BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd August 2021**

**(Due to the pandemic the meeting was held virtually)**

**Present:** Councillors, D. Hawley,

C. Foy, C. Smith, Jo Shaw, D. O’Keefe, S. Hull, P Gerrard, P Fishwick, A Makin

**20/238 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from Cllr West & Cllr Hughes & Cllr Gerard

**20/239 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/240 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6th July 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July were deemed as correct.

There were no issues raised which had not been included on the agenda.

**20/241 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were three members of Public in attendance.

**20/242 CHAIRMANS INTEREST**

The clerk welcomed Cllr Makin back in to his role of Chair Person.

**20/243** **CLERK’S REPORT**

The clerk reported on the following:

1. NatWest Account

Online Banking has now been set up.

1. Website

This is the link to the website so far:

<http://bold.nwclients.co.uk>

Is this ready for us to publish our new website address?

**Recommended** it was greed to publish the website.

**20/244 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

No Police representative was present at the meeting and the clerk had not received any report.

**Resolved** to note the above

**20/245 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Following the payment of accounts approved at the last scheduled meeting, the bank balance currently stands at £28768.42

Details of payments and the total spend per budget item are shown on the statements signed by the Chairman.

1. Accounts for Payment

It is recommended that authority be granted for the payment of the following amounts: -

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| Payee | Amount  £ | Cheque Number |
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| Clock Face Rec Rugby Club | 705.00 | 000744 |
| Viking | 21.92 | 000745 |
| Y Prescott | 9.64 | 000746 |
| St Michaels Church | 25.00 | 000747 |

NOTE: HP ink has now been changed to come straight out of the new NATWEST account so the clerk will no longer need to be reimbursed.

(c) Assets Register

The Parish Council is, as part of its financial management controls, required to maintain an up-to-date Assets Register. A copy of the current Register has been circulated for information and approval. This will be checked as part of the Internal Audit process.

It was recommended on the Internal Audit process that another column be added into the asset register stating the actual insurance value. I have now added that column

**Resolved** the Assets Register & Accounts are approved.

**20/246 CLOCK FACE RECREATION CLUB – COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORK**

The above event is expected to go ahead late September. Cllr Foy asked if anyone had any last-minute nominations to email Cllr Hughes and Cllr Foy and they will be added to the list.

**Resolved** Cllrs Foy & Hughes to keep everyone updated on this issue.

**20/247 DEFIBRILLATORS**

Cllr Hawley informed the Councillors that a new Defibrillator had been purchased and temporarily replaced the Defibrillator in Clock Face as we cannot purchase batteries for this due to the recent pandemic.

**Resolved** to purchase batteries when they are available.

**20/248 OMEGA PLANNING APPLICATION**

This was included as a standard item.

**Resolved** it was agreed to monitor this.

**20/249 GARDENING EQUIPMENT**

Cllr Hawley has reported that this project is still ongoing.

**Resolved** to monitor this

**20/250 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO BE EXTENDED ON GORSEY LANE**

Cllr Foy has agreed to meet with the Local Authority and update everyone at the next meeting.

**Resolved** to monitor this.

**20/251 COLLIERS MOSS- OVERGROWN PATH- MOVING FORWARD**

A discussion was held over how to move forward with this situation and it was agreed that Cllr Makin would contact the Local Authority to write to the land owner to address this situation.

**Resolved** to await the outcome from the LA.

**20/252 Sorrell Way**

Cllr O’Keefe reported about the situation at Sorrell way and a lengthy discussion took place. It was agreed that Cllr Makin would write to the LA to address this situation and a Cllr O’Keeffe would write to the residents to show The Parish Council Support.

Cllr O’Keefe shared the original email from the LA…..

Hi Cllr

The Developer was responsible for completing the road and footways to an adoptable standard, but unfortunately the Developer (Cambrian Homes) ceased trading before fulfilling that obligation.

There is no Section 38 agreement (with bond) in place that would have secured the completion of the site.  Despite numerous attempts to get an agreement in place over the years before the Developer ceased trading the process was continually stalled by the Developer being unable to get a Surety to put up the necessary bond for them.

There is a process by which the Highway Authority could complete the works and adopt the road, which is via the Private Street works Code (PSC).  Unfortunately, that would require the existing residents of Sorrel Way to foot the bill to undertake the works unless the Council agrees to contribute towards the cost of the works.  There is no funding available in the existing Highway budget to contribute to such works.

The bill to the individual residents is based on the % of the overall street frontage that their property has to the street, so some end up paying significantly more than others.

The situation is further complicated by some of the sewers serving the site which are located under the street not being adopted by United Utilities (UU).  The foul and surface water sewers have to be adopted by UU before we could consider adoption, so that is another strand of work that would have to be dealt with and further costs to be incurred by the residents.  I would also add that securing sewer adoption is not an easy process, even for those involved in the process on a regular basis.

At the end of 2019 I put together a very rough estimate of the cost to put Sorrel Way in an adoptable condition, based on a visual inspection about 3 years earlier, and I arrived at a figure of £85,000.00.  That made no allowance for any sewer defects that may need repair before (UU) would consider the sewer adoption, or any deterioration over the last 3 years in the condition of Sorrel Way.  Construction cost increases over the last 12 months would also have increased that figure by now.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Regards

**Jim Dutton**

**Resolved** Cllr O’Keefe to keep Councillors updated on this subject.

**20/253 NOTICEBOARDS**

It was agreed that the noticeboard at Clock Face Country Park is no longer fit for purpose.

**Resolved** The Clerk to obtain quotes for a new noticeboard.

**20/254 REPORTS**

1. Cllr O’Keefe reported back regarding the issues raised at the last meeting.
2. Cllrs feel we are not making much progress with the LA – This to be brought up at the next Local Authority meeting.

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 7th September 2021 - to be held at St Michael’s Church Hall.

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Chairman Date