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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 1ST, 2024, IN FENCE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Couns J. Myers, B. Newman, M.Ridge, I Hargreaves, KGardner Boyes, J Hartley, County Coun. H Hartley and four members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Coun D. Hall and A Devanney.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Questions from residents

The issue of grass cutting on the bypass was raised. Concern was expressed that the parish council had organised an extra cut, as its LCC's responsibility to cut sight lines three times a year. Coun Newman had authorised the cut as chairman, following complaints from residents. Coun Hargreaves expressed concern over the fact the whole parish council had not been involved in the decision and that the LCC grass cutting took place on the same week. LCC cut the sight lines. The outside contractor had cut the whole area of grass, not just the sight lines. It was agreed that in future, the grass cutting on the bypass to be left to LCC and any complaints from residents to be forwarded to LCC and the ward county councillor to deal with.

Following the meeting LCC had confirmed that their contractor had cut the bypass the week of the meeting and the final cut will be in October, the clerk asked LCC to remind the contractor to cut the entrances to the village too.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted.

5 Matters arising from minutes

5.1 Live streaming of meetings

A request for logistical information had been made to Pendle, no response, to also ask LCC. Coun J. Hartley said she would be against live streaming as she felt it would make councillors uncomfortable and unable to speak freely.

5.2 Bin at Croft Top Lane

Pendle say to swop the bin from Old Laund Street would cost £200. A request had also been sent in from a Newchurch resident asking for a bin on the corner, opposite the layby, Noggarth Road, near to Croft Top Lane. Councillors feel this would be too dangerous and the solution is to provide a bigger bin on the opposite side to replace the existing one.

5.3 CCTV in the village

At the July meeting, the councillors discussed the item under press and public excluded to allow for a full discussion of a financially sensitive subject. It was agreed not to support the idea for CCTV in the village because of the financial and logistical implications the parish council would face over potentially many years. Crime figures and advice from the police suggested the amount of crime does not justify the cost of the scheme from the parish precept which is relatively low. The parish council had also sought legal advice and were advised it is not legally bound to undertake the project, particularly as the councillors are volunteers and could be potentially liable for any incidents.

The CCTV committee sent in a response countering the decision of the parish council, pointing out that "it is incumbent of the parish council to address the wishes of the electorate who put them in a position of trust as to the future issues that arise." The committee had sent in their own crime figures sourced from when records began in 2011 and said recently there had been an increase of theft, burglaries and drug offences, which they felt is down to the village not having CCTV to record people and vehicles accessing the village.

Coun J. Hartley expressed her support for the CCTV committee and said she thought cameras were vital in the village.

The remaining councillors reiterated their original decision and advised the committee to seek advice from Pendle, the police and LCC, who have expert officials who can advise if they wish to pursue the project independently. It was also noted that a drop in crime session organised to give residents a chance to speak to police about their concerns had been poorly attended. Another session is to take place and the police are to organise and publicise.

The police and crime commissioner is also looking for views on local policing, residents are to be encouraged to take part in the survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lancashire-PCC-Survey>

5.4 Pendle Forest Sports Club deeds

Couns Myers and Ridge had met with the solicitor and a letter is to be prepared outlining the parish council's land ownership.

5.5 Play area

Reports of two baby swings broken. These are to be closed down until remedial action can be taken. LCC has sent through the proposed lease for the parish council and it was agreed for the council solicitor to liaise with LCC over a technicality and proposed fees.

5.6 Barrowford and Western Parishes grant

No response from Pendle re concerns.

6 Reports from outside bodies

Dealt with in the meeting.

7. Correspondence

Sent on email was the Pendle Parks and Sports Grounds Public Space Protection Orders. Old Laund Booth play area is already subject to an order, so further action is needed.

Pendle is to carry out a consultation as to the future administration of leisure facilities in the borough. The parish council declined to take part as there are no such facilities in the village.

A survey from LCC re better working between the county and parish councils was circulated on email.

9 Planning

APPLICATION: 24/0475/FUL PROPOSAL: Full: Re-build previously ruined element of the dwelling, including alterations to South West Elevation. AT: Old Laund Hall Farm, Barrowford Road – no comments.

APPLICATION: 24/0499/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Alterations to create pitched roofs plus balustrading to a flat roof in association with its use as a balcony. AT: Rhoslyn, Wheatley Lane Road, - no comments

APPLICATION: 24/0441/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension. AT: Ravensclough Farm Barrowford Road – no comments.

Planning Appeal: Land To The South Of Heights House Heights Lane Fence Proposed Development: Full: Erection of an agricultural building. Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/E2340/W/24/3344367 Local Authority Appeal Ref: 24/0007/AP/REFUSE Planning Application Ref: 23/0775/FUL. The council has already sent in its comments and receives regular updates from Pendle.

10. Finance

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Authorised payments were made to:

£460 - Rebecca Hay, clerk's salary and expenses.
£73.87 – LCC pension contribution for clerk
£140 – JR Landscapes for village hall and play area grass cutting..
£44 – Ink cartridge.
£133 – J. Hardwick,lengthsman
£390 – Latham Bros for grass cutting on bypass.
£20 – Batteries for the war memorial clock.
£945 – Greenview sheds for gatepost and climbing ramp repairs on the play area.

11 Any other business

County Coun Hartley discussed a plan for double yellow lines at the bottom of Wheatley Lane Road near to The White Swan and said he is in discussions with the residents who would be affected.

Coun Newman said the noticeboards are to be put up asap by a volunteer.,He confirmed the only cost would be for materials.

Coun Myers asked re the status of an empty house on Harpers Lane, Coun Newman to ask Pendle.

12 Date of next meeting

September 2nd., Fence Village Hall, 7 p.m. The October meeting will be held on Monday, September 30th.