

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 9TH
AT WALMER BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

ATTENDANCE – Mrs T Wilcock, Mr J Rainsbury, Mrs S Rainsbury. Mr D Rimmer ,
Mr L Dryden, Mr D Owen & Mrs C Foster.

Also present were two members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The letter to the Chicken Company had received no response.

A response had been received from Michael Gowlett, Environmental Health at SRBC who suggested double yellowlines be placed in the vicinity.

ACTION

The clerk will write to Graham Gooch to ask him to explore the possibility of double yellow lines along the whole stretch of Liverpool Rd.

She will also ask why the raised kerbs that were promised following damage caused by large vehicles have never materialised.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

A member of the public pointed out that there was a lot of water amassing in front of the bridge.

Also the “dimples” placed on the pavement by the Walmer Bridge Inn had disappeared.

ACTION

The clerk will write to LCC Highways in respect of both of these issues.

A member of the public advised that free seeds were available from “Grow Preston”. She will e-mail the clerk with the details.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

07/2020/00133/FUL – Suthers Star Garage- New car service/reception waiting area and customer w.c.

07/2020/00089/DIS – Tusons Farm – Submission of details of conditions 5,6,7,9,12 &14.

07/2020/00197/FUL – Carver Hey Farm, Moss Lane- Demolition of farmhouse and stables and erection of new dwelling.Extension to bungalow.

07/2020/00225/ADV – The Hideaway, Unit 6, Bridge Court – Illuminated signs

It was agreed that there was nothing contentious with these applications.

7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This was discussed and agreed.

8. PAYMENTS

It was agreed to pay the clerk an amount of £750 for her quarterly salary and an amount of £87.43 for her 6 month's expenses.

It was agreed to pay Walmer Bridge Village Hall an amount of £33 for 3 month's rental.

It was agreed to pay £92.40 for the PC Speedy sign.

It was agreed to pay £50 for the 2 bins for Walmer Green Gardens.

It was agreed to pay the entry fee of £30 for the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

9. TO AGREE TO APPOINT JOHN ROBINSON AS THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

This was agreed.

10. LENGHTSMAN CONTRACT DECISION.

Four tenders were received although two were received after the closing date – however these were still considered.

Interviews will take place with two of the applicants to make a final decision.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM/CHAIR AND CLERK MEETING WITH SRBC

There will be a cross party working group to discuss the current format of the Neighbourhood Forums.

Councillor J Rainsbury had attended a local Neighbourhood meeting that discussed ideas to enhance the villages.

This could include welcome features around the village, enhancements to the wooden bridge, an art type feature to the park, and a design for the picnic bench.

The welcome café in Longton has been discontinued.

CENTRAL LOCAL PLAN

In response to our question as to why Parish Councils had not been formally consulted, it was confirmed that there will be future involvement.

SECTION 106 MONIES

Information will soon be available concerning the amount available and its allocation.

FLOODING

This will be an agenda item at the next Chairperson/Clerk meeting.

12. NEW WEBSITE

We have been advised that there is 3 hours development time included in the package to make changes to the website.

Photographs of the village and the Councillors should be forwarded to the clerk

Concerns over accessibility – contact should be made with the website providers.

13. LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Having agreed that we will enter, 10 features of the village were chosen to be judged.

14. PARISH CHAMPIONS GRANT

It was agreed not to apply – the imminent closing date meant that we were unable to present a case in time .

15.CORRESPONDENCE

South Ribble Sports Award 2020 – Deadline for nominations is Monday April 13th

Clerks Network lunch meeting – Tuesday 19th May.

Chairs /Clerks lunch meeting – Tuesday 28th April – Councillor Owen can attend.

16.MEMBERS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COVID 19

Information concerning this from Public Health England is on Facebook.

ACTION

Posters will be forwarded to the clerk to display on the boards.

The proposed development at Longton Business Park was rejected by Planning due to green belt issues.

VE DAY COMMEMORATION

The Parish Council are willing to support any activities, financially or otherwise.

WALMER BRIDGE COMMUNITY GARDENS

It was agreed to advertise the Community Garden Club again . This would be held on Saturday mornings.

Help is required with weeding.

ACTION

Posters to be forwarded to the clerk.

17.DATE OF NEXT MEETING - April 20th at 7pm at Walmer Bridge Village Hall.