

CHATBURN PARISH COUNCIL

A Parish Council Meeting was held in the Methodist Church on Monday, 14 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

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

The meeting was attended by 4 members of the public

1. There were no apologies for absence
2. Two members declared an interest in Item 9 on the agenda.
3. **Public Participation:**
Several matters were brought to the council's attention including a tree causing problems on the brook beside Victoria Court, sunken manhole covers in Ribble Lane and the entrance to the village. A resident reported that the RVBC Enforcement Officer has been to inspect the road at the junction of Ribblesdale View/Sawley Road. He has taken photographs and will liaise with LCC to have action taken. The hedge between Ribblesdale Hall and Smithies Bridge is encroaching on the footpath.
4. Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were approved.
5. **Borough Councillor's Report:**
 - a) The Borough Councillor reported on his meeting with the County Councillor:-
 - i) LCC is hoping to formulate a rural strategy for villages and will hold a meeting on 17th March to which all parishes are encouraged to send a representative.
 - ii) LCC has no plans to close any library in the immediate future.
 - iii) LCC will not change the Downham ridge diversion route as the entrance to and from Ribblesdale View is too close to the school.
 - b) The Borough Councillor reported that the Old Road Planning Application has been deferred and delegated to the Director of Economic Development.
6. **Clerk's Report:**
There were no additions to the written report.
- 7A. **HARP:**
There was no update but it was resolved to keep this item on future agendas.
- 7B. **CCTV:**
At present the Police & Crime Commissioner does not have any funding for the provision of CCTV although there are plans to include this in the near future. There are no grants from RVBC but parishes can claim 25% funding under Concurrent Functions.
It was resolved to apply to the Paul Rigby, Lancashire Parish Champion, for a grant.
- 7C. **Playground:**
The swing seats are ready to be installed and a repair to the wet pour to be done. The parish council is legally required to put a sign on the playground with details of a contact number if there is any problem with the equipment.
- 7D. **Queen's Jubilee:**
A letter has been circulated with suggested items for celebrating the event. It is planned to hold an open meeting on Monday, 28 February to which members of smaller committees and other interested people can attend to formulate a plan.

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7E. **Nature Reserve Benches:**

The Borough Councillor discussed this with Hanson's Quarry Manager and asked if some permanent structure could be placed on the nature reserve possibly linked to the Jubilee. He will discuss this with the plant manager and report back to the council.

7F. **Parish Council Code of Conduct:**

The updated Code of Conduct was discussed by the council.
It was resolved to formally adopt this subject to the approval of the RVBC legal department.

7G. **Best Kept Village Competition:**

It was resolved not to enter the competition this year.

8. **Representatives Reports:**

RVBC Parish Council Liaison meeting: The Head of Regeneration and Housing gave a presentation on the Local Development plan review. He referred to the existing plans and the requirement to produce a single new local plan.

9. **Planning Applications & Decisions:**

Applications

3/2021/1237 - Proposed first floor extension over an existing single storey classroom

Chatburn CE Primary School Sawley Road

3/2022/0032 - Proposed detached garage and glazed link to annex, house adjacent to 9 Downham Road.

Decisions

There are no planning decisions

10. **Playing Field & Playground:**

- a) The weekly inspection found no faults with the equipment
- b) Arrangements have been made to have the playground gate spring fitted

11. **Finance & Accounts:**

Payments

There are no outstanding payments

Receipts:

There are no receipts

12. **Items for the next Agenda:**

- A. Queen's Jubilee/Village Cleaning
- B. HARP
- C. Playground
- D. Code of Conduct
- E. Chatburn School Planning Application
- F. Church Newsletter

13. It was resolved to hold the next Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 14 March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Downham Road.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.