**BRYNING WITH WARTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 2023**

Cllr Mrs A Normanton (Acting Chairman)

Cllr Mr R Wilson

Cllr Mr K Normanton

Cllr Dr R Kelly

Cllr Mr P Rigby - Lancashire County Council

Officers in Attendance – Mr A. Wood – Clerk

Mrs D Ashton – Assistant to Clerk

Welcome address by the Chairman

**52/2023**

1. **To accept apologies for attendance**

Apologies received from Cllr Mrs J Brickles, Cllr Mr P O’Reilly & Councillor B Rigby. Accepted.

**53/2023**

1. **Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Dr R Kelly declared interest in item 14i.

**54/2023**

1. **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held March 2023**

These were agreed, approvedand signed.

**55/2023**

1. **Community Policing**

Clerk’s assistant Mrs Ashton had attempted to obtain information/get necessary incident reports/updates from the IT application ‘in the know’, promoted by the police, but it was proving difficult and found not to be very user friendly. She would further contact with the local PCSO to try and rectify the issue.

**56/2023**

1. **Democracy & Citizenship**

**i. To consider Parish Councillor Vacancies**

Paperwork had been forwarded out to the most recent potential candidates but nothing had been returned and no contact received. Cllr Mr R Wilson has indicated two more people who had shown interest, on his canvas, and he would try to progress this with them. Query over residence distance from the Parish, answer is 5 miles.

**ii, St Pauls Primary School. Trust - Parish Council Representative - consideration of support to transfer.**

Mr Raymond Braithwaite attended the meeting to give some background, the Chairman adjourned the meeting for Mr Braithwaite to make his representations and he indicated the Trustees had struggled for many years to appoint new trustees and he himself wants to give up the Treasurers role. The meeting was returned to closed session. Members resolved to relinquish the responsibility to the Blackburn Dioceses Education subject to conditions in regard to any existing funds being retained and made available for use solely by the school. The Clerk would action a formal letter in confirmation for the Trustees.

**57/2023**

1. **To adjourn the meeting to allow County and Borough Councillors to report back to the Parish Council and allow Public Participation.**

*The meeting was adjourned*.

A member of the public asked what was the 'uptake' of the Community Bus, It was responded that Coastal Coaches had been asked to provide a monthly spreadsheet but had only produced one. As this resource has been running for a couple of years, the Council were in the process of looking at other community projects. Coastal Coaches have now been informed the service is being terminated and the last date of service will be 13th April. They have been given flyers to hand out and display giving details of the 78 public service and details/phone number for the Lancashire County Council service ‘Dial A Bus’

County Cllr Mr P Rigby (LCC) confirmed that the County Council interest in the Book exchange was focused on retaining the Community use of the site in accordance with the covenants of access etc. when the site was originally purchased from the Village Hall Trustees. It was requested for his support and influence toward the future plans, and potential demolishing the Book Exchange building and relocating it elsewhere, in forthcoming discussions with the County Council. Obviously a plan would be made available as soon as possible and be provided to all once approved.

**58/2023**

1. **Planning**

**a) Planning and Neighbourhood Development Committee.**

**i Village Centre Regeneration – To consider ‘Warton at the Cross Roads’ Working Party** –

Mr A Child apprised members of updates from the 20th March 2023 meeting. On 27th March, 2023 the Working party met with the Scout/Guides Hall Association Committee and were apprised that the building is generally only used in the evenings. The layout was thought not conducive to housing the book exchange even as a temporary arrangement. An additional meeting with the architect and Project Manager was also attended. The impact of the new Preston Distributor Road on the village was a source of speculation. Mr Evans had agreed to again approach BAe Systems to explore the validity of temporarily opening up the Typhoon Way entrance/exit.

The trustees had confirmed that the Village hall garages needed demolishing, which will be conducive to the scheme designs.

The commencement of LCC work on the road layouts was still an unknown but it was stated it is imperative to coordinate activities.

Next Meeting scheduled for the15th May, 2023

**ii Outstanding matters NDP review updates/amendments** – No additional information

**b)** **To Consider Applications** - No new applications pending

**59/2023**

1. **Council Highways and Maintenance Issues**

Urgent Issues for information or report updates.

Report Update -SPID installation on Church Road/Bryning Lane Warton.

LCC Road Safety have carried out a site visit but the actual costing was still awaited.

**60/2023**

1. **Flooding Issues**

No issues for consideration

**61/2023**

1. **Outside Bodies and Committees**
   1. Bryning with Warton Village Hall – Cllr Mrs A. Normanton has attended their meeting as the Council representative; It was requested if anti vandal paint could be used at Food Fusion and the First Aid Kit at the Book Exchange need replenishing.
   2. BAe Community Liaison- no new items.
   3. Streetwise – Community Wellbeing projects in discussion see item 11(i )
   4. Scout & Guides Hall Management Committee, Discussed previously.

**62/2022**

1. **Wellness Programme**
   1. **Coastal Coaches - Weekly Community Transport** Coastal have been thanked and asked to stand down any further bus service as of 13th April, a mutually agreed date to end this provision. (Item 6 Public Participation.)
   2. **Wellbeing Community Hubs**. Cllr Mrs A Normanton proposed an Adult Wellbeing Project, open to 20 adults, The Clerk indicated that as it was part being funded from Public resources the Community aspect needed to be promoted and advertised around the village, social media and the website.

**63/2023**

1. **Finance**
   1. To review and approve Council Financial Monthly Statements, Budgets sheets. - The Clerk explained where some accounts had exceeded the annual Budget(e.g., Energy costs) (Circulated separately) – Approved
   2. To approve Accounts for Payment, Appendix A (Circulated separately) -Approved
   3. Proposal to provide Parish Council Tablets to Councillors (Refurbished Lenovo M10 2nd Gen (£100 each) this was to help support Councillors in their roles with suitable IT equipment. It was resolved purchase three units subject to further need assesment.

**64/2023**

1. **Michael Gilbert Fund**

No applications for the month. Decided that it was needed to set criteria and publicise more widely via Facebook and the website. The Clerk would draft and circulate to Councillors.

**65/2023**

1. **Communications**
2. Web site – three options were discussed but further research is required pending a working party meeting scheduled for 12th April.
3. Newsletter to be drafted including details of Streetwise and Warton at the Crossroads.

**66/2023**

1. **Open Spaces, Recreation & Events**
   * 1. To consider: Open Spaces, Recreation and Events Committee: Report Update on Committee meeting 28th March, 2023.
2. To consider recommendations of the Committee to Purchase of additional Container Unit a Bridges Playing fields for storage (£3,000) Resolved to purchase.
3. Purchase Solar powered Defibrillator case unit (£3,500) queries over whether they are freestanding and does it have backup batteries. Deferred for more information to be cascaded to councillors.
4. Purchase of three free standing Litter/waste bins (£762) to be placed one at end of Queensway and two on Dog exercise area – Approved
5. Surface mounted bottle filling station provided by FBC (£1,700) accepting responsibility to the ongoing ownership, water bills, cleaning and maintenance of the unit plus any installation costs over £1,700. Resolved to approve as considered a very good and 'Eco' option for the Council to provide at Bridges.
6. c) Events 2023

Coronation Events - Proposal - Cllr R Wilson £3,000 (Circulated Separately)

Resolved to support the planned arrangements with the allocated funding and for Cllr Wilson to progress the plans with the partnership venues.

1. **To Nominate items for the Next Agenda**

Items noted throughout the meeting. Members reminded to contact the Clerk with any further items.

It was noted from recent discussions that the Scout and Guide hall is only used for limited times, 20 hours, a week and might there be scope for alternative use hire options.

**66/2023**

1. **To Set or Confirm the time and date of Next meeting**

The next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.15pm

Meeting Closed

**Chairman ………………………………………………………………**