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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 31st, 2025, IN FENCE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Counc, B. Newman, J, Myers, , K Gardner Boyes, J. Hartley, I Hargreaves, County Coun H Hartley, 4 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Coun. M Ridge and D Hall.

2. Declaration of interests

None.

3. Questions from residents

A query over why Coun Myers was chairing the meeting was raised. This was because Coun Myers had chaired the meeting previously to cover for Coun Newman who arrived later due to a meeting clash.

A query over a council vacancy was raised following the formal resignation of Coun Andy Devanney. The matter has been passed to Pendle elections to raise a statutory Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor.

A query was raised over the communication over the felling of TPO trees at Wheatcroft Avenue. It was confirmed that a written and verbal communication to Pendle's tree officer had been made and when the original request for comment came in, the tree officer had been advised of the parish council's timescale for comment. It was agreed that in future to ask for a receipt of acceptance of email from Pendle to avoid further confusion.

A query over bad smelling water spilling onto the footpath by the Forest pub. To be reported to LCC.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted, with the amendment on item 9, to read that Coun J Hartley made the request under Any Other Business.

5 Matters arising from minutes

5.1 Diamond Landmark Tree

The crab apple tree, root barrier and safety fencing is all to be dealt with by Pendle and a plaque marking the tree will be provided by The Forest of Bowland shortly..

5.2 Play area lease

Awaiting an update from the council solicitor re completion of the lease once the final document has been processed.

5.3 Water problem at the top of Harpers Lane

LCC had investigated unusual water levels at the junction of Harpers Lane and Noggarth Road and found no areas of concern. Coun Hargreaves said utility work had already been done.

#### 6 Reports from outside bodies

None.

#### 7. Correspondence

Details of a VE day service on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the war memorial in Nelson were given.

#### 8 Planning

APPLICATION: 25/0150/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a single storey link extension to the side to connect annex building to existing dwelling. AT: 164 Wheatley Lane Road, Fence – no comments.

Notice of Submission Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021-2040 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Section 20(3) The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 Regulation 22 Parts 3 (b) and (c).

Planning appeal – Roaming Roosters, Barrowford Road – full: demolition of existing vacant shop and the erection of six dwellings with associated infrastructure – APP/E2340/W/25/3360496.

#### 9. Finance

Paid in:

£550 – Forest of Bowland diamond tree.

£346.79 – VAT return.

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Authorised payments were made to:

£460 - Rebecca Hay, clerk's salary and expenses.

£96.63 – LCC pension contribution for clerk

£20 – D Hall for flowers to mark 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of a resident

£45 - PAYE.

#### 10 Any other business

Coun J Hartley asked for a January meeting instead of a December one to discuss the precept. Also asked for the councillors' code of conduct to be added to the council website.

Coun J Hartley said she had received an intimidating email and had received no support or response when asked for, from parish councillors, apart from Coun M Ridge.

Coun Myers gave details of a newspaper delivery company who were offering their services to the village as the current supplier was struggling to accommodate.

#### 11. Part 2, press and public excluded

One item was discussed.

#### 12 Date of next meeting

May 19th, Fence Village Hall, 7-15 p.m. AGM at 7 p.m.