

BOWLAND FOREST HIGHER DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 24th January 2023, held at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall

This meeting was preceded by a meeting to discuss possible arrangements to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III over the weekend of 6th – 8th May which was attended by the councillors and clerk.

Present: Cllr J Whitney - chairman
Cllr S Bennett
Cllr B Powney
Cllr D Yates
Cllr A O'Rourke
Mrs R Carr – clerk
Ms Laura Airton, Duchy of Lancaster

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hore, RVBC, Ms Lydia Richards and Mrs Lara Thompson, both Duchy of Lancaster and PCSO Kearns-Turner.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November 2022 were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising: Cllr O'Rourke said there was still a problem with rats in the village – Ms Airton said the Duchy would look into it.

Mrs Carr had watched the LCC Culture and Sports Fund webinar and conferred with Matt Donnelly about marking out the football field. Mr Donnelly had provided the details of Alex West who has a ground maintenance company and wants to practice line marking on the football field – this was approved with the parish council to contribute/towards the paint. Mr Donnelly also wants to progress the storage hut on the field – Ms Airton is to look at its siting from a Duchy/ plans for garage site point of view.

Finance

Reserve account: £3263.47 – received £345 VAT refund, £3.51 interest.

Current account: £1359.80. Paid £36 to Newton village hall for over 60s party as agreed -9 people from Dunsop attended.

Correspondence

1. Diane Marsden has completed the website subject to approval – to ask cost of upkeep.
2. Ms Airton gave an update on the works in the village – demolition has begun at Root and is marginally ahead of schedule which means they might move to the garage site in mid-March. The phase 2 work for Root is out to tender but is a bit behind schedule meaning there could be a month between demolition and rebuilding at Root.
3. Letter of thanks for over 60s from Mr & Mrs T Wells – to forward to Newton village hall.
4. The RVBC dog warden had responded to say they had been carrying out patrols in the area early and late in the day to deter dog fouling and had put up some signs but are waiting for some new signs to arrive. It was felt there was still a problem on the field which the clerk would report to the warden.

5. LCC had replied about the request for more signage about the narrow Dunsop bridge to say that they would not be providing any more signs.
6. LCC public realm agreements
7. LCC Warm Spaces grant scheme – information distributed
8. RVBC – Lancashire Community Food Grant Scheme
9. LCC – National Highways and Transport Survey – Cllr Whitney has completed this
10. LCC Winter Wheelers Campaign
11. LCC Health Visiting and School Nursing Survey – forwarded to school
12. Stakeholder newsletter from Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board
13. RVBC – Save Our Swimming Pools Campaign
14. LCC Flood Risk & Planning Survey
15. LCC budget consultation forwarded
16. RVBC Household Support Fund

Events

1. RVBC PCLC meeting, 15th November – Cllr Yates had attended this and gave a report. Topics included new rules at elections – voters will require photographic identification which they can apply to RVBC for; affordable welfare grants; Waddington Fell Quarry has applied to extend operations by 12 months; constitutional boundary changes – Clitheroe, Sabden, Pendleton, Downham, Whalley, Read and Simonstone proposed to be removed from Ribble Valley to join Pendle constituency to be called Pendle and Clitheroe. The next meeting is on Thursday 2nd February, RVBC have asked for agenda items.
2. Remembrance Sunday was well attended. There was a discussion about how to manage traffic past the war memorial during the service – further discussion in September meeting.
3. Christmas tree looked good again – thanks to Cllrs Bennett and Whitney for putting it up and taking it down and a letter of thanks has been sent to United Utilities for providing and delivering the tree.

AOB

The area of garden in front of the Working Mens' Club was discussed – Cllr O'Rourke suggested it would be best to look again at this area after the bulbs have come up. Cllr O'Rourke asked if the village might like to take part in the Best Kept Village competition – she will get more information about this. Ms Airton said there could be Duchy funding to help with this project.

It was agreed to ask Newton parish council about HARP developments.

Ms Airton asked about Dunsop post office – it was thought it was not easy to access.

Cllr Bennett reported a broken footpath gate behind Holme Head – to inform AONB.

Next meeting

This is to be held on Tuesday 1st March 2023 in the village hall

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.