

RIBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 16 May 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors: Brown, Law-Riding, Mason, Milne, Rollinson, Royle
County Councillor Swarbrick

Also: Mr Yates from the Ecology Group and one other resident

1 **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Dickinson,

2 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

RESOLVED On a motion by Cllr Law-Riding, seconded by Cllr Royle that Cllr Milne serve as Chairman of the Parish Council for 2022/2023.
Cllr Milne then signed the Declaration of Office of Chairman and took the Chair

3 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:**

RESOLVED On a motion by Cllr Royle, seconded by Cllr Rollinson that Cllr Law-Riding serve as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the year 2022/2023

APPOINTMENTS:

Parish Council Liaison Committee – Cllr Brown
Playing Field Trust – Cllr Dickinson
Knowle Green Village Hall Committee - no-one available.

4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr Yates, from the Ribchester Ecology Group gave an update on recent activity of the group. The focus this month had been on Boyce's Brook and the culvert. The group are looking into the feasibility of the culvert being diverted. The Group will have a stall at the Jubilee Market on 2 June and also will be represented at Field Day. The other key part of the group's strategy is Tree-planting. The main issue here is locating the land to be planted on, which will require negotiation with landowners. It is now rather late in the season to be planting trees, so this part of the strategy will be revisited in Autumn and Winter 2022.

5 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:** The Minutes of the meeting on 21 March were confirmed as a true record and duly signed.

6 **MATTERS ARISING:**

MIN 99: The plans to install an induction loop in the Hall had stalled, but another solution was being considered so that the meetings can continue in the Parish Centre but in such a way as to improve the communication between the Council and those residents who attend.

MIN 103.2: It was noted that the Parish Spring Clean had taken place and that relatively little litter had been found, as compared with previous years.

MIN 103.3: It was noted that although the rocks have been removed the concrete base is still in situ in the stone trough. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact Cllr Dickinson to enquire as to when work could commence. (Done).

MIN 103.4: In the matter of the resident with the Insurance claim problem, it was noted that this has still not been resolved. The information sent that the claim had been settled and the insured person contacted was erroneous. Council was very disappointed with this information. It agreed that further, stronger actions were needed. **ACTION:** Clerk to contact insurance company and to advise that the matter would be referred to the Financial Ombudsman. (Done). Comment was also posted on Facebook (Social Media).

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

3/2022/0271 – Land off Preston Road – Snail Farm. It was reported that the Variation of Conditions application had been **REFUSED**. Unfortunately, it also had to be reported that on the day the matter was notified to the Parish Council the frame of the building was erected. Concerns were expressed about the length of the working day which was being utilised by the construction team. It was noted that work is beginning early in the morning and progressing late into the evening, both of which are outwith the originally stated timescales.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS:

RESOLVED To make the following payments:

Room Hire for SS Peter & Pauls Parish Centre	£25
Clerk's Salary + Expenses	£445.38
Lengthsman's Fee	£161.52
HMRC for PAYE (Final payment for Fin. Year)	107.30

REPORTED That the Year End accounts had been audited by Mr C Sharples and that the AGAR documents would be signed at the June Council meeting. The start of the period for Public examination of the accounts would begin on 21st June for 30 days.

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REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES

The following report was received:

The new Mayor Councillor Stuart Hirst was installed on Tuesday May 10th.

The Borough will welcome the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment for a Freedom March through Clitheroe on Tuesday May 24th at 11am followed by a service in St.Mary's Parish Church at 12.15.

The new Partnership Officer at RVBC is Sarah Wells and she may be able to help with funding for the hall.

Dilys Day is now working on a project supporting village halls and groups who use them, she no longer works for RV but would certainly be worth contacting about funding for a loop.

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VILLAGE MATTERS

10.1 **Ukraine Project Group.** It was reported that a small steering group had been formed following the initial meeting in St Wilfrid's. Monthly meetings have started and will continue. Various events are planned, including having a fun-raising stall at the Jubilee Village Market on 2 June, and a musical event in church (Ann-Marie Brewer to organise). At present there are no Ukrainian refugee families in Ribchester (as far as can be ascertained).

10.2 **Platinum Jubilee Celebration and Commemoration.** The £500 grant from RVBC to commemorate the Jubilee has been received. The plan is to reinstate the stone trough as a flower bed; to re-plant the Planters on Church Street, to have a back board made for the trough where a Jubilee plaque can be affixed and to improve the planting around the village.

10.3 It was noted that there is still the matter of the tree planting for the Queen's Canopy, but as the point had already been made about timing this item will have to be carried forward to a future meeting.

10.4 Correspondence received from Mrs Sue Dickinson about the Family Fun day at the club for the Jubilee. Assistance had been requested, but unfortunately no-one was available to assist on this occasion because of other commitments/holidays etc. Message of regret sent in reply.

There being no other business the meeting finished at 8.30pm

Signed.....*C. Milne*.....

Date.....*20th June 2022*.....