

RIBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 July 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors: Milne (Chairman), Brown, Law-Riding, Mason, Rollinson, Royle

Also Present: One local resident

20 APOLOGIES: Cllr Dickinson

21 THANKS: The Vice-Chairman offered his thanks to the Clerk for her assistance during the June meeting.

22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Mrs Margaret Baugh from the Longridge Environment Group (LEG) addressed the meeting and put before it a proposal to have a water bottle refill station in Ribchester on the wall of the public toilets. She confirmed that this project, if accepted, would be managed by LEG, and outlined the proposed methodology – to provide a high standard stainless steel installation, which would be vandal-resistant, and which would be managed through a five-year rental programme beginning in 2023.

DECISION The proposal was well-received and agreed in principle. The Council would receive updates as they become available.

23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the meeting on 20 June were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

24 MATTERS ARISING:

MIN 12. Planning Application 3/20222/0530 – a further application had been received in respect of the Land at Preston Road (Snail Farm). Once again, the Council unanimously agreed to lodge a further objection.

MIN 18. It was reported that the stone trough outside the public toilets had not yet been planted. Given that this had been the plan to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee there was concern expressed that it still had not been completed. It was agreed to approach the Lengthsman to ask him to undertake this project in addition to his usual duties. (DONE).

MIN 19.1 Problem of Dogs being taken onto the Playing Field – Councillors commended the person who had approached the visitors who had taken the dog on the field. Cllr Milne had also, recently, challenged people with dogs on the field. It was proposed that Mr J Treacey be contacted about appropriate action which could be taken, also to see whether the enforcement of a penalty for breach of the regulation could be imposed.

25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Current Application – 3/2022/0609 Higher Beck Farm, Greenmoor Lane – Restoration of Permitted Development Rights. It was noted that Permitted Development Rights are removed for good reason, and given that the owners had not removed the Polytunnel after the instruction to do so had been

communicated to them following the Inspector's visit and publication of the decision, there was some anxiety that the reinstatement could lead to further inappropriate developments which would prove difficult to rectify in future. Objection therefore to be submitted.

New Application - 2/2022/0617 - 16 Sarmation Fold - Proposed erection of a single storey rear and side extension. The Chairman had been to look at the site and reported that the space was small and therefore the likely impact limited; also there would be no restriction of light to any adjoining property. It was proposed to support the application.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS:

26.1 Cash Book Figures. The monthly Cash Book figures were tabled and it was noted that all spending was within budget to date.

26.2 It was **RESOLVED** that the following payments be made:

Clerk's Salary for mid-June to mid-July + expenses for computer security system (2 years duration £136.28)	£564.68
SS Peter & Pauls Parish Centre - Room Hire	£25
Lengthsman's Fee	£168
HMRC (PAYE)	£214.14

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LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION:

It was reported that the four adjoining Councils of Ribchester, Hothersall, Dutton and Hurst Green had met and a joint response document had been prepared and submitted. The Chairman commented that it had been a very good meeting, Chaired very well (by Hothersall) with evident wide-ranging knowledge of the issues. A summary document had then been drafted by the Clerk, approved and sent to RVBC within the deadline given. The next stage will be for a meeting to take place between the same four Councils and Colin Hirst to discuss the points raised.

The Vice-Chairman cited previous experience of earlier equivalent exercises where total number of houses to be developed had been agreed and confirmed but noted that, sadly, these agreed targets had been greatly exceeded. The Chairman expressed thanks to all concerned in this valuable exercise.

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REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES:

28.1 **Parish Council Liaison Committee Meeting.** Cllr Brown reported on what had been a rather lengthy meeting, given that three guest speakers had attended. She reported on the proposals of the Regional Task Force and its project for increasing CCTV cameras in villages to tackle the recent increase in thefts (particularly of machinery from local farms).

28.1.1 Voluntary Grants. These were intended for different groups in the Borough, although priority would be given to Hyndburn.

28.1.2 Ukraine refugee local housing. Thirty-seven properties had been inspected and 20+ had passed as suitable.

28.1.3 Speed Indicator Devices had been loaned to various Parishes/Towns and had since been 'lost'. A call for return had been put out.

28.1.4 RVBC staff vacancy number had been halved; except in the Planning Department.

28.1.5 The new Ribble Valley Borough Mayor's Platinum Jubilee Trail was announced in aid of the Mayor's charities.

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VILLAGE MATTERS:

29.1 Litter Picker proposal (submitted by Mr C Kelly). It was noted that Ikley has installed an on-street litter picker system in the town. Residents can collect the picker, use it and return to the stand for further use. (Photograph tabled).

29.2 Public Toilets. In response to a recent incident where a visitor was locked in the Gentlemen's toilet the Fire Brigade had attended and had had to smash to door to release him. It was noted that it will take some time to replace the steel door.

29.3 It was noted that notification had been received about the withdrawal of the bus service to St Augustine's RC School by LCC from September 2023. The reason given was the 'unsustainable losses being experienced on the route by LCC'. County Cllr Swarbrick is dealing with the matter.

29.4 Concerns were raised about the frequent parking on the yellow lines near the Rectory. **Proposed Action** – to contact the Community Police.

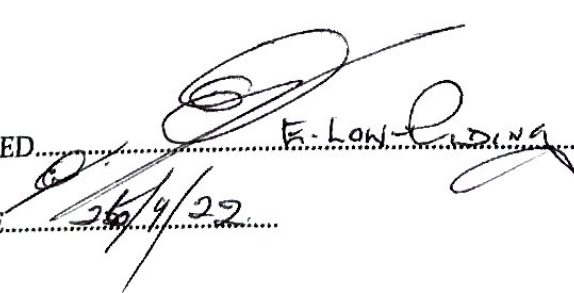
Post-Minute Note: After the meeting, a notification was received that the current Community Police support officer was leaving. No information to date on replacement.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.23pm

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