

RIBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 17 January 2022 at SS Peter & Pauls Parish Centre, Ribchester

PRESENT:

Chairman: Cllr Milne

Councillors: J Dickinson; V Mason; E Law-Riding; G Rollinson, D Royle,

Also: Two residents and PCSO Aimee Jarrett

69 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Brown

70 **FORMAL ADOPTION OF NEW CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

Following the *in camera* meeting, immediately preceding the full Council meeting, the new **Code of Conduct** for Councillors, the Notification of **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** document and The Procedure for dealing with **Standards Complaints** were formally adopted by Ribchester Parish Council, with immediate effect. *Proposer:* Cllr Dickinson; *Seconder:* Cllr Mason.

71 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:** None

72 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** PCSO Jarrett introduced herself to the meeting and explained her role in the village. She offered to attend as many meetings as she could, but also invited any village resident to contact her with any matters of concern to the community in general.

73 **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING:** These were confirmed and signed as a true record.

74 **MATTERS ARISING:**

MIN63: There had been no response, to date, to the feedback sent to the Planning Department in respect of the 'Snail Farm' Appeal. It was noted that the invitation was for the submission of feedback; but the offer did not make reference to any likely response being made.

75 **PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATES:**

3/2021/0505 – Oak Bank Farm, Stoneygate Lane – No progress recorded

3/2021/0740 – Stydd Gardens – No progress recorded

3/2021/0921 – Sarmatian Fold – Agreed

3/2021/1245 – New Drop Inn – Resubmission(s) and variation of conditions – Various applications – On-going

3/2021/0056 – Higher Beck Farm – Appeal Lodged

General Planning Matters: Removal of Trees from side of Tennis Court. Report of Protest and withdrawal of planning application to remove final three trees remaining. The Council was pleased to note that the removal of trees had been stopped and that

another solution to ensure the safety of the Tennis Court surfaces was to be sought by the Tennis Club/Playing Field Trust.

Related Planning issues: During the protest about the removal of trees, a question was raised as to why Planning Application details were not made more widely available. It was reported that this could be readily addressed by all Planning Information being henceforth displayed on the Parish Notice Board. **(Done)**

It was reported that in the monthly Clerks' publication a letter from seven Parish Councils in East Sussex to Rt Hon Michael Gove calling for local autonomy on planning decisions had been published. Councillors were asked if they would be prepared to authorise the investigation of support for a similar letter to be sent from Ribchester and its neighbouring Councils. **(Agreed)**. Further proposed that this should be copied to Nigel Evans, MP.

76 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 Council received a copy of the Cash Book entries up to the end of December (payments made during that month, being authorised by the Chairman were ratified).

2 It was **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

To RVBC the sum of £60 for the printing of the History Trail leaflets:	£60.00
To Hire of Room – SS Peter & Pauls Centre:	£25.00
To Clerk for Salary from Mid-December to mid-January	£428.40
To HMRC for PAYE for third quarter	£107.20

77 REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES

It was reported (on behalf of Cllr Brown) that the RVBC Council meeting was postponed until 25 January. Covid continued to cause problems in terms of staff and Councillors with infections and the need to isolate. Many meetings are on Zoom, but the law now requires Council and Committee meetings to be held in person.

The Council is currently administering the three grant schemes on behalf of the Government for Travel Agents, Business Recovery and Business Growth. Further funding was announced in December to assist those severely impacted by the Omicron variant (ie, Hospitality and Leisure). These arrangements currently impose huge pressure on RV staff, but so far payments have been dealt with very efficiently.

The Strategic Housing and Employment needs assessment report has been published and will contribute to the Core Strategy review, which should be out for consultation later this year.

The plans announced to reconstruct Preston Road from 28 Feb to 23 March were very welcome.

78 VILLAGE MATTERS

The Ribble Rivers Trust Information Board has now been delivered and can be installed by early February (depending on availability). There was a request for a

Councillor to meet with Helen Smith to help identify a suitable place for this on the riverbank. **(Done)**

The information about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations in June was received. There are a great many suggestions for events. This will require some co-ordination across various groups and organisations in the village.

79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 March 2022 at 7.30pm in SS Peter & Pauls Parish Centre

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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