

# **OLD LAUND BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 1ST , 2021, VIA ZOOM.

Present: Counc B. Newman, N. Goodall,, C. Whittam, J. Myers, Hall and Hargreaves.

### 1. Apologies for absence

None.

### 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 Edible Credible project and car park repairs

A further £400 has been allocated by the Lancashire County Council Parish Champion towards the car park project. Coun. Hargreaves is to organise a site visit with a contact to assess the car park..

#### 5.2 Parking problems on Wheatley Lane Road

Coun. Myers said there had been talk that double yellow lines are to be put on the road and this would just escalate the problem as most households have more than one vehicle. Coun. Newman said it had been suggested lines be put on the semi houses side of the road, but LCC would have to consult with the residents before any action is taken ..

#### 5.3 Lengthsman

Mr Mark Butterworth has taken on the role as lengthsman and is liaising with Coun. Newman over jobs. It was agreed to remove the old poppies from the war memorial, but to keep the decorated stones created by the children. Coun. Newman has replaced the cable ties on the planter at the memorial. The grass cutting for the playground and village hall is to be put out to tender and any interested parties are asked to contact the clerk for a job spec. The clerk to also contact the contractor who mows the bypass to confirm 2021 prices before the season begins.

### 6 Reports from outside bodies

The village hall is currently closed as it undergoes refurbishment. Pendle Borough Council is planning to hold the May elections in the hall.

### 7. Correspondence

Pendle Council is to bid for funding to carry out a feasibility study to improve the road and rail infrastructure in the borough to support the economic growth of the area. The parish council is happy to support this move, as long as there is a need for the upgrade.

Pendle is to revive its community governance review which was postponed due to the pandemic. The clerk to write and reiterate the parish council's stance that "Old Laund Booth Parish Council agrees with Pendle Borough Council's stance that keeping parish councils as they currently are, is the best and only option."

Pendle Forest Sports Club are putting together a five year plan for improvement to the building and land, especially the drainage, but are concerned that the lease is not long enough to commit long term investment. The clerk had advised the club officials to look at their lease in detail with legal representatives and then contact the council with any further plans. The parish council act as custodians of the land on behalf of the people of Old Laund Booth.

## 8 Planning

Pendle Borough Council is preparing its Local Plan Part 2 and it is out for public consultation. The plan earmarks potential sites for future development. The draft plan does not propose any site allocations in Old Laund Booth. The parish council is to respond that "it strongly supports Pendle Borough Council's decision to not propose any site allocations in Old Laund Booth. The parish council is committed to preserving the rural ethos of the village and protect the remaining green belt for future generations. It is felt the infrastructure of the village is already fragile and would not sustain any further development and therefore welcomes Pendle's stance."

Coun Newman will represent the parish council at an online meeting between Pendle and parish council's regarding the plan.

## 9. Finance

Paid in: £400 – Lancashire Parish Council Champion grant

Authorised payments were made to:

£345 - Rebecca Hay, clerk's salary and expenses.

£53.77 – Clerk's pension contribution...

## 10 Any other business

Coun Hall asked when the safety surfaces at the play area are to be repaired. Coun, Newman to chase up the company.

Coun. Myers thanked Coun Hall for the colourful and well maintained planters around the village.

Coun. Whittam had reported lights out on the bypass and this issue has now been resolved by LCC.

Coun Whittam had received a request for further information on a war veteran from Fence called Harry Holgate. She is to share on social media in a bid to find a relative.

Concerns regarding fly tipping on the car park of the former Forest pub. Currently there is nothing blocking access onto the car park and so it is attracting anti social behaviour. The clerk had reported to the administrator who is dealing with the sale of the company and they are to look into what measures can be taken.

## 11 Date of next meeting

April 5th, at 7p.m. Members of the public who wish to attend, are asked to contact the clerk at least three days before to confirm.