

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting – Quarterly

Venue - Spring Cottage

Date – 20th January 2025, start time 18:00.

Present - Councillor David Jones (DJ) – Chairman COUNCILLORS: Barry Keenan (BK), Lisa Harris (LH), Trevor James Elliot (TJE).

Clerk – Jennie Seddon

Other attendees – Paul Ashcroft from UU (PA)

1	Apologies for absence	Councillor Vince McCully		
2	Declarations of interest	N/A		
3	Minutes of previous meeting and chairman sign-off	Meeting on: 4 th November 24. No issues.		
4	New Clerk	Jennie Seddon was introduced as the new Clerk. The councillors welcomed Jennie to the meeting.		
5	UU Update	<p>Spent £5k on drainage within the village over the past several months – Rivington Hall Barn drive, Liverpool castle and behind the high school. They are having to spend £2k more as some drainage issues have returned after hard storms over Christmas.</p> <p>Drains around Rivington Hall Barn aren't fir for purpose so UU are trying to get an alternate drainage option. They are also exploring options regarding the drainage up the hill within the gardens and up towards George's Lane.</p> <p>Work on Liverpool castle is still being looked into and surveys complete.</p> <p>A meeting had taken place with the head of catchment strategy and the area business manager. Steve Walker (ABM) and emphasis on Rivington at6</p>	PA	

		<p>the moment to sort a strategy to better manage the village without it turning into a tourist attraction.</p> <p>Other topics discussed within the meeting were around the risk to walking, cycling, swimming, horses, fishing, visitor comfort, litter and fly tipping, shooting and stalking. Fences and stiles need replacing in various areas. Benches and walk ways need repair. Sign posting replaced to make the area look better.</p>		
6	RHT Update	<p>No representation from RHT at the parish council meetings. Trevor will send notes from last meeting he attended with RHT.</p> <p>Paul spoke about UU having a 25 year lease with RHT. UU fund RHT to carry out work. They do a few maintenance jobs around the village. However their main area of work is within the gardens.</p> <p>Lever Park is on RHT's 5 year strategy. UU responsible for maintaining the area. Volunteers in the area anyway – rather than them being centred in the gardens, Paul mentioned paid employment to help maintain Rivington.</p>	THE	
7	PCSO Update	<p>It was mentioned that we have no representation from the local PCSO.</p> <p>Clerk to make contact with the local PCSO for an update of work carried out before each meeting.</p>	Clerk	
8	Traffic and Parking update	<p>Car parks – Great house barn is having all potholes done by contract. Knowle House is also having some resurfacing so will close for a day or so while this is carried out.</p>		

		<p>Discussion was had about extending Knowle House car park in the hopes that more visitors will park on the edge of the village rather than in the centre. UU are looking to reopen the toilet facilities on Knowle House and discussion was had about a coffee van being on site to manage the flow of footfall/traffic through the village.</p>		
9	Flagpole and stone update	<p>Flag pole cleaned and done. Stone laid and time capsule planted.</p> <p>No further action.</p>		
10	Progress on speed detectors	<p>Clerk to email Kim Snape to include her on our plans and email Adlington council clerk for advice on placement and the machine itself as they have a number of speed detectors in their village.</p> <p>Clerk will also email the company for further guidance.</p> <p>We want the detector to give data on Date/time/speed – data to build a graph of peak times within the village with consideration to the catchment we live in, i.e., school/wildlife.</p>	Clerk	
11	Planning applications update	N/A		
12	Finance and Governance	<p>Trevor reported that the council currently has £14,641.97 in the bank at present.</p> <p>Discussion had about what the council plans to spend over the next 12 months;</p> <p>* £3.5k for speed detecting machine plus the installation and other potential costs.</p> <p>* Clerks salary guessing that the new hourly rate will be £15 at 6 hours a week. This would equate to £5k a year.</p>	Clerk	

		<p>* The potential for a second camera?</p> <p>Barry raised us having enough money in the bank for the above plans. It was agreed that we need to apply for annual precept to allow us to be covered for any unexpected issues that may arise.</p> <p>Precept for 24/25 was £10,680 – Barry suggested £9k for 25/26. All councillors agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to submit this as a matter of urgency as we are behind with submitting the precept to the council.</p>		
13	website input and control	<p>Clerk to email Mark Skuce to request a 'Contact Us to report an issue' button if we don't already have one.</p> <p>Paul (UU) happy for any emails or issues to be forwarded onto himself. Clerk to obtain Paul's contact details.</p>	Clerk	
14	AOB	<p>Barry raised regular flooding of Dryfield Lane due to road layout. Barry feels it needs to be investigated with a view for raising the road.</p> <p>Clerk to look into this by contacting Highways and CC Kim Snape.</p>	Clerk	
15	Next Meeting	28 th April 2025		

Meeting Closed at 7:34pm