**HOTHERSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting on 25th January 2023 in SS Peter & Pauls Parish Centre, Ribchester**

**Present:** Councillors – Gee (Chair). Gale, Gornall. Pell, Soper, Upton

**Apologies:** County Councillor Swarbrick

**1 Declarations of Interest:** None

**2 Public Participation:** None

3 **The Minutes of the Meeting** held on 14 November 2022 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**4 Matters Arising:**

 **MIN4.1**  A further update on the Replacement of the Bus Shelter was considered. It was reported that Grimsargh have had all bus shelters replaced. In following up the previous meeting, Cllr Gee had drafted a letter for dispatch to RVBC and this was **APPROVED** for sending to the Borough Council, with a copy to Cllr Swarbrick.

 **MIN5**  A date had been set for the planting of a commemorative tree for Cllr Warren. This to take place on Sunday 5 March 2023 at 11.00am.

 **MIN7**  The previous discussion to arrange for an update of the Website was revisited. There had been an unavoidable delay in progress with planned improvements. Item to be revisited in future meetings.

 **MIN13** The previous item on control of Air B and Bs on Hotherall Lane had been taken up with RVBC. Advice had been received that this would require reference back to the original Planning Permission agreement. RVBC confirmed that it was currently investigating a similar change (elsewhere in the Borough) and that a final decision on this was pending.

 **Re. the same Minute –** the concerns expressed about the letting of a property to another Council (from outside the area) for the purposes of temporarily housing a young person had been followed up with LCC Social Services, which declined to discuss the general principles of this type of activity unless precise details of the Social Worker involved, the name of the young person, and other non-available details could be provided. It could only be assumed that the normal protocols for the Social Services Department in the ‘receiving area’ had been followed in this instance.

 **MIN 9.**3 The continuing proposed project for the installation of CCTV cameras had been delayed *pro tem*, because of financial issues. It was noted that to make further progress with this project (before any expenditure incurred) it would be necessary to consult with the residents of Hothersall. Key items still to be confirmed are the siting of the hard drive and the screen. It was noted that access may become a problem.

**5 Financial Matters:**

5.1 It was reported that the Current A/C Balance as at 18 November (latest bank statement was £1888.38) and that there had been no further transactions .

5.2 Authorisation of Payments:

It was **RESOLVED** that the following payment be made:

Clerk’s Honorarium to January 2023 - £360

Clerk’s Expenses to January 2023 - £31.95

 **TOTAL £391.95**

This would leave a balance in the A/C of £1496. 43 to the end of the financial year.

5.3 Future Room Hire in Hillside School

The matter of the holding of Parish Council meetings within the Parish of Hothersall was considered again, and it was agreed that whenever possible meetings should be so arranged. The initial problem had been temporarily resolved (given the lack of availability of any rooms within Hothersall Lodge) by holding meetings in Ribchester, a not altogether satisfactory solution.

It had been confirmed that the room hire rate for the Hall in Hillside School was £13 per hour which, is was **AGREED,** was a very competitive rate. It was confirmed that the School would be the’ preferred supplier’ to the Council except in the case of the AGM and Annual Assembly event in May.

 **6 LCC Budget Consultation Document**

The Council considered the document provided by LCC together with the projected budget to 2026/27 – which was noted to be significantly recorded in negative figures for every head of budget. Councillors were concerned about the likely outcomes of the constraints imposed by such a budget but A**GREED** that there was no necessity to formally respond to the document.

 **7 Parish Matters**

7.1 Concerns were expressed about the need for a Grit Bin to be installed on the lane, given the recent experience of icy road conditions during the whole of a previous week.

**Post Minute Note:** Parish Councils have been advised to use the ‘Love Clean Streets’ App for all problems to do with roads, including gritting. The App is available on the Apple Store or Google Play Store. This system should also be used for reporting Potholes etc. Residents are advised not to make multiple reports of the same problem. The pothole in the road near the Corporation Arms has been reported.

Similarly, any issues to do with flooding should also a be reported via the same App.

7.2 The Winter/Spring Newsletter. This was *in train* at present and would be distributed by next month.

7.3 It was confirmed that the second key to the Parish Noticeboard was held by Cllr Upton.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.