

Minutes of Sabden Parish Council Annual General Meeting and Monthly meeting held Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7.15 pm at the Pendle Room, St Nicholas Church, Wesley Street.

Present:	
	Councillor K Buckley Chairman Councillor C Clapham Councillor S. Clarke Councillor M Dawson Councillor C Eaves Councillor K Fielding Councillor I. Jackson

Also 2 Members of the Public

1. Election of Chairman:

Resolved Councillor K Buckley

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved Councillor C Clapham

3. Representatives to other Committees

Parish Council Liaison- Councillor M Dawson

R V Area Committee – Councillors to share

4. Date & Time of Meetings for the forthcoming year

Resolved To remain 1st Thursday of the month at 7.15pm unless otherwise agreed

5. Apologies for absence:

Councillor K Galea, Borough Councillor R Newmark

6. Declaration of Members Interests – none

7. Minutes of meeting held 4th April 2024.-

Resolved -Minutes approved

8. Public Participation- None

9. Finance and Accounts-

a) Annual Accounts

Resolved Annual Accounts reviewed and approved

b) Accounting Statements 2023/24

Resolved Accounting Statements 2023/24 reviewed and approved

c) Monthly Accounts for payment

Resolved Accounts reviewed and approved as per the schedule

10. Planning Applications –

Application 3/2023/0893 -Retention of rear single storey porch at The Pendle Witch Hotel

Resolved No Objections

Voneus Broadband – has recently posted a notice proposing to erect a new pole near the footpath on the Holme recreation ground.

Councillors were uncomfortable about the erection of the pole at the proposed location and asked for further information to be requested from Voneus.

11. **The Holme Play Area**

The Grant from Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) has been approved for installation of new equipment.

Quotations from Sovereign Play, Kompan and Image Playgrounds were considered for the new equipment. It was unanimously agreed Sovereign Play will be the supplier. A meeting with the rep will be arranged and details finalized. Clrs S Clarke & K. Buckley to meet.

Grass Mowing on the Lower Holme -A letter has been received from Sabden Primary School advising they will no longer be paying grass cutting costs for the Lower Holme. To be discussed at a future meeting.

12. **Update on installation of CCTV cameras**

Funding is due to be paid soon and locations are being finalized for installation.

13. **Giant Redwood Tree Scheme**

Ribble Valley Borough Council is celebrating 50yrs and offering each council a Giant Redwood Tree for planting within the parish.

After consideration Councillors felt the specie and size was not appropriate.

14. **For Information Only**

Playground report – No Change

Best Kept Village Spring Clean- Clr S Clarke asked for support from Councillors

Borough Councillor R Newmark – sent a message advising of Jubilee fund Grants available at Ribble Valley. Suggestions for consideration. Heritage signpost replacement, Fencing around play area.

Parish Council Liaison Report Clr M Dawson reported

Levy Funding - domestic EV charging, focus on terraced housing, from Lancashire CC, £10.1 m, pavement adaption and lamppost charge points. Effectively a pilot study, residents and parish councils can apply. 50th anniversary (of the borough) tree planting, plan is to plant a tree in every parish, planting a sequoia (California Coastal Redwood).

Sarah Wells, partnership officer gave alist of projects and updates funded by RV community safety partnership.

Prevent Policies - question around how the RV plan links in with schools, lots of support and information around knives, drugs, vapping and family issues. Support available online via RVC.

Matters Raised by Parish Councils - Leisure Services at Edisford, potential to improve/update space. Also, getting a snapshot of wants and needs for future targets etc. Objections were voiced about the costs and efficacy of the survey £28 k, but this included site surveys and reporting. Request to ensure local business engagement, that all sports are considered...sub issue raised around access and quality of footpaths (PROW), flag issues with LCC and they'll see what support can be provided. Also potential for funding from Environmental Agency.

Next meeting on Tue 20th June.

Parish Lengthsman Update -Clr M Dawson reported

Weedspraying and grass cutting started. Area of grass near the Fish Ladder to be planted with wildflower seeds, Planting near Jubilee Bridge will be native perennials rather than wildflowers. There has been a

report of Japanese knotweed in the area near the fish ladder. A qualified operative can spray 3 times in the season and monitor for £250. All in favour to proceed.

15. Date & Time of next meeting

Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 7.15pm at the Pendle Room, St. Nicholas.