be approximately 13m at the mid-point of the new gable to the side elevation of the neighbour's property. This does not show any irregularities with the approved plans. Policy HS4 of Burnley's Local Plan normally requires 15m between a blank gable (with no habitable rooms) and an elevation with habitable rooms. This provides a starting point for the expectations that will be put on developers to provide adequate spacing between properties.

There are times however when a lesser or greater separation distance will be acceptable or required based on the circumstances of any individual case. In this case, the new house at plot 78 is not directly parallel and is angled away from the side elevation of 113 Red Lees Road and is also stepped back and sits at a slightly lower level. These factors, in addition to the separation distance, also affect the impact that the new dwelling will have on the neighbouring property.

The purpose of Policy HS4 is to ensure that new developments provide appropriate levels of privacy and outlook for occupants and existing adjacent residents.

The set of circumstances that have been described would maintain a satisfactory outlook and privacy for the neighbour at 113 Red Lees Road. Whilst therefore the separation distance is less than 15m, it has been accepted by the council that the relationship between the position of the two dwellings is satisfactory and would lead to an acceptable outlook and level of privacy for occupiers of each dwelling.

The council concluded that the building under construction is as approved, in which case there is no action to be taken.

The information was passed to Borough Coun Cunliffe to discuss further with planners.

(h) Information boards on Long Causeway

Mr A Scholes confirmed he will re look at replacing the boards on the Long Causeway and requested moving the one at Mereclough Memorial Garden on the wall by the gate, rather than in their current position and this was agreed. Coun Towneley to discuss the content of the boards with Mr Scholes.

(i) Excess water at the junction of Burnley Road with the New Road

Coun Emo said he had cleared out the drains and the problem has eased.

(j) Transfer of land at Mereclough

This is now in the hands of the solicitor. Correspondence has been received by the council from a neighbouring property re the proposed blocking up of a gateway into the memorial garden and this has been passed to the council solicitor to deal with.

6. Allotments

The council had been contacted via an allotment holder questioning the need for the tree work on the allotment and on the pathway in front. The council confirmed this has been done following concerns from residents and allotment holders that the trees were a hazard. Wood chippings have been left for allotment users to recycle.

7 (a) Councillors' reports

Cou Heys asked about the work on the former mill on the way into Portsmouth from Cliviger, this is to be a new housing development.

Problems with gullies needing cleaning, due to the recent heavy rain, were reported

Coun Emo had accepted an award from The Milestone Society for the work done renovating the milestones in the parish.

7 (b) Borough reports

Coun Cunliffe explained the new administration on Burnley Council and said one of the ideas was to transfer the running of Mount Lane playing field and the pavilion to Burnley in order for both to be used as one. This followed the parish council's rejection of the idea on financial grounds. It was agreed that the parish council was happy for discussions to be started between the county and borough.

Coun Launer gave details of his new role in the administration of Burnley Council and said he was hoping to bring some cultural events to the village, like a food festival. Also the council department is to design artwork promoting the village which could be used in future for events/tourism.

7 (c) County reports

Coun Towneley reported on:

The Lancashire devolution consultation. The clerk to forward the newsletter regarding this and councillors asked to submit their comments, which can be relayed.

The county landfill contract to reduce the landfill from the east .

The 30th birthday of the Talk Service for children.

A plea by the county for people not to put batteries into the wrong sections of the county tip as there have been a spate of fires.

A letter sent to the minister for Defra re the future of the South Pennine Park and its projects.

7 (d) Village hall

Coun Emo gave details of work carried out at the village hall and up and coming events.

7 (e) Scottish Power Benefit Fund

Councillors to discuss the fund surplus at the February meeting.

8 Finance

Out:

£430– Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses
£38.58 – Clerk's pension
£38.89 – EON Next, Gerry Dawson and RACA pavilions.
£1,500 – Scottish Power admin and accounts for 2023.
£3,660 – A Binns tree contractors for work to the allotments.
£95 – P Harbour for water butts for Holme Chapel memorial garden

It was agreed to keep the precept at £10,000. Coun Towneley abstained from the vote, saying the precept should be lowered.

9 Correspondence

Details of Lancashire County Council's public realm scheme were discussed.

10 Planning

FUL/2023/0675 PROPOSAL: Change of use from commercial livery stables (granted under planning permission APP/2008/0389) to private stables for personal use only. AT: Pearsons House Farm, The Long Causeway, Cliviger – no comments.

11 Date of next meeting

February 2nd Cliviger Village Hall , 7 p.m,