

**Minutes of Sabden Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.15 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church, Wesley Street.**

<b>Present:</b>	
	Councillor K Buckley Chairman Councillor C Clapham Councillor S. Clarke Councillor M Dawson Councillor C Eaves Councillor K Fielding Councillor K Galea Councillor I. Jackson Borough Councillor R Newmark County Councillor G Mirfin

Also 10 Members of the Public

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Councillor K Galea

**2. Declaration of Members Interests – none**

**3. Minutes of meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024.-**

**Resolved** -Minutes approved

**4. Public Participation-**

Concerns were expressed predominantly by 2 individuals about the installation of the 5G mast on Black Hill, highlighting health issues and lack of consultation. Other residents expressed concerns that individuals trying to raise a petition about 5G were aggressive in nature, intimidating and making householders feel in a vulnerable position. There were some requests for names to be removed from the petition as they felt they had been coerced into signing. The Chairman explained the petition was nothing to do with the parish council and the parish council is not responsible for the regulations surrounding the installation of the mast.

There have been a lot of positive comments regarding the installation of CCTV. There were members of the public present who asked for clarification of locations and use.

Sarah Wells RVBC partnership officer explained the reasons the Police are driving the project for CCTV installation – Theft, damage to vehicles, ASB, rural and organized crime. She assured everyone that there are regular checks regarding data handling and control and Sabden PC has already registered with the ICO.

Queries about

Goal Posts installation- awaiting delivery

Defibrillator Locations in Notice Boards – to be updated

Car Park signage- RVBC will be erecting signs soon

**Borough Councillor R Newmark –**

Reported no one has indicated they object to the installation of the 5G mast in fact the village needs it for better communications

There are on going issues with Anti Social behaviour on Black Hill

**County Councillor G Mirfin-**

Reported his concerns at an email he had received regarding the 5G Mast and its divisive tone which contained extreme parts and suggestions of conspiracy theories. He went on to say 5G is neither Ultra low nor ultra high frequency and radio waves are well below what is considered to be a health risk. He asked people to be sensible and trusting of the scientific community.  
Road markings/potholes/highway maintenance – behind with work due to weather.

**5. Finance-**

- a) **Accounts for payment** were reviewed and approved as per schedule
- b) **Draft annual accounts** were presented to the meeting for review.
- c) **Annual Governance Statements 2023/24**

**Resolved** The Annual Governance Statements were reviewed and approved.

6. **Planning Applications** – None at meeting date.

**7. Update on CCTV cameras**

Following the final consultation all are satisfied. Locations to be confirmed

**8. Environmental Work**

Clrs S Clarke & M Dawson will put together a schedule of works for grass cutting. Wildflower beds to be planted at the triangle near Cockshotts Farm, Along brookside at Jubilee Bridge and near the fish ladder. Shrub planting will take place along the brook banking from the bus shelter at watt St. weedspraying will still be undertaken.

**9. For Information Only**

**Playground report** – No Change

**Administration of Facebook** – Clr K Galea will be the lead.

**10. Date & Time of next meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May following the Annual Parish Meeting in the Pendle room.