BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th September 2021**

**Present:** Councillors, D. Hawley, C. Foy, S. Hull, P Gerrard, P Fishwick, A Makin

**20/255 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from Cllr Smith, Cllr O’Keefe, Cllr Shaw & Cllr Gerard

**20/256 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/257 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3rd August 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd August were deemed as correct.

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

**20/258 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was one members of Public in attendance.

**20/259** **CLERK’S REPORT**

The clerk reported on the following:

1. NatWest Account

 Online Banking has now been set up, we need to decide when to close the old account and what to do with the deposit account?

**Resolved** Close old account and update the LA with new bank accounts

**20/260 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

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Sgt Brady was present at the meeting and the clerk distributed the report.

Cllr Makin asked if there was anything that needed our attention and Cllr Hawley reported that several cars have been stolen from the New Bold Estate, Pc Brady confirmed they have some CCTV footage regarding one of the incidents.

Cllr Foy noted that there is a lot of ASB and Motorbike theft on the report, concerns over a serious accident happening. PC Brady reported that Sutton Manor & Bold have been reported as a main area of concern. The police department have a few addresses that they are monitoring at the moment but need more information from the public regarding this matter.

Cllr Foy suggested that we liaise on social media so we could support appeals for information alongside the police, the parish council agreed to this.

PC Brady confirmed that the police are unable to engage in ‘chase’ situation unless they have authorisation and definitely not if the person is not wearing a helmet.

PC Gerard showed PC Brady a photo of a vehicle on the Clock Face colliery. PC Brady made a note of the vehicle details and will make some checks.

PC Gerard reported that several people have a key for the gates on Abbotsfield Rd and they do not live in the area.

**Resolved** to support on social media.

**20/261 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 |
| St Michaels Church  | 25.00 | 000749 |
| Yvonne Prescott  | 1646.00 | Bank Transfer  |
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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.

**20/262 CLOCK FACE RECREATION CLUB – COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORK**

A discussion was held over whether we held an event or just distribute the awards.

The dates suggested are 16 or 23 October 2021.

Costings to be obtained by Cllr Hughes, Cllr Gerard suggested the Variety Shop in Newton Le Willows as they have previously been supportive in the past.

The value of the vouchers was discussed and the Parish Council decided on £20.

**Resolved** It was agreed to hold an event on the 23rd October 2021 6pm.

**20/263 DEFIBRILLATORS-BATTERY UPDATE**

Cllr Hawley reported that the Defibrillator in Neills Road isn’t working correctly, this needs to be looked at urgently.

Cllr Shaw not in attendance so we are unable to update on the battery situation.

A discussion was held and it was agreed to purchase another Defibrillator to have a spare, a vote was held and it was AGREED to purchase. The clerk to purchase one.

Cllr Hawley to alert emergency services that the defib is not working correctly.

Cllr Hawley has approached the Texaco garage about housing the next defib and they were happy to providing they could get permission from the building owners. The cafe next door was suggested as an alternative.

**Resolved** to purchase batteries when they are available & purchase another Defibrillator.

**20/264 OMEGA PLANNING APPLICATION**

During the local plan inquiry, the inspectors asked St. Helens council to produce a note on how the local plan fits with the Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan and its aims and objectives. The aim is to justify the release of greenbelt land for 3550 houses and at least one warehouse. This document was submitted to the inspectors on 13/08/21. The document contains the same arguments/justifications for greenbelt release as put forward at the local plan examination, no new information has been put forward to the inspectors.

On the 7th September the planning inspectors released a list of main modifications (MM's) that are required to the local plan. One of the MM's relates to site 4HA in Bold ward. This sets out the need for a site-specific bespoke policy taking into account its scale so the allocation is effective. This would require all the necessary infrastructure (schools, community centres, bridleways....) to be included in site profile document.

St Helens council have also reassessed the housing need for the borough and reduced the housing requirement for the plan period (2020-2035) by 280. As far as we can tell none of this reduction has been taken from greenbelt land as yet.

Warrington borough council have removed 2000 houses planned on greenbelt land from their emerging local plan. They have also reassessed their employment land need and reduced this, unsurprising as St Helens council has gifted greenbelt land in Bold Ward to cover WBC's employment land need

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

**20/265 GARDENING EQUIPMENT- UPDATE**

Cllr Hawley reported back on the poll that showed residents would like planters or to leave it as it is. They do not want a wild flower area. Cllr Hawley is going to put another poll out on social media asking if residents will help to maintain the planters of the Parish council are to go ahead with these planters.

Cllr Foy reported that Rainford is looking beautiful.

Cllr Foy asked Cllr Makin to write to the Council asking how many CIF application had been made and approved for Bold.

Cllr Makin will write to the Ward Councillors and the LA expressing our concerns that we are not getting the same treatment as other wards.

Cllr Gerard to obtain a costing for a bench for Miners Way.

**Resolved** to monitor this

**20/266 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TO BE EXTENDED ON GORSEY LANE-UPDATE**

Cllr Foy met with Ian Darlington regarding the lights and will produce 2 costings.

Section 1 – Kurdish Barbers – Miners way

Section 2 - Miners way – last house on Bridge Road

Costing to be brought to the next meeting.

**Resolved** to monitor this.

**20/267 SORRELL WAY-UPDATE**

Cllr Makin updated the Parish councillors about the 3 letters that he had drafted to the Council and the residents, please see attached.

Cllr Gerard thinks the recent builders on Sorrell Way have stopped working and all the windows have been boarded up to stop vandalism on the empty houses.

Cllr Hughes contacted the Planning department and no one could give him any information regarding this situation.

**Resolved** the clerk to chase the LA for a response to the letter Cllr Makin sent. Cllr O’Keeffe to report back on the resident’s situation at the next meeting.

**20/268 NOTICEBOARDS-UPDATE**

The clerk reported that the Local Authority had said a CIF application need to be completed for a new noticeboard on Clock Face Country Park. Ward Councillor Lisa Preston had emailed saying she will look in to this. Cllr Hawley gave the size of the noticeboard to the clerk.

**Resolved** Keys required for new noticeboard

**20/269 ST HELENS LIBRARY STRATERGY**

Discussed this and Parish councillors are interested in this

**Resolved Clerk to contact them and book in**

**20/270 REPORTS**

* Cllr Foy raised the issue of Smithy Manor being an eye sore again and asked if anyone had an update from the Councillor.
* Cllr Gerard reported that there will be a ‘Clean Up day’ around the area in the next coming months.

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 5TH October 2021 - to be held at St Michael’s Church Hall.

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Chairman Date