**RIBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023

**PRESENT:**

**Parish Councillors**: Cromie, Mason, Rollinson, Royle, Yates.

**(It was noted that** Ms Ann-Marie Caunce had been appointed following the resignation of Councillor Brown. Given annual leave commitments she would be attending her first meeting in September.)

**Borough Councillor Barnsley**.

**Resident**: One

**24 APOLOGIES:** County Councillor Swarbrick, Councillor Caunce, Councillor Dickinson, Mr A McLaughlin (Knowle Green).

**25 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Meeting of 19th June were confirmed and duly signed.

**26 APPOINTMENT TO KNOWLE GREEN.** This item carried forward, it was confirmed that two Ribchester Councillors would be listed, one of whom would attend meetings as notified. Clerk to liaise with Mr McLaughlin.

**27 MATTERS ARISING:**

**MIN 15:** **Rubbish Bins in Ribchester.** Cllr Barnsley reported that the bins on the riverside had been replaced by bins with larger capacity. Cllr Rollinson requested a third bin, given the volume which is deposited. Cllr Mason raised the issue that despite residents’ efforts to carefully sort household waste into re-cycling (and ‘other’) it had been noted that everything is collected in the same dustbin waggon; further information suggested that it all goes into landfill whether sorted or not. Cllr Barnsley stated that a more concerted effort was required by the Borough Council. (He will continue to monitor).

**MIN 22:** **Annual Parish Meeting**: This year had seen an increase in attendance (doubled to 10). It was noted that there were very interesting contributions and the topic for the meeting seemed to have attracted attention. Sir Peter Openshaw spoke in detail about the environmental issues facing the village, particularly identifying the likely problems stemming from droughts as well as flooding, and the problem of a local farm being a serious polluter of the river upstream from Ribchester.

**28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**: Councillors were advised that two applications had been emailed to them earlier in the day; these related to Buckley Hall Farm, and   
Willow Brook Farm, Knowle Green.

It was also reported that a letter of support for Knowle Green’s application for funding for the installation of Solar Panels and EV charging stations in the car part had been requested. This was confirmed unanimously. **(Letter Done**)

**29 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

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

D S Groves – Clerk’s salary mid-June to mid-July £428.40

Ribchester Playing Field Trust. £400.00

A proposal to change the current (traditional) bank account to an on-line ethical bank was agreed. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk undertake the necessary application during August when there is the least traffic through the account, so will cause the least disruption.

30 **REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES**:

Cllr Barnsley reported on the previous week’s full Council meeting. There had been a motion to link RVBC to the Living Wage level of payments for staff. At the time pay negotiations were in train, so the motion was suspended, but will be revisited.

Britain in Bloom grants had been considered, and it had been made clear that there is funding of (approx.) 20% of the full cost available. It was noted that there was not enough money available to meet all the likely applications.

**40 VILLAGE MATTERS:**

40.1 The report of tree branches which had collapsed over an allotment on the Council site had been dealt with quickly, which was much appreciated

40.2 A radio interview on the Graham Liver Show on BBC Radio Lancashire had been given on the progress of Ukraine collections from the village. This has been steadily and consistently supported by Ribchester donations since April 2022.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm

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Date…………………………………………………………………………