

Farington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 September 2019 at Bashall Grove Community Centre at 7.00pm

Present:- Councillor Mike Otter (Chairman); Councillor Paul Buckley; Councillor Roy Clarke; Councillor Michael Green; Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman and Councillor Mrs Karen Walton.

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

45. (19/20) Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman (Vice-Chairman).

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter briefed the Parish Council on possible health and safety considerations for this evening's meeting.

46. (19/20) Declarations of interest

None

47. (19/20) Minutes of the Last Meeting

To note that the September meeting was held at St Paul's CE Primary School and not Bashall Grove Community Centre as stated in the Minutes. With regard to Minute 38 – A582 South Ribble Western Distributor, Councillor Michael Green asked for it to be recorded in the Minutes that as stated at the July meeting he was neither opposed or in favour to the proposals but he wished to maintain an independent view so not to prejudice the decision down the line as he was also a County Councillor. With regard to Minute 40, it was noted that both Councillor Chris Wharton-Hardman and Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman's names had been incorrectly spelt.

Resolved

Subject to the amendments above, that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2019, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48. (19/20) Adjournment for Public Participation

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter adjourned the meeting for public participation and asked if the member of public present had anything to raise with the Parish Council. The lady explained that there had been a speeding incident on School Lane which had resulted in her fence being knocked down and the police had been involved. However, since the incident in August she had heard nothing further. Councillor Michael Green suggested that the Parish Council should contact the

police about this incident and also about the general issue of speeding in the Parish. This was agreed. The lady also agreed to provide Clerk with the crime incident reference from the Police. Councillor Paul Buckley also suggested that the Parish Council should obtain information on Community Speed Watch and how members of the community can get involved. This was also agreed.

Councillor Roy Clarke said he had not received any information from Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman regarding the budget proposals and the indication that he would speak to him outside the meeting as mentioned at the last meeting. This was in relation to the letter received from the Leader of South Ribble Borough Council. However, it was noted that not all members of the Parish Council had received the letter and the Clerk was asked to give a reminder to South Ribble Borough Council regarding the contact details for all Parish Councillors.

The Clerk reported that she had received an update from Tony Stirland at South Ribble Borough Council and that the In Bloom Competition presentation evening would be held on 18 September at Lostock Hall Library between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm. All Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter then reconvened the meeting.

49. (19/20) Chainhouse Lane Planning Appeal Reference APP/F2360/W/19/3234070

The Parish Council was asked to consider submitting a further response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the above appeal and also if they wished to send a representative to speak at the appeal hearing. It was noted that the closing date for comments was 13 September 2019. It was reported that the appeal hearing would be held on 12 November and that four days had been put aside for the appeal. A member of the public had met with Nigel Evans MP and Councillor Michael Green to seek their support on the appeal.

Councillor Elaine Robb informed the Parish Council that she had already submitted an objection as a local resident but she was happy to represent the Parish Council at the appeal hearing if this was acceptable. Councillor Roy Clarke proposed that Councillor Elaine Robb should represent the Parish Council at the appeal hearing and speak on behalf of the Parish Council. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs Karen Walton and unanimously agreed.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's original objection to the Planning Application would have already been forwarded to the Inspector as part of the papers provided by South Ribble Borough Council. She would send a copy to Councillor Elaine Robb so she was aware of the contents of the Parish Council's objection. She would also contact the Planning Inspectorate to confirm that Councillor Elaine Robb would be representing and speaking at the appeal hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved

That approval is given for Councillor Elaine Robb to attend the Chainhouse Lane Planning Appeal on behalf of the Parish Council and speak in support of the Parish Council's objection.

50. (19/20) LALC AGM – Saturday 23 November 2019

The Parish Council gave consideration to sending a representative to the LALC AGM to be held on Saturday 23 November at Howick House Penwortham and also if they wished to propose a resolution for discussion at the AGM. Councillor Mrs Karen Walton said that she would like to attend the AGM on behalf of the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed.

Resolved

That approval is given for Councillor Mrs Karen Walton to attend the LALC AGM on Saturday 23 November 2019 on behalf of the Parish Council.

51. (19/20) Standing Orders

The Clerk had circulated to the Parish Council an updated version of the Standing Orders in line with the NALC Model Standing Orders 2018 (England). As the document was quite lengthy it was suggested by Councillor Paul Buckley that these should be considered at the October meeting to allow Parish Councillors to study the details of the Standing Orders. Councillor Buckley also asked about Members of the Public being able to speak on each item as per South Ribble Borough Council. The Clerk agreed to look into this and asked if any other Parish Councillor had concerns regarding any of the Standing Orders if they could let her know in advance of the October meeting.

Resolved

That this item is deferred until the October meeting of the Parish Council.

52. (19/20) Report of the Community Engagement Working Group

It was noted that the Community Engagement Working Group needed to arrange a meeting as soon as possible to discuss the Calendar of Meetings, the newsletter and the St Paul's Playground project. This item was therefore deferred until the October meeting of the Parish Council.

Resolved

That this item is deferred until the October meeting of the Parish Council.

53. (19/20) Projects for Expenditure 2019/2020

Welcome to Farington Signs – update. The Chairman, Councillor Mike Otter informed the Parish Council that the Heatherleigh sign was now back in place and he had received a number of positive comments from residents. Councillor Mrs Karen Walton said that the new sign looked really great especially in the new colours.

Bashall Grove Garden – The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from Carole Scrivens at South Ribble Borough Council regarding the Parish Council's proposals for Bashall Grove Garden. The Borough Council were happy for the

Parish Council to proceed but would wish to see the sleepers for the beds to be the newer type and not treated with creosote due to the environmental issues they would cause. They would also not like to see the beds raised too high as the sleepers may become a seating area and cause issues for neighbouring properties. One or two sleepers high should not cause any issues. The Parish Council agreed to take these comments on board.

54. (19/20) Financial Matters

Resolved

1) It was noted that we had approximately £85,733.17 (bank statement up to 9 August 2019) in the bank. It was further noted that the Clerk had obtained a copy of the June bank statement as the original one had not been received. It was confirmed that the £50,000 precept was paid into our bank account on 9 May 2019. We had also received £6,753.27 VAT back and £250 from opting into the Public Rights of Way Scheme

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

08/07/19 – Newgate Nurseries as agreed at the last meeting £125.39 (cheque no 100835).

14/07/19 – South Ribble Borough Council 3 invoices: - bins April (£258.19); bins May (£322.74); bins June (£258.19) = total £839.12 (cheque no 100836).

14/07/19 – C & W Berry Ltd Lengthsman's materials 3 invoices: - sand (£10.64); cement (£5.27); weed killer (£14.98) = total £30.89 (cheque no 100837).

14/07/19 – HMRC Q1 Tax and NI £523.02 (cheque no 100838).

15/07/19 – Donna Kidd Internal Audit Fee £60.00 (cheque no 100839).

15/07/19 – Bang the Drum SRS Gorton for website admin £247.50 (cheque no 100840).

19/07/19 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £855 and two skips for BTR field £345 = total £1,200 (cheque no 100841).

25/07/19 – Electropak (Taylor and Pickles) for new boundary sign £1,595.52 (cheque no 100842).

01/08/19 – S Whittam Clerk's salary £988.35 (cheque no 100843).

16/08/19 – Peter Heise Lengthsman wages £855 (cheque no 100844).

03/09/19 – C & W Berry Ltd Lengthsman's materials 4 invoices; shower head/hose/pipes (£44.04); refuse sacks (£17.94); paint/screws (£17.94); rivets/glue (£8.28) = total £88.20 (cheque no 100845).

03/09/19 – South Ribble Borough Council bins July £258.19 (cheque no 100846).

03/09/19 – S Whittam Clerk's salary £1,011.53 (cheque no 100847).

03/09/19 – Rospa Play Safety for playground inspection St Paul's £82.20 (cheque no 100848).

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

It was further noted that we had paid British Gas for BTR field on 30 May £72.51; 21 June £72.33; 22 July £68.84 and water for BTR field £267.71. Nest Pension 7 June £50.71; 4 July £50.71 and 8 August £50.71. ICO 17 May £35 for data protection fee – all direct debits.

55. (19/20) Borough Council and County Council reports – for information only

Councillor Mrs Karen Walton informed the Parish Council that it was unlikely that the Parish Council would receive any help with projects as the Officer's at South Ribble Borough Council did not have any spare resources available to help us. Councillor Mrs Karen Walton also referred to the unadopted land from the Anchor pub to Wellfield and that it was looking untidy. It was noted that the Bob in Café was still continuing and was increasing in popularity.

Councillor Michael Green commented that Farington in particular appeared to be getting a poor service at the moment. It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the email address for the Chief Executive for members of the Parish Council to contact the Chief Executive about the lack of support for Farington residents.

56. (19/20) Clerk's Report – For information only

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the South Ribble Borough Council Remembrance Sunday service would be held at St Andrew's Parish Church, St Andrew's Way. The Clerk agreed to copy the letter and circulate this to the Parish Council. With regard to the wreaths for Remembrance Sunday, Councillor Michael Green said it would also be appropriate if the Parish Council could lay a wreath at the WWI war memorial. Councillor Mike Otter agreed to order the wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council.

57. (19/20) Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Parish Council Meeting would be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 14 October at St Paul's CE Primary School, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

Local Government Act 1972

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

58. BTR Field (Para 3)

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that Rowland Homes had indicated that they wished to enter into a further lease with the Parish Council for the BTR field and they had asked what terms would the Parish Council wish to consider.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would also wish to enter into a further lease as they felt it was an important asset for the community. It was agreed that the lease should be for as long as possible and that the Clerk should start the discussions with Rowland Homes to renew the lease. It was noted that the final lease would be subject to approval by the Parish Council.

Resolved

That approval is given for the Clerk to start discussions with Rowland Homes to renew the lease for BTR field.