BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st February 2022**

**Present:** Councillors, C Smith, C Hughes, D. Hawley, J Shaw, A West, A Makin, P Gerard & C Gerard, S Hull

**20/328 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from C Foy, C Smith

**20/329 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/330 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January were deemed as correct.

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

**20/331 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was four members of Public in attendance.

**20/332 CLERK’S REPORT**

Cllr O Keefe formally resigned from Bold Parish in January. I have spoken to the LA and whilst we are under 6 months away from an election the post must remain vacant until then. I still have to display the notices, so one has been put on the website.

**20/333 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/2021/0731/FUL Bold Ward Land Adjacent To 401 Clock Face Road Clock Face St Helens WA9 4QL Erection of 2no dwellings with associated works 02-Aug-21 17-Jan-22 Granted

P/2022/0043/HHFP Bold Ward 21 Prenton Avenue Clock Face St Helens WA9 4JS Erection of a single storey side extension

**20/334 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

PM Not shared any information with PC Brady regarding the traffic awareness and speeding.

ASB has been an issue this month within St Helens but no major incidents within Bold currently.

Cllr Fishwick asked PC Brady regarding traffic red zones that have been seen in other areas outside St Helens and PC Brady thinks they may be a council initiative. PC Brady suggested contacting Paul Mountford as well as he may be able to provide figures that could be used on the signs.

**Resolved** to enquire who can install the signs for the red zones. Ask PM to attend next meeting.

**20/335 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

£3371.72 Virgin Money Account

£15363.12 Virgin money Deposit Account

£3178.39 NatWest Account

£21913.23 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 |
| D Hawley  | 144.00 |  |
| P Fishwick  | 54.00 |  |
| C Foy  | 12.00 |  |
| HP Instant Ink | 9.99 | BT |
| Defib Store | 610.80 | BT |

(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.

**Budget and Precept 2022/23**

The attached schedule sets out the original estimates and forecast outturn for 2020/21 along with estimates of expenditure for 2021/22.

1. **Forecast Outturn for 2021/22**

The Parish Council’s precept for 2021/22 was set at £13,422. This included provision for a war and industrial memorial (£5k), which currently remains unspent. The precept rate for the year was set at £12.07 per band D equivalent property.

The forecast expenditure outturn for the current year is £24325 (excluding contribution to Election Reserve), which is £412 above the original estimate. The forecast assumes that expenditure relating to the war and industrial memorial will not take place in the current year. However, this is almost offset by planned expenditure on defibrillators and new Christmas lights. VAT of just over £340 is also included, which will be reimbursed in 2022/23.

Comments on forecast outturn:

1. The forecast outturn assumes that the Parish Council will set aside £1000 to contribute to the election reserve in accordance with its original plans. This would bring the earmarked reserve to £1,412 at the end of 2022/23

1. **Draft Proposed Budget for 2022/23**

The attached schedule shows a draft estimate of expenditure of £20355.00 for 2022/23, plus £1,000 contribution to election reserve. This includes provision for significant one-off /non-recurrent costs of £5,000 (war memorial) which are effectively funded from reserves rather than the annual precept (see below). The tax base for band D equivalent properties in 2022/23 is £1,142. If the precept rate for 2022/23 of £12.07 is increased by 1.7% to £12.27 (most recent RPI level) this would be sufficient to generate a precept income of £14012.34.

Comments on the draft proposed budget:

1. An allowance of £1000 has been assumed as a contribution to the Election Reserve.
2. Salary costs assume an increase in NJC salary scales of 2% (not yet settled)
3. General provision for Section 137 payments is set at £2,000, based on expenditure levels in 2022/23.
4. The Environmental budget makes provision for the proposed war memorial
5. If the proposed budget is agreed in accordance with the attached schedule, the total reserves at the end of 2022/23 are estimated to be £12955, which would include £2412 provision for future elections. Therefore, the general level of reserves i.e., excluding the earmarked election reserve, would be £1536
6. **Precept Proposals 2022/23**

The above assumes that the precept rate would increase in 2022/23 by 1.7% from £12.07 to £12.27 Given a notified tax base of £1142.00 for Band D equivalent properties, this would generate precept income of £14018.27. Members may wish to consider other options

**4. Recommendations**

1. that the draft proposed budget 2021/22 as set out in the attached schedule is approved;
2. that the 2021/22 precept rate is set at £12.27, generating a precept income of £14018.27.
3. that the Clerk inform St Helens Council of the agreed precept level as soon as practicable following this meeting.

**20/336 DEFIBRULATOR - UPDATE**

Cabinet has arrived and Cllr Hawley has a verbal costing for fitting it on the Swindell’s building £320

Clock Rec light is damaged so needs to be fixed.

Dr has serviced all other defibs and they have all passed.

**Agreed** All agreed to monitor

**20/337 OMEGA PLANNING - UPDATE**

Cllr Hughes has emailed Kath O’Dwyer regarding section 106. Reply from Kerry Gregory saying this has been assigned to Lisa Harris and still no reply at the moment. Cllr Hughes will update when he has more information.

Two letters received after the date so Cllr Makin would like to bring this to the LA attention.

**Agreed** to monitor this

**20/338 TRAVIS ENTRY- UPDATE**

Cllr Hawley will attend next council meeting to bring this to their attention. Cllr Makin suggested we bring this to the attention of Paul Mountford when he attends the next meeting.

Speed camera have been installed in Kings Moss.

**RESOLVED** to monitor this

**20/339 LIGHT HER UP**

Cllr Hughes has asked for help from several people. David Baines replied and asked Lisa Harris and Jonathon Edwards to discuss however when Cllr Hughes asked to meet up this was declined. At the date of the meeting, he still had no reply regarding a meeting date. Cllr Gerard highlighted the lack of communication and the lengthy waiting time for meetings. Cllr Hawley suggested asking the owner of the Dream to attend the next parish meeting, all agreed this was a good idea.

**RESOLVED** to monitor this

**20/340 ROAD SAFETY WEEK**

No information as yet, Cllr Makin will adjourn this to the next event.

**RESOLVED** no further action until next event

**20/341 SPEEDING**

Moved to next meeting

**20/342 BOLD FEST**

Leah Bennet – Pride of St Helens – cancer survivor – dad spoke about trying to raise some money for cancer research. Tie everything together with the Jubilee weekend.

Picnic event on the Sunday and a party event with live music on the Saturday. Events team St Helens have agreed to have a bar and have supported the event. All profits to go to the charity. Largest bill at the moment is the insurance and that is coming in at £400-£700 asking for BPC to help towards the cost. Cllr Hughes will speak to the Clock Rec Club regarding help with scaffolding and staging.

Cllr Fishwick asked who would welcome to the event, all New Bold residents and Councillors are welcome but can’t go over 500 people.

**RESOLVED** All agreed to section 137 donation to cover the PL insurance.

**20/343 WAR MEMORIAL**

Cllr Makin awaiting on some planning information and will report back.

**20/344 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

Cllr Makin circulated a document he had prepared after the meeting that he and the clerk attended earlier in the week. A discussion was held regarding the boundaries and the number of councillors.

Any views to be sent to Cllr Makin before the next meeting

**20/345 REPORTS**

Refurb of path from Miner’s way – Cllr Fishwick –

Jubille – Cllr Hull age uk

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 1st March 2022 - to be held at Chester Lane Library.

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Chairman Date