

To be confirmed on 5th December 2022

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022
at the Carus Centre, Hoddlesden

Welcome: Chair Welcomed all in attendance.

Present: Councillor C Tyrie (in the Chair)
Councillors M Smalley(MS), L Taylor(LT), Heath Kershaw(HK)

Officers: L Balfe(LB) Clerk

Members of the Public: Peter Tyrie, Julie Slater

RESOLUTIONS

0988 Apologies:

Councillor Scott Pendry(SP)

0989 Declarations of Interest and Dispensation considerations

There were no declarations of interest.

0990 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 24th October 2022 confirmed as a correct record **Prop:** Cllr HK **Sec:** Cllr MS. Approved by unanimous vote.

0991 Statutory Business

a) Elections: Nothing to report.

b) Planning

Councillors discussed planning that has been received from BWD Council on behalf of Suez. HK has asked for more information especially regarding traffic plan.

Action: Clerk to contact Nick Blackledge at BWDBC to ask about queries from councillors.
Ongoing

c) Clerk and Councillor training courses

At the last meeting Cllr SP informed Councillors that LB would need to attend a training course with the LALC. Deborah at the LALC still needs to be contacted in order to clarify when the training is being run.

Action: Clerk to get the contact details for Deborah at the LALC from Cllr SP to find out when future training courses are being held. **Ongoing**

0992 Finance

a) Approval of Expenditure;

Contact BWDBC regarding maintaining precept at current levels for next financial year - Cllr SP has received correspondence from BWDBC that the precept for next year will be decided December 2022/January 2023 **Ongoing**

b) Parish Council Precept

Councillors discussed budget setting for the next year and have agreed to keep the precept the same at the current year due to just getting the Parish Council back on its feet.

c) Invoices Received

Invoices from EYRCA x 6 at £15 each - £90

Invoice from LB for the Remembrance Day Wreath £23.98

£50 deposit required for Christmas Hampers from Turners Butchers

Resolved: Clerk to inform Cllr SP of all costings before the next meeting and Cllr SP will pay ERYCA, Remembrance Day Wreath invoices and hamper deposit before the next meeting

Action: Clerk to contact ERYCA to provide us with a quote for the full year hiring the room for council meetings. This will make it easier to pay rather than a separate invoice each month. **Ongoing**

0993 Matters Arising

a) Christmas Hampers/Selection Boxes/Children's sleigh run

Clerk LB has gathered a list of residents over 65 in the parish with the help of other councillors. LB mentioned that she had emailed BWD council but had no luck in acquiring a list of over 65's. Councillors discussed ordering 35 hampers to make sure there is enough for everyone and 30 children's selection boxes for children in the Parish with any left over to go to Darwen Food Bank. Peter Tyrie and Cllr HK to organise the children's sleigh run to deliver hampers and selection boxes. A date for the sleigh run has been put forward as Monday 19th December at 7pm.

Prop: Cllr MS **Sec:** Cllr CT. Approved by unanimous vote hampers and selection boxes.

Action: Clerk has spoken to Turners Butchers who are making the hampers and this is going ahead with a date of 3rd December agreed. Councillors to organise selection boxes for the children. **Ongoing**

b) Applethwaite Homes Christmas Donation

Cllr HK has been in touch with Applethwaite Homes who are building the development at Davyfield Farm and they have agreed to provide a donation towards the selection boxes and hampers. A letter is needed on behalf of the Parish Council to verify the donation.

Action: Clerk to write an email on behalf the Parish Council to verify the donation with Applethwaite Homes.

c) Benches and Noticeboards

Councillors discussed further sourcing new noticeboards and benches for the parish as the current ones are falling into disrepair.

Action: Councillors LT and MS are going to gather 3 different quotes for the benches and noticeboards **Ongoing**

d) Remembrance Day Wreath

The poppy wreath was sourced from the British Legion by LB and MS.

Action: This invoice has now been paid and the wreath was laid on the war memorial in Hoddlesden on Sunday 13th November by Cllr HK on behalf of Eccleshill Parish Council.

Resolved

e) Website/newsletters

Cllr HK broached the subject of making a website for the Parish Council in order for residents to view what is going on in the local area online. Cllr LT mentioned the possibility of making a newsletter and it being handed out with the ERYCA newsletter to the residents. Cllr MS also mentioned about students at Blackburn College helping with the website to get it up and running and the possibility of a Facebook page.

Action: 3 quotes to be gathered in order for the website to be made and maintained.

f) Event Planning

Councillors discussed planning for events next year including Easter, a summer fete, a scarecrow festival and a children's Christmas party. Funding for these events was also discussed. Cllr's CT, LT, HK and MS came up with various ideas such as a quiz/bingo night, surgeries and coffee mornings to raise funds.

0995 Public Participation

a) Eccleshill Playing Fields

Julie Slater has been in contact with Martin Eden at BWD Council who is looking into the land at Eccleshill and the possibility of an asset transfer. It is complicated as it under 3 different departments including rental and environmental. Information is being gathered about how much the maintenance for the field will be and if it is viable for the Parish Council to take over and run in the long term.

Action: Julie Slater is going to email the Clerk with an update within the next 3 weeks, hopefully before the next meeting so it can be discussed further. **Ongoing**

b) Victoria Buildings road resurfacing

Residents have queried why the road down Victoria Buildings has not yet been resurfaced by the building developers. Julie Slater is going to contact the relevant planning officer at the BWD council tomorrow regarding the road being resurfaced. This was one of the planning stipulations when the housing at the bottom of Victoria Buildings was approved, however since then the land has been sold off to various different buyers and it is unclear where the monies to resurface the road has gone.

Action: Julie to contact planning officer and inform Clerk of the outcome of her findings
Ongoing

0996 Date and time of Next Meeting

Monday 5th December 2022 at 7pm

0997 Close of Meeting

Vice Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and looking forward to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8pm.