BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021**

**Present:** Councillors, C. Foy, A Makin, C Smith, C Hughes, A West, P Fishwick, D O’Keefe, J Shaw, S Hull

**20/271 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from P Gerrard, C Gerrard, D. Hawley, C Smith

**20/272 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/273 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th OCTOBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th September were deemed as correct.

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

**20/274 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of Public in attendance.

**20/275 ST HELENS LIBRARY STRATERGY**

Dave Boocock reported to the Councillors about the Library Strategy due to lack of funding they have had to look at the services that are offered.

Lots of successful projects happening in St Helens. They are looking for Parish Councils to help with a volunteer led library. DB asked for councillors interested in moving forward with this. Cllr Fishwick asked about a time scale and DB said about 4-5 months.

Cllr Shaw asked if there are any ideas that can’t go ahead and DB said they are open to everything at the moment.

Cllr O Keefe added that since the closure of the community centre in Sutton that the library serves Sutton Ward as well as Bold Ward.

DB explained that the libraries have been rag rated and currently costs the residents of St Helens £2.5 million.

A discussion was held and it was agreed to show a healthy interest in this project.

Resolved: To continue consultation with DB

**20/276 CLERK’S REPORT**

The clerk reported on the following:

1. Letterheads

These have been ordered

1. Ward Councillors Preston & Barton

I have emailed the councillors asking for dates of their surgeries so Parish Councillors may attend and a report to present at this meeting.

I received this email back from Cllr Preston on the 26/10/2021:

Good afternoon, Yvonne

Thank you for your email

We do not hold surgeries due to the pandemic

But please feel free to forward any concerns the parish councillors have and I will do my best to get back to you with a swift response please give my contact details to anyone who needs them

Take care

Lisa

And this was Cllr Preston’s reply:

Hi Yvonne,

I echo what Lisa has said. Happy to speak to anyone who has an issue that needs addressing.

Thanks

Stuart

1. Travers Way Sign

I spoke to Sean in the LA who said they are doing an audit of road signs and this will be included.

1. Precept being spent in other parishes

I contacted Ste the previous clerk as requested, and his response was the same as ones provided by myself and other members of the LA.

The money should be used within the boundaries but also can be used to benefit the community. This is where the situation becomes unclear.

**20/27 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

PC not in attendance

**Resolved** to contact Police.

**20/278 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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Financial Matters

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

£8437.72 Virgin Money Account

£15363.12 Virgin money Deposit Account

£10213.54 NatWest Account

£34014.38 Total

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 |
| Bold Parish Council | 5000 | 000753 |
| PKF | 48.00 | Bank Transfer  |
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(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.

Recommended that the Assets Register is noted and approved

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

**20/279 CLOCK FACE RECREATION CLUB – COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORK**

£340 gift Vouchers

Framed Certificates

Friday 10th December 2021.

Hotpot & Buffet agreed.

**Resolved** All agreed

**20/280 DEFIBRILLATORS-BATTERY UPDATE**

Awaiting information from Cllr Hawley

**Resolved** to put this one the next agenda

**20/281 OMEGA PLANNING APPLICATION**

Cllr Hughes reported back on the current situation.

The modification will be reviewed on the 10th November and currently no modifications have been made to the Omega warehouse plans and Gartons Lane. However, there is a large modification to 4a which means a plan now needs to be produced to outline requirements including schools, medical centres, shops etc

Cllr Foy reported that the builders have gone bankrupt on 5HA. Clerk to write to council asking for an update on these empty properties.

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

**20/282 GARDENING EQUIPMENT- UPDATE**

Awaiting on Cllr Hawley

**Resolved** to monitor this

**20/283 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO BE EXTENDED ON GORSEY LANE-UPDATE**

This is being installed currently.

**Resolved** to monitor this.

**20/284 SORRELL WAY-UPDATE**

Cllr O Keefe didn’t get a response from the LA officers.

Cllr O Keefe thinks the only way forward now is to complete a press release and gather support for the residents.

The clerk shared her reply from Jim Dutton

Sorry for the delay in responding to your email.  I'm afraid I don't have a definitive answer for you currently.  Following discussions with my line managers the case has been escalated to Senior Management level due to the complexity of the issues involved.  As you will appreciate, this issue has been ongoing for over a decade, both before and after Cambrian Homes ceased trading, and there are no quick or easy solutions.

As soon as I have an update I will be in touch.

In closing I can assure you that the Bold Parish Council letter previously supplied is receiving serious consideration at this time.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require any further information.

The clerk also invited Jim Dutton & Jennifer Bolton to attend the meeting and this was the email reply I got back:

Further to my previous email I don't believe that at this time it would be particularly productive for me to attend the meeting on the 2nd November as there is currently nothing, I can say that I haven't already put in my previous emails to Cllr O'Keefe and various other residents.  I expect the same is true for Jennifer. Speaking purely for Highways, if and when I have any new or definitive information to pass on, I'll happily come along and discuss it with the Parish Councillors and the residents, but in all honesty, I don't think that's likely to be this side of Christmas.  If anything changes before then I'll keep you updated

**Resolved** to contact the local press with a statement from Bold Parish Council.

**20/285 CIF**

The Clerk shared the CIF report and email she had received:

Dear Yvonne,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September 2021 and apologies for the delay in replying.

Please find attached information as requested, detailing schemes approved, pending or declined from May 2019. The reason for approval is not recorded on the system, only those that are declined.

Applications are submitted by individual ward councillors and the support of two out of the three councillors for each ward is required for approval.

A review of the Councillor Improvement Fund and how it may be utilised in the future is currently taking place.

Funding unallocated as of 19 October 2021 is £28,912.

Yours sincerely



Cath Fogarty

Executive Director, Corporate Services

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| **COUNCILLOR IMPROVEMENT APPLICATIONS - BOLD WARD** | **CIF unallocated** |  |  |
|  |  | **£28,912** |  |  |
| **Applications approved**  | as at 19/10/21 |  |  |
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| **Proposer** | **Title** | **Submitted on** |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Sutton Manor School Crossing Patrol - 2020/2021 | 22/05/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | 2019 Cut Christmas Tree and Lights - Shining Light Centre | 10/06/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | 2019 Cut Christmas Tree and Lights - Jacks Supermarket | 10/06/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Fence Repair at Walkers Lane Allotments | 10/06/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Replace Plastic Bin with Metal Bin Four Acre Lane | 10/06/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Replacement of all Noticeboard Locks (and Keys) in Bold Ward, Jubits Lane, Clock Face Rd. | 13/06/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | New Bold - Christmas Lights and Christmas Tree | 10/09/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | 20 x Poppies for Lamposts | 01/10/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Replanting ( x4) of Trees 2019. Burnage Ave, Four Acre Lane, Gartons Lane, Jubits Lane | 21/10/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Dog waste bin maintenance: Chester Lane Brickfield Site 4 x bins | 31/01/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | CHRISTMAS TREE / LIGHT REPAIRS 2020 (Clockface) | 05/03/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Signage for Milton Street Allotment | 13/08/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Bold Christmas Tree / Lights 2020-Clock Face Rd & Field Rd | 27/08/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Replacement Trees (Milton St, Four Acre Lane, Jubits Lane, Clock Face Rd.) | 23/09/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Additional ChristmasTree & Lighting - Field Road | 06/10/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Replacement of damaged trees at 20 Four Acre Lane and 42 Jubits Lane | 26/01/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Dog Waste Bin Maintenance - 2 year renewal | 11/02/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Flower Beds / Wild Flower Meadows - Clockface Road Miners way park | 06/04/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | School Crossing Patrol - Sutton Manor Primary | 19/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Replacement Noticeboard - The Pastures | 11/08/2021 |  |  |
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| **Applications pending approval or technical appraisal.** |   |  |  |
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| Cllr L Preston | Flashing Speed Warning Sign(s) | 25/09/2019 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Parking Layby - Cannon St opp St.Teresa's School | 02/03/2020 |  |  |
| Cllr J Wiseman | Barrier Basket and Planters renewal (Chester Lane , Clock Face Rd/ Leach Lane) | 23/03/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Coal Cart - out side the Sutton Manor gates Jubits Lane | 06/04/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Coal Cart - New Bold estate Reginald Rd | 06/04/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Bins for the New Bold Estate (Entrance to the estate on Bold Lane, Travers Entry and on the shopping centre). | 07/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Double bin (metal) for the One stop shop on Clockface Road | 07/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Painting the railings on the New Bold Estate | 07/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | New Bins for Gartons Lane | 07/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Planters/Flower boxes for Four Acre Shopping Centre | 07/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr S Barton | New Bold Wild Meadow Planting & Planter Boxes (The Pastures) | 07/07/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Defibrillator - Four Acre Shopping Centre | 13/08/2021 |  |  |
| Cllr L Preston | Christmas Lights - 2021 (Shining Light Centre, Field Rd, New Bold-The Pastures, Clockface, Burnage Ave.) | 21/09/2021 |  |  |
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| **Applications Declined** |  |  |  |
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| **Status** | **Title** | **Submitted on** |  |  |
| Cllr O'Keefe | Tarmacing of Sweet Briars Court | 08/07/2019 |  | Unadopted land, cost £150k to construct to adoptable standard |
| Cllr O'Keefe | Defibrillator for the New Bold Estate | 09/09/2019 |  | Location near shops, concern ASB and who will maintain |
| Cllr D O'Keefe | Dog Waste Bins on the Dream Site | 27/01/2020 |  | Site under management of Forestry Commission not the Council. |
| Cllr J Wiseman | 1 x Dog Bin - lamppost on the entry to the site on Clock Face Road Side | 16/03/2020 |  | Brickfields & surrounding land is the responsibility of Forestry Commission and there are sufficient dog bins on site and surrounding area. |

**20/286 LIGHT HER UP**

Cllr Hughes reported back that the response has been extremely positive and 2 meetings have been arranged for the net few weeks to start planning to make this project happen.

This will be incorporated into Queens Jubilee Week in 2022.

Funding may be available for this project and Cllr Hughes will know more after the meetings.

Cllr Hughes suggested this may be a good platform to bring up the Bold Forest Park action plan and smithy manor purchase.

Cllr O Keefe reported that the smithy manor had supplied an incomplete planning application and everything has come to a standstill.

**20/287 ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

Cllr Makin not had all the details yet but will pass them to the clerk for distribution

**20/288 SPEEDING ON NEW BOLD ESTATE**

Melanie is still awaiting response from Paul Mountford of Merseyside Road Safety Partnership who is leading on the Speed Watch Scheme to see where the vetting process is up to.

**Resolved** to monitor this.

**20/289 HAPPY CHAT BENCH**

To be moved to next agenda when Cllr Hawley can update.

**20/290 EQUIPMENT FOR CLOCK FACE REC**

Cllr Foy spoke about how the Clock Rec club has grown over the years and how successful the club has become; it has several male teams and has recently started a wild cat team for girls aged 5 and above.

Cllr Foy would like to donate some equipment that they need, 3 x tackling bags costing £720.

All agreed to donate this money.

**20/291 TELEPHONE BOX UNION BANK LANE**

Complaints that this is getting vandalised so Cllr Makin to get a quote for it to be moved to a safer place on Gorsey Lane.

Resolved to add this to next agenda.

**20/292 QUEENS JUBILEE**

 The Clerk shared the information about the Queens Jubilee:

The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons 8 2nd June 2022 Further to the announcement from Buckingham Palace on 2nd June 2021, regarding the Platinum Jubilee Weekend of 2nd - 5th June 2022, which The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons is part of, I have pleasure in confirming the Guide to Taking Part in this event is available to view and download from - www. queensjubileebeacons.com and will be updated on this site at the end of each month as more and more communities, individuals and organisations etc, join the event over the forthcoming months. The beacon lighting and associated activities will take place throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and, for the first time, in each of the Capital Cities of all the Commonwealth Countries on 2nd June 2022. Pages 11, 12, 13 and 14 show the various types of beacons to be used for this historic occasion that can be lit in farmers’ fields, on country estates, on the top of high hills, around our shorelines on cliff tops and on beaches, with gas-fuelled beacons on church towers and castle battlements and permanent beacon braziers made and lit by craftsmen and women in the centre of town and village greens, providing a lasting reminder of this historic moment in the history of The Queen’s reign. Those considering purchasing one of the gas-fuelled Beacons found on pages 11 and 12 could consider organising a local raffle with the winner having the honour of lighting the beacon on the night, with the funds raised being donated to a local charity or used to cover the cost of the beacon and the bottle of gas required to fuel it. Those wanting to take part are being asked to go to page 10 and provide us with the information requested in Step 1, enabling us to include them in the monthly guide updates over the forthcoming months, along with sending them further information in due course. Many of those receiving this communication will already have permanent beacons in place, so please light them for this occasion but remember to still register your involvement as soon as possible please. From pages 16 onwards you will see those, to date, that have already agreed to take part around the UK and the Commonwealth. These lists and pages in the guide will be added to over the forthcoming months as more communities etc, join the project. From the guide, you will see that we are involving town criers undertaking the Proclamation at 1pm announcing the lighting of the beacons that evening and pipers playing Diu Regnare at 9.09pm, before the beacons are lit at 9.15pm. With this in mind, please consider sourcing a local piper to play this tune at your beacon location before lighting it at 9.15pm. If this is the case, please register your piper in a similar way to your beacon by no later than end of May 2022. This could well be the last chain of beacons lit during The Queen’s reign, so we want to make it the largest and most dramatic the world has ever seen. We do hope therefore, that you will help us achieve this by taking part in lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 2nd June 2022. My warmest regards, Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR Pageantmaster The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacons Tel: + 44 (0) 7737 262 913 Email: brunopeek@mac.com www.queensjubileebeacons.com

**20/293 REPORTS**

Cllr O Keefe – 2 nursery farm – flooding and collapsing foot path – been reported

Cllr O Keefe has taken some pictures

Park run set up in burtonwood – agenda next month

Cllr Fishwick – Danielle Bush – Come as guests maybe at the celebrations in dec

Poppies – Cllr Fishwick to get 20 extra

Cllr Hughes been approached by Leanne from the Clock Rec wanting to put on a panto

£1674 – 2 showings.

All agreed

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 7TH December 2021 - to be held at Gartons Lane Library.

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Chairman Date