**HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting on 27th March 2023 at Hillside School, Hothersall

**PRESENT**: Councillors – Gee (Chair), Gale, Gornall, Soper, Upton. Borough Councillor Rogerson, one resident and the guest speaker from NW Ambulance Service

**APOLOGIES**: County Cllr Swarbrick, Borough Cllr Clark, Parish Councillor Pell. Residents – Dr Forrester, Mr & Mrs J Dewhurst.

1. **Declarations of Interest –** None
2. **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on 25th January 2023 were confirmed as a true record.
3. **Public Participation** – Yvette Browne, Community Resuscitation Engagement Officer from NW Ambulance Service kindly attended the meeting to introduce herself and explain her new role within the Service. The aim of the project is to reduce the incidents of cardiac arrests by the provision of increased nunbers of AEDs (defibrillators) in the area. The standard is that there should be one every 500yds: there is currently one at Hothersall Lodge but another is required to cover the area.

She was questioned about where an additional AED would be situated and what the requirements for operation are (electricity source and light). Training events could be organised to cover CPR for all ages. She proposed that she should make the necessary arrangements for training (possibly jointly with Ribchester). This was **AGREED** and information was awaited.

1. **Matters arising**
   1. **– Bus Shelter –** A request had been sent to have this item included on the Parish Council Liaison Committee(PCLC) meeting but this had been declined. Advice had been received to pursue this via RVBC to get the decision reversed and the bus shelter reinstated.
   2. **CCTV.** Cllr Pell reported that he had put in a bid for CCTV as a holding device and noted that this could be withdrawn at any time. It was important to demonstrate that there were no objections from residents, so it was an item to carry forward to the Annual Meeting in May.
   3. **Traffic problems/Speeding.** There had been some limited progress. Cllrs who attended the PCLC meeting reported that this was a matter of concern in several villages in the Ribble Valley, and those affected were anxious to have a meeting arranged to broaden the discussions. Sarah Wells (Community Safety Partnership Officer) to arrange a venue and date after Easter. Significant interest in the villages for the ‘Twenty is Plenty’ campaign. Available Hothersall Councillors will attend meeting when details received.
   4. **Grit Box on Hothersall Lane.** Need was identified at previous meeting, however when contacted LCC confirmed that it was too late in the season for the installation of such boxes. (However during the same week, a ‘bad weather’ brief had been received by the Clerk to warn of recent/forthcoming snow falls. There was also information available that there would be a ‘gritting review taking place as part of the LCC Financial Review this year).
2. **Financial Matters**
   1. It was noted that as at 7 February (date of latest bank statement) the account balance stood at £1208.43. It was further noted that the annual insurance premium (of £344) was due for payment in May.
   2. Coronation Celebrations – it was noted that £250 was available on application to support any community event/celebration.
3. **Review of Local Plan**

This item was listed for review given that further meetings had been promised following the submission of the responses of Parish Councils in July 2022. These meeting had not been arranged and the in response to the follow-up a reply was received that Colin Hirst had retired in December and no further action had been taken. Borough Councillor Rogerson expressed the view that the plans were subject to change and that a revised plan was expected to be notified later in the year. It was confirmed that RVBC continue to work on the plan including by identifying areas of land for building.

1. **Planning Applications - Updates**

3/2023/0047 – Ash Tree Barn – APPROVED with conditions

3/2023/0027 – Higher Cock Hill Farm – APPROVED with conditions

3/2023/Mount Pleasant, Ribchester Road – REFUSED – appeal lodged

1. **Other Parish Matters**
   1. **BT Subsidence outside the Corporation Arms**. A number of complaints have been registered (eg, via Love Clean Streets) however LCC has disclaimed responsibility. Cllrs have also made direct complaints and been assured that work will be undertaken. It was also noted that the Give Way sign had been hit by traffic again and the signs were obscured by hedges. It was stated, once again, that this area presents a number of serious safety issues.
   2. **Summit for Climate meeting**– it was noted that there would be a public meeting on 1 July 2023. Posters to be displayed on delivery.