

RIBBLE BANKS PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Council meeting
held at the Wigglesworth Community Centre
on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 19.30

PRESENT

Councillors – C. Yorke (Chair), E. Roe, J. Ketchell and R. Haynes.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. B. Roos (Clerk/RFO) and 2 members of the public.

20/01 OPENING & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

20/02. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no new declarations or requests relating to the agenda.

20/03. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

There were no confidential items to discuss.

20/04. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS IF ABLE TO ATTEND

None were present at the meeting.

20/05. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd December 2019

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd December 2019 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

20/06. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to bring anything forward during this session.

20/07. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that following communications with Highways around the road signs on the A682 road Hellifield to Nappa at the junction Halton West with Paythorne these signs are scheduled to be replaced as part of the Safer Routes Funding scheme. No indication of a timescale has been given and the Clerk was requested to chase this up.

The Clerk reported back that following communications with Highways and Streetworks regarding the damage to the verges on Hesley Lane due to the recent road works the Council has been advised to issue a complaint directly with the utility company that performed the works supported by photographs of the caused damage. It was resolved that there was no longer any point in doing so at this stage.

The Clerk reported that following communications with Mr Ben Natrass regarding the number of Councillors RBPC is allowed to have she has been advised that the Council is currently allowed to have 5 Councillors. The Clerk explained the process for expanding on this number. It was resolved not to enter the process for expansion at this point in time.

The Clerk reported that due to Rathmell sourcing its own defibrillator she had to cancel that part of the grant application for obtaining a defibrillator for both Rathmell and Halton West. This unfortunately has led to the whole grant application being cancelled. The Clerk suggested that the Council could consider

to either re-apply for the grant just for Halton West or given its higher reserves to fund the defibrillator for Halton West itself as the Council would have to diminish its reserves as part of good practice anyway and this would be a good investment. It was resolved to look into the costs and options for buying a second defibrillator for the other side of Rathmell village and one to be installed in the phone box in Halton West. It was resolved that the Clerk will look into this.

Cllr Haynes reported to have received quotes for the repairs to the Rathmell car park fence and it was resolved to get the works done by contractor Mr Lancaster (£ 540 + VAT / £ 320 + VAT). Cllr Haynes will instruct the contractor.

Cllr Haynes reported that The Bridle Way sign on Back Lane in Rathmell village is hanging by a thread which needs repairing. It was resolved that the Clerk will report this to Highways.

Cllrs Roe and Ketchell reported that preparations have been made for works to unblock the drains on Mill Lane and Hesley Lane. It seems however that the drains on Mill Lane will not be cleared from high enough up the lane (so past the houses), but only the lower part of Mill Lane. It is however vital that the higher up drains will be cleared too to prevent flooding issues on this road.

20/08. FINANCE

20/08.1 Current Bank Balances

The Clerk took Councillors through the current bank balances.

20/08.2 Payments to be authorised

The Clerk took Councillors through the payments that required authorisation. The payments were approved and cheques were signed after the meeting.

20/09. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no current planning applications to be discussed at the meeting.

20/10. CORRESPONDENCE

No further new correspondence was received that needed to be discussed at the meeting further to those already discussed at 'Matters arising'.

20/11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman

None.

Halton West

See 'Matters arising'.

Rathmell

See 'Matters arising'.

Wigglesworth

None.

Clerk

The Clerk reported to have send a letter to Mrs Crabtree as discussed at the last meeting regarding the annual wreath.

20/12. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND HIGHWAYS

There were no further issues.

20/13. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on 17th March 2020 in Wigglesworth.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.07 hours.