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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 22ND, 2023, IN FENCE VILLAGE HALL.

Following the recent election, the new council, made up of elected and co-opted members was welcomed and declaration of acceptance of office forms were signed and relevant paperwork forwarded to the new members.

Present: Couns B. Newman, I Hargreaves, J Hartley, D Hall, K Gardner Boyes, M Ridge, County Coun H Hartley, two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Couns A. Devanney and J Myers.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Questions from residents

None..

4 Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted.

5 Matters arising from minutes

5.1 Bin outside The Forest pub

Pendle has confirmed it will provide a bin.

5.2 Cuckstool Lane sign

This has now been replaced.

5.3 CCTV in the village

County Coun H Hartley had spoken to a firm which provided CCTV for neighbouring Higham and gave details of the estimated costings for a system. It was agreed the project is too expensive to justify financially and due to the relatively low crime figures.

5.4 Play area

Mrs P Barton to organise a project to create flower beds at the play area with local children and the school as part of the £300 bio diversity grant given by LCC.

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5.4 Renovation of the phone box

Coun Newman is organising the renovation to include shelving to allow for tourist information to be stored inside

the box.

5.5 King's Coronation

The event had been a huge success and thanks were expressed to Coun Hall and her team for their hard work providing the community event. County Coun Hartley is to allocate part of his annual allowance for events, when it is available later in the year and to chase up a promised Christmas party grant.

5.6 Lengthsman

Jacqui Hardwick has been appointed as lengthsman and will liaise with the current lengthsman re duties etc.

6 Reports from outside bodies

Crime figures for April show nine recorded crimes, three burglary residential, one vehicle crime, two assaults, one theft. There is concern that the police are not visible in the village, the clerk to contact the police.

7. Correspondence

Information re a road closure from July 3rd to July 7th from Harpers Lane to Laund Gate was received. An anonymous letter was received re an alleged breach of planning at a site in the village, this was already been dealt with by Pendle planners.

A bid is to be made to the Barrowford and Western Committee for £5,000 to cover environmental projects in the village, including the renovation of the triangle, a tree and wall project at the scout hut and the renovation of the telephone box.

8 Planning

23/0285/FUL | Full: Demolition of existing vacant farm shop and the erection of 8 no. dwellings with associated infrastructure. | Roaming Roosters, Barrowford Road –

Old Laund Booth supports the comments of Higham with West Close Booth over this application and we also remind the planning department of the council's comments regarding a previous application for this site (22/0424/FUL).

Like Higham, we feel this site should only be used for agricultural useage and if this is not feasible, the site should return to green fields.

Our objections to this application are:

1. The former building was given permission to be used as an education centre and this never seemed to come to fruition. Usage as a bistro and farm shop was not in the spirit of the planning permission.
2. The site is not brownfield and was only changed due to the education centre permission. It is infact prominent green belt land and should be retained as such.
3. The application is for a larger area than the current curtilage allowance.
4. Although the application is for less houses, the design of the site does not lower the impact the houses would have visually or on the environment.
5. Concerns over the highway access and impact it will have if traffic is generated due to the application.
6. Concern on the effect on the environment, air and noise quality and the rich wildlife which occupies the site.
7. There is no real evidence of need for this application.

The parish council feels this application is wholly unsuitable for the site.

23/0214 – Engineering works to raise ground levels with sub soil from the adjacent development site at Banking land off Churchill Way – no objections.

9. Finance

Paid in-
£50, Pendle Forest Sports Club – rent.
£3,125 – First quarter of precept.

Authorised payments were made to:

Paid out:

£435 - Rebecca Hay, clerk's salary and expenses.

£56.48 – LCC, pension contribution for clerk.

£200 – P. Fitzgerald for planning advice for Roaming Roosters application.

£310 – J. Barritt, internal audit.

£486.50 – D Hall, plants for planters and Coronation event catering.

£110 – P M Shaw for grass cutting at the play area and village hall.

10 Any other business

Coun Newman asked the council to write to Electricity North West to ask what plans for investment in the village are planned as there are constant power cuts.

The council were made aware of discussions between Pendle Forest Sports Club and a nearby landowner over rights of way.

11 Date of next meeting

June 5th 7 p.m., Fence Village Hall.