**RIBCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 20 November 2023

**PRESENT**:

**Parish Councillors**: Caunce, Cromie, Mason, Yates

**Borough Councillor**: Barnsley

**Residents**: Two

**Apologies:** Councillors Dickinson and Royle. County Councillor Swarbrick.

**61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**: None.

**62 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**:

**64**.1 B4Project – support requested form the Project in respect of making a further bid through the Parish Council. Request was AGREED in principle.

**64**.2 Knowle Green Village Hall – Request for funding support received, given the unanticipated expenditure by the Hall Committee, to make good a shortfall in the amount of funding having been granted for the EV and Solar Panel project. This matter was referred to the Parish Council Finance Sub-Committee which is to meet in December.

**63 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**: The Minutes of the meeting of 16 October 2023 were confirmed and duly signed.

**64 MATTERS ARISING**

**64.1 Councillor Vacancy –** Following the resignation of Councillor Rollinson (in October), it was confirmed that the normal process of the notification of right to an election, if so confirmed by 10 electors of the Parish, had been set in train. If no such request made, there will be notification of the vacancy to be filled by selection.

**64.**1 **Feedback from Parish Council Conference** on 4 November, attended by two Councillors.

Councillor Caunce outlined the key topics considered at the Conference, viz, an update on LCC Devolution; National cyberforce; the plans for the Combined Authority; Employment figures; the EV project (6,655 EV points needed); Issues of Rural Crime – including wildlife and heritage crime; Public Rights of Way – information on £500 annual grant to maintain.

**65 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**(Updates)**

*3/2023/0412* – Higher Beck Farm, Greenmoor Lane **APPROVED** with conditions

*3/2023/0535* – Kemple Side, Knowle Green – **REFUSED**

*3/2023/0496 –* MoorHey Stoneygate Lane – No objections from Parish Council Had not appeared on line. Information re-sent.

(**New applications**)

*3/2023/0477* – The Vines, Preston Road. Retrospective permission sought for installation of log cabin. Concerns expressed about this application, given previous history of Snail Farm applications for Log Cabins etc. Borough Councillor Barnsley to call in this application.

**66 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

**66.1** The up-to-date Cash Book summary was presented for consideration; it continues to be ‘on track’.

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

SS Peter & Pauls Parish Centre Room Hire £30

D S Groves – Clerk’s Salary November + Expenses £437.68

HMRC (PAYE) – Month 7 £107.20

66.3 Finance Sub-Committee – meeting to be convened. It was **AGREED** that Councillors Yates, Mason and Cromie should form the Sub-Committee, and **NOTED** that the meeting had to be held before the deadline for the submission of the Precept application. It was also confirmed that an application for additional funding for the EV Project and Solar Panel project at Knowle Green Hall be considered at this sub-committee meeting.

**67 REPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES**

The recent Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting report had been forward to the Council prior to the meeting by Cllr Mason. This was acknowledged and a copy is appended to the Minute Book.

**68 VILLAGE MATTERS**

**68.1** Serious concerns about the volume and speed of traffic through and around the village were expressed once again. Confirms the need to take action on the installation of SPIDS.

**68.2** Best Kept Village Competition 2024. It was confirmed that the Village should/would be entering again this year after a break from usual practice. The Chair had spoken to the organisers. One item which remains of concern is the use of weedkiller by RBVC staff in the village. This is to be reviewed.

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 9.35pm

Signed………………………………………………………………………

Date……………………………………………………………………