

**A Meeting of the Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council was held on
Monday 8 November 2021 at 8.00pm in Slaidburn Village Hall**

Present

The following were present, Mr. Neil Breaks, Mrs. Jean Lawson, Miss Vicky Wood, Mrs. Elizabeth Hargreaves, Mr. Stephen Wallbank, Mr. Duncan Cowking, and the Clerk Mrs. A Robinson.

Apologies

Councillor Rosie Elms, Councillor Rupert Swarbrick and Mrs. Linda Roberts.

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 13.09.2021 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

School House Lane - Drains

Mr. S Wallbank has been unable to arrange a meeting. Clerk to contact LCC and copy in Councillor Swarbrick to try and arrange.

Cenotaph

Repairs have been undertaken.
2 invoices have been received for the stone and labour.

Dale Head/Gisburn Forest access

Clerk to chase a response from Mr. Colledge at Forestry England. Copy in Councillor Swarbrick.

Mr. J Burgess – railings B6478

Slaidburn Young Farmers have confirmed that they are willing to assist in painting the railings.
Clerk to source paint (7 tins) , brushes (6) and wire brushes (3).

Jubilee Gardens

Slaidburn Estate have asked for written confirmation from the Parish Council insurers that the benches are covered by their liability insurance.

Overnight Parking

RVBC have installed signs on the car park, which everyone is very disappointed with.

Cattle grid – Bowland Knots

LCC have carried out a partial repair to the cattle grid and have left the area in an unsightly condition.

A Wood Memorial

A brass plaque (20cm x 10cm) is to be purchased. It was agreed that the wording should be "Allan Wood (Rummy). Our Village Gardener". With a picture of a spade to the side.

Car Park – car park on green

RVBC confirmed that there is currently no money in the budget to have the wall repaired and it would have to wait until later in the year.

Code of Conduct

Clerk attended the training evening. A blanket code of conduct is awaited from RVBC, which, when received, will be distributed to be discussed at the next meeting.

Poppy Wreath

The poppy wreath has been ordered.

15 large poppies for street lamps are to be ordered for 2022. Clerk to contact Mr. Kapp.

Christmas Tree

UU have confirmed they are happy for someone to go and choose two trees from the forest. It was agreed Mr. Cowking and Mr. Wallbank would attend on 27.11.21 to choose them.

2 quotes were received for tree holders from Mr. Cowking and Mr. Haygarth. It was agreed to accept the quote from Mr. Haygarth.

Cattle Grid – Merrybent

Repairs have not been carried out. Clerk to chase LCC.

Dykes– Cross O’Greet

The dykes have not been dug out. Clerk to chase Bentleys

Planning query - Clough

RVBC confirmed that 2 planning applications had been approved in 1993 and 1996. One was for holiday flats. The Parish Council have been led to believe that the barn is being lived in. Clerk to contact RVBC to review the situation.

Haweswater Viaduct

2 responses were received from the electorate in the comments box left in the shop.

“It’s got to happen. Pointless to argue against it. Sometimes we have to bear the mess.”

“Try and seek some positives from it all and make sure the valley gains from United Utilities. We cannot stop it happening”.

Comment box to be left in the shop until the next meeting.

Planning

Shay House – Barn conversion.

Clerk to contact planning office with comments:

They do not think that the design is in keeping with the local area. They are concerned that it is a third party who has applied for the planning permission and not the owner and are worried that this could set a precedent for future applications.

Accounts

Tim Gridley - Cenotaph repairs - £238.00

Transformation Landscaping Limited – Cenotaph repairs - £180.00

Slaidburn Village Hall – Over 60’s Christmas party donation - £150.00

Royal British Legion – poppy wreath - £25.00

Mr. S Wood – spraying - £75.00

Correspondence

RVBC – Agenda for Parish Council Liaison Meeting

RVBC – Amended Concurrent Function Grants information

LCC – Severe weather communication

LCC – Bus Service Improvement Plan

Lancashire Constabulary – Ribble Valley Task Force Introduction – Clerk to contact to ask to attend the electorate meeting in May.

Any Other Business

Dugdale Lane

Trees need cutting back.

Village Green

The bins have not been emptied for 3 weeks.

Old Bridge

The dyke at the Old Bridge needs clearing out. Clerk to contact LCC.

Benches

Mr. Wallbank will remove the benches from the village and store them for winter.

WI

The WI are arranging a Carol singing event at the Cenotaph on 21.12.21.

Grids

The grids are blocked on Church Street near the church. Clerk to contact LCC.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday 7 February 2022 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.