

## Farington Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 November 2019 at Bashall Grove Community Centre at 7.00 pm**

**Present:-** Councillor Mike Otter (Chairman); Councillor Paul Buckley; Councillor Roy Clarke; Councillor Michael Green; Councillor Elaine Robb and Councillor Mrs Karen Walton.

**In attendance:-** Sue Whittam - Clerk to the Council  
1 member of the public

#### **74. (19/20) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

#### **75. (19/20) Declarations of interest**

None

#### **76. (19/20) Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Councillor Paul Buckley asked if a reply had been received from NALC regarding the Standing Orders and in particular relating to members of the public being allowed to speak on all items. The Clerk read out the response from LALC and Councillor Paul Buckley asked if a response could be received directly from NALC. The Clerk agreed to ask for a response from NALC.

Councillor Roy Clarke queried the figures referred to in the Minutes regarding the number of injuries sustained on Stanifield Lane and said these appeared to be different to any figures he could find. As Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman was not present at the meeting it was not possible to ascertain the source of the figures and if these were correct.

Councillor Roy Clarke also informed the Parish Council that he had not been contacted by Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman regarding the budget information relating to the crossing on Stanifield Lane and the bus stops and he wished for this matter to be noted in the Minutes.

#### **Resolved**

That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 October 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **77. (19/20) Adjournment for Public Participation**

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter adjourned the meeting for public participation and welcomed the member of public to the meeting. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter asked if anyone had anything to raise under this item.

The Clerk reported that a member of the public who had raised the issue about the damaged fence owned by Lancashire County Council had still not had a date for the fence to be reinstated. The Clerk had advised the member of the public to contact County Councillor Michael Green directly to see if he could help with this matter.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter then reconvened the meeting.

## **78. (19/20) School Lane**

Councillor Roy Clarke had asked for this item to be on the Agenda and he circulated a number of pictures to the Parish Council that illustrated the danger of the narrow pavements on School Lane and said that it was only a matter of time before there was a serious accident. He referred to a recent incident when a lady had fallen off her mobility scooter on School Lane when a car had come speeding around the corner. Pedestrians had to walk in the road and although Lancashire County Council had placed some additional signage to warn vehicles that there would be pedestrians in the road, Councillor Roy Clarke considered this to be a very dangerous situation. He asked if the Parish Council would support a meeting with County Councillor Keith Iddon on site to discuss the issues and what could be done. This was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk would contact County Councillor Keith Iddon and ask for a meeting on School Lane to look at the issues and identify any possible solutions. The meeting would be held at the availability of County Councillor Keith Iddon and when the Clerk had some dates, she would email the Parish Council to see who could attend. Councillor Michael Green said he would wish to be involved and he would also mention the issues directly to County Councillor Keith Iddon. It was also agreed to contact Network Rail to see if they would be involved with the meeting as they owned the land that fronted part of School Lane, and this may form part of the solution.

Councillor Roy Clarke also referred to the hedge on School Lane that needed to be trimmed back. It was noted that this was owned by Progress Housing. The Clerk agreed to contact Progress Housing to ask for the hedge to be trimmed.

Councillor Roy Clarke also explained that the plaque on the School Lane bridge was beginning to fade. He asked if the Parish Council would fund the replacement of the plaque. The Clerk agreed to contact Network Rail in the first instance to see if they were willing to replace or refurbish the plaque. If Network Rail were unable to replace or refurbish the plaque then the Parish Council would fund this.

## **Resolved**

i) That the Clerk contacts County Councillor Keith Iddon to arrange a meeting on site at School Lane to look at the issues and identify possible solutions, and that Network Rail should also be invited to the meeting.

ii) That the Clerk contacts Progress Housing to ask them to cut the hedge that they own on School Lane.

iii) That Network Rail are asked if they would refurbish or replace the plaque on School Lane, and if they are unable to do so the Parish Council will fund this.

### **79. (19/20) CiL Report**

The Parish Council gave consideration to the annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2019. The annual CiL report was unanimously agreed and a copy was presented in the Minute Book. The CiL report would be published on the Parish Council's website.

It was noted that the Parish Council had not received any CiL monies for 2018 – 2019 and that the Clerk had checked this with South Ribble Borough Council and had been informed that no CiL monies were due. The Clerk was asked to check how much CiL money was collected by South Ribble from the Heatherleigh development and if any CiL from Heatherleigh was due to the Parish Council. The Clerk was also asked to include a question on how much CiL was received by South Ribble Borough Council when the meeting was held with the Leader and Cabinet on 22 November, 2019.

### **Resolved**

i) That approval is given to the Annual CiL report for year end 31 March 2019. A copy is presented in the Minute Book.

ii) That the Clerk asks South Ribble Borough Council how much CiL monies was collected from the Heatherleigh development and how much is due to the Parish Council.

iii) That the Clerk includes a question on how much CiL has been collected by South Ribble Borough Council at the meeting with the Leader and Cabinet on 22 November 2019.

### **80. (19/20) Annual Grants**

The Parish Council gave consideration to the annual grants. The Clerk had circulated a list of the previous annual grants awarded. She explained that there was one amendment on the list that Farington South Senior Citizens had received £300 and not £200 as stated on the list. There was a general discussion on the grants and if the Parish Council should continue with the annual grant awards. It was noted that we had a Grants Scheme and any groups could apply through there. However, the application form was quite a detailed process and it may not be appropriate for smaller groups or societies. Councillor Michael Green proposed that we award the grants "en bloc" as per the list but remove Turbary House Birds of

Prey. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Karen Walton. Councillor Roy Clarke then proposed an amendment to also remove NSPCC from the list. This was seconded by Councillor Paul Buckley and agreed by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council felt it was important to know how the annual grants helped local people and the Clerk was asked to seek feedback on this in a letter to the annual grant recipients. This would be discussed further by the Parish Council at their February meeting.

### **Resolved**

That in accordance with S137 the following be given grants as listed below: -

Lonsdale Chase Sheltered Accommodation	£200.00
Bashall Grove Sheltered Accommodation	£200.00
St Catherine's Hospice	£300.00
North West Air Ambulance	£400.00
Farington South Senior Citizens	£300.00
Derian House	£300.00
Bowland Mountain Rescue	£300.00
St Catherine's Church	£300.00
St Ambrose Church	£300.00
Farington St Paul's Scouts	£200.00
Mayor's Charity Fund	£100.00
Leyland & Cuerden Valley Lions	£300.00

### **81. (19/20) Projects for Expenditure 2019/2020**

**Parish Council Newsletter – update.** As the Parish Council was currently in purdah due to the General Election, it was agreed that the newsletter would be produced next year.

With regard to the Bashall Grove Garden, it was felt that to raise the beds with sleepers would considerably reduce the size of the garden. The Parish Council therefore agreed to put this project on hold and reassess this project next spring.

Councillor Paul Buckley suggested hanging baskets in Farington as a possible project. It was noted that the Parish Council had looked at this before but the problem was keeping the baskets watered. Wildflowers on verges was also mentioned as a potential project.

### **82. (19/20) Financial Matters**

The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that the budget for 2020 – 2021 and the precept would be agreed at the December meeting. She agreed to send out some notes to help new members with the budget. The Clerk also agreed to contact South Ribble Borough Council to find out how many Band “D” properties were in the Parish, to help with the budget and precept setting. Councillor Michael Green suggested adding Neighbourhood Plan to the list of projects for next year.

## **Resolved**

1) It was noted that we had £79,862.05 (bank statement up to 9 October 2019) in the bank.

It was noted that since the last meeting we had paid: -

31/10/19 – John Harrison Sports Ltd for New Young Bloomer Trophy including engraving £110.00. (Cheque no 100856).

14/10/19 – St Ambrose Church contribution to community defib £100.00. (Cheque no 100857).

14/10/19 – Reimbursement to Cllr Mike Otter for Remembrance wreaths £100.00. (Cheque no 100858).

Noted cheques 859, 860, 861 still to be used.

28/10/19 – Royal British Legion Lostock Hall for contribution to Remembrance event road closure £300.00. (Cheque no 100862).

28/10/19 – Electropak Ltd (Taylor and Pickles) for Farington “Moss” signage £504.00. (Cheque no 100863).

28/10/19 – South Ribble Borough Council - 3 invoices £258.19 bin emptying; £1,166.21 maintenance; £176.88 hedge cutting = total £1,601.28. (Cheque no 100864).

29/10/19 – C & W Berry Ltd for Lengthsman’s materials – 5 invoices Cement £4.79; rapid set cement £11.80; adhesive/silicone £14.54; blade £21.44; bolts/washers £3.50 = total £56.07. (Cheque no 100865).

01/11/19 – S Whittam, Clerk’s Salary £988.35. (Cheque no 100866).

08/11/19 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £855.00 + £1.50 glass = total £856.50. (Cheque no 100867).

It was further noted that we had paid British Gas for BTR field on 20 September £92.25. Nest Pension 4 October £50.71 – all direct debits.

2) There were no further invoices for payment at the meeting.

## **83. (19/20) Borough Council and County Council reports – for information only**

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton was pleased to report that Farington School had won the Best School in the South Ribble in Bloom Competition and a local boy had also won the Best Young Bloomer. The Clerk would write to both on behalf of the Parish Council to congratulate them.

It was noted that the Planning Appeal for Chainhouse Lane had now started and was scheduled to last for four days.

Councillor Michael Green advised that there might be some changes to A582 dualling scheme and that it was likely to be approved by Cabinet at Lancashire County Council shortly.

**84. (19/20) Clerk's Report – For information only**

There was nothing further for the Clerk to report.

**85. (19/20) Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 9 December at St Paul's CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss.