

Pendleton Parish Council

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Local Government Act 1972 Meeting of Pendleton Parish Council

Meeting of the Parish Council held in person on Wednesday 6th August 2024 at 7:30pm at
Pendleton Village Hall, Pendleton

R. Moon (Clerk & RFO)

MINUTES

1. Introduction, Attendance and Apologies for absence	Attachments
The Chair welcomed Councillors and members of the public, and explain the processed for any public participation at Agenda point 4.	
2. Attendance and Apologies for absence	
In attendance – Chair Cllr Robert Whitwell, Cllr Ruth Cowperthwaite & Cllr Brian Marsden also in attendance the Clerk. Apologise were received and accepted from Cllr Nicola Dobson and Cllr Karen Czapowski	
3. Declarations of interest	
To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interests in matters identified in the agenda. None received	
4. Public Participation (max 5 mins per person)	
No public were present	
5. Minutes of previous Meeting	
To resolve to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of Pendleton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 7 th February 2024 - to be signed off by the Chair. Cllr Marsden requested the clarity point 11 of the minutes, requesting the Clerk amend to make clear that the Members agreed that Pendleton Brook must not be cleared without assistance and guidance of Ribble Rivers Trust. RESOLVED – Minutes to be amended and recirculated	05.01.01
6. Any matters arising from the minutes & not covered on this Agenda (resolutions closed & not required to be on this Agenda)	
1. The Clerk confirmed that the AGAR was submitted before the deadline of the end of July	

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8.	Whalley Road Speeding and Safety concerns	
	<p>1. To receive updates regarding the letter sent by Parish Council regarding concerns to safety and speeding following RTA fatality on 14 June 2024 on Whalley Road</p> <p>Members noted the letter that had been received and circulated to meetings. Members were disappointed in the reply and felt that the LCC's investigation was not a positive, as the LCC do not intend to make any changes to the bus stop or undertake any changes to the speed of the road. It was noted that LCC have been out and marked where road repairs and lines are required. Members did not feel it was appropriate to publish the LCC reply on the website. It was raised that LCC were going to move the bus stop in 2018-20 however it is believe there were concerns from third parties involved. Cllr Marsden suggested speaking to the landowner to enquire if there were objections previously and if the suggestion could be given to LCC again.</p> <p>RESOLVED – Members instructed the Clerk to reply to LCC logging their disappointment in the investigation's findings. Cllr Marsden to contact the landowner informally and ask about the grit area on Whalley Road to discuss the possibility of requesting the bus stop being moved.</p>	08.01.04
9.	Lengthsman & Grass Cutting in the Church Yard	
	<p>1. To consider and resolve the requirement of the Lengthsman and who to employ.</p> <p>Cllr Marsden informed Members that Abbey Garden Services has been cutting the grass in the village. The cost was £144.50 which would mean the service would exceed budget.</p> <p>The Clerk informed Members that it was not possible to be in the Lengthsman Scheme ad hoc in case maintenance work is required. A committed number of hours needs to be paid for each April. The Members were informed that there is a team of three lengthsman and the lowest cost one would be employed to cut the grass.</p> <p>RESOLVED – Members resolved that the Parish should rejoin the Lengthsman Scheme and asked the Clerk to confirm with the Clerk managing the scheme to confirm the minimum cost which could be per year. Members felt 6.5 hours per month would be sufficient for grass cutting, Members are to confirm with the Clerk as to what areas are required for cutting.</p>	09.01.05

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	<p>2. To receive updates on the question raised whether the Parish Council can pay to have the churchyard grass cut.</p> <p>Cllr Marsden informed Members that he had researched that Whalley and Waddington Parish Council's pay for the cutting of the grass their church yards. He proposed that Pendleton Parish Council pay for the grass cutting of the church yard of Pendleton All Saints Church. The Clerk informed Members that Waddington do not and have never paid for the cutting of grass at St Helen's, a volunteer group called Cutting It Fine is responsible. It was suggested that a volunteer group could be formed. Whalley Parish Council do pay, however that church yard is a closed graveyard. Members were informed that in some circumstances it maybe in the Council's power to assist with the cost (Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972) however this needed to be carefully considered as would increase the precept further.</p> <p>Clerk to share the information received, the matter to be considered further at November meeting</p>	
10. Pendleton Brook		
	<p>1. To receive updates about Pendleton Brook maintenance queries raised in meeting June 2024</p> <p>The Clerk had spoken with Ribble Rivers Trust (RRT) and was informed that the Parish should qualify for the Natural Flood Management Scheme which is currently being run. It was confirmed that Pendleton Brook must not be fully cleared and should not be cleared without support from the RRT. RRT would arrange a training day for volunteers and a day for the work to be done, which would be before October 2024 The Clerk awaiting information and to follow up then circulate with the Members prior to next meeting. The Clerk informed the members that a working party should be form as the council are involved that at least one member of the council needs to be on the working party with the volunteers.</p>	
11. Partnership Meetings		
	<p>To receive reports from external partners and meetings which impact on the Parish area e.g., LCC, RVBC updates.</p> <p>None received</p>	
12. Matters brought forward by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only		
	<p>No debate, resolutions or actions should arise from this item. If necessary, items should be deferred as agenda items for the next meeting.</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Marsden requested the minutes be circulated earlier. 2. Cllr Marsden requested information for the Church Newsletter regarding the accident on Whalley Rd and clearing of Pendleton Brook as soon as possible. 	
13.	Next Meeting dates	
	<p>Next meeting to take place Wednesday 6th November 2024 7.30pm at Pendleton Village Hall, Pendleton. Agenda items and Reports for the meeting to be submitted to the Clerk – by midday Wednesday 31st October 2024</p>	

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