A Parish Council Meeting was held by ZOOM on Monday, 15 February 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr. P. Whittaker (Chairman), Mrs. M. Birch, Mr. S. Booth, Mrs. L. England, Mr. R. Porter, Mr. G. Scott and Mrs. S. Turner

Two members of the public joined the meeting

1. There were no apologies for absence

2. Two members declared an interest in Agenda Items: (i) Item 8 and (ii) Item 9a

3. Public Participation:
Matters raised included the state of the road at the bottom of Ribblesdale View and a large pothole between Crowtrees Brow/Bridge Road which has caused damage to a vehicle.

4 Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were approved.

5. Borough Councillor’s Report:
a) Several cars have been vandalised in Robinson Street and this has been reported to the police.
b) There have been problems where bins and refuse sacks have not been emptied and residents to be requested to take back these into their property to prevent the infestation of rats in these areas.
c) The Bridleway/Footpath between Chatburn and Downham is being well used and enquiries are being made to have a refuse bin installed.
d) LCC has inspected the flooding at Bellman corner and will make arrangements to have this resolved.

6. Clerk’s Report:
In addition to the written report a letter has been received from the Police Community Clubs with information concerning new additional resources available for schools.

7A. Playground Equipment
In order to comply with the LEF maximum grant ESP has provided a further quote for additional equipment on the playground. Further funding will be discussed if the council receives approval of the Expression of Interest application.

7B. Clitheroe to Hellifield Rail Service:
RVBC has been successful in securing funding from the Government to reinstate the Clitheroe to Hellifield railway link and is carrying out a Strategic Outline Business Case to determine the feasibility and benefits of opening the link. The parish council will support Ribble Valley Rail in their efforts to have this link restored.

7C. HARP Update:
HARP has submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment scoping request to RVBC Planning for the installation of tunneled pipework at the Bowland Section of the Haweswater Aqueduct and associated works. The project was discussed at the recent Parish Councils Liaison meeting.

7D. CCTV Cameras:
Following enquiries from parish councils concerning the possibility of installing CCTV systems RVBC has advised that grants for the provision of these could be available from the both the Road Safety Partnership and the Police Crime Commissioners fund.
7E. **Risk Assessment Review:**
There were no amendments to the risk assessment.

8. **Representatives Reports:**
RVBC Parish Councils Liaison Committee Meeting: It was reported that HARP is now considering the Link Road as the proposed route but the original proposal has not been ruled out. Other matters relating to HARP included noise of the lorries, impact on the community and environmental issues.

9. **Playing Field & Playground:**
a) An application from the Cricket Club for use of the pitch for the 2021 season was approved.
b) The inspection reports found no faults with the equipment.

10. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**
3/2021/0109 - Proposed conversion of garage to form a playroom and infill extension to link the garage to the dwelling. Existing house and garage to be rendered to match proposed extension. No observations.
APP/Q2371/W/20/3264309 – land off Old Road Second Appeal. The parish council will make representations to the Planning Inspectorate.
Decisions
3/2020/0892 – 59 Downham Road. Approved

11. **Finance & Accounts:**
There were no payments or receipts

12. **Items for the next Agenda:**
A. Playground Equipment
B. CCTV Cameras

12. It was resolved to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 15 March 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.05pm