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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 3RD, 2024, IN FENCE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Couns, B. Newman, J. Myers, M.Ridge, D. Hall, A. Devanney, K.Gardner Boyes, I Hargreaves, one member of public.

1. Apologies for absence

Coun J. Hartley and County Coun H Hartley.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Questions from residents

A query was raised over the spreading out of the minutes in the noticeboards. Coun Newman said this was not possible as it would take up all the board, however the minutes are available online, in the village hall and the noticeboards could be opened to access.

The council asked to report two white poles at Grains Barn Farm to planning to check on permissions. A question was raised over the validity of Lomeshaye Industrial Estate due to the farm being sold off following purchase using "proceeds of crime". It was agreed this is a matter for Pendle Borough Council to deal with as not in the parish council remit.

The noticeboard at Spenbrook/Barley is down. Coun Newman is aware and will sort out in due course.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted.

5 Matters arising from minutes

5.1 CCTV

Following a request at the last meeting from residents directly to the chairman asking how he could ensure the residents are kept safe, Coun Newman had written to Lancashire County Council, Pendle Borough Council, The Police Commissioner, Chief Constable of Lancashire and the local MP, asking what measures could be introduced by the relevant bodies as they have more powers than the parish council.

Responses indicated that LCC does not deal with CCTV as it's not in its statutory powers and Pendle Borough Council confirmed they had spoken to a representative of the committee. They pointed out that the town and parish councils where CCTV is located, took financial and operational responsibility for it several years ago and there is no intention on the part of the borough council to take on any new systems. And they respect the decision of the parish council not to take responsibility. However in an effort to help the residents, Pendle council's community safety officer is to work with the residents to seek an alternative solution, taking away the need for the parish council to be involved in the project.

5.2 Pendle Forest Sports Club deeds

Couns Myers had met with the solicitor re the deeds and highlighted the points of action needed.

5.3 Play area

New swings have been bought for the play area. Pendle has carried out an inspection and the report has been circulated to councillors.

5.4 Harpers Lane

The resident who requested help from LCC re the state of Harpers Lane had received no response. The clerk to write to LCC to ask for some action.

6 Reports from outside bodies

None.

7. Correspondence

The LCC better working charter is looking for parish councillors to join its group and the email had been circulated.

8 Planning

APPLICATION: 24/0586/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a first floor extension above existing garage and a single storey extension to front of garage. AT: 9 Woodbury Avenue, Fence - no comments.

APPLICATION: 24/0619/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear. AT: 14 Greystones Drive, Fence – no comments.

9. Finance

Paid in: £3,250 – Pendle Borough Council, third precept share.

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...
£123.50 – J. Hardwick, lengthsman
£478.12 – Unique Play Ltd for new swings.
£84 – Pendle for play area inspection.
£45 – J Barritt, PAYE.

It was agreed to have one more cut of the season for the village hall grass.

10 Any other business

Coun Newman is to re set the mirrors on Harpers Lane. Thanks were expressed to Coun Newman and John the window cleaner for mending the fence which runs alongside the school at no cost to the tax payer.

Two green bin stickers to be obtained for Harpers garden.

Coun Myers had received communication encouraging residents to report speeding on the bypass and firework issues to the police task force, rather than on social media and said since the communication, there had been evidence this was working well.

Coun Hall asked why the police never attend the parish council meeting and Coun Newman to ask at Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee.

12 Date of next meeting

November 4th, Fence Village Hall, 7 p.m.