

**A Meeting of the Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council was held on
Monday 6 February 2023 at 8.00pm in Slaidburn Village Hall**

Present

The following were present, Mr. Neil Breaks, Miss Vicky Wood, Mrs. Elizabeth Hargreaves, Mr. Stephen Wallbank, Mr. Duncan Cowking, Mrs. Linda Roberts, Mr. Reuben Parsons, Councillor Rosie Elms, Councillor Stuart Hirst, Mr. Tony Gaffney, Mrs. Alison Robinson and a member of the electorate.

Apologies

None

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7.11.2022 were approved and signed.

Councillor Stuart Hirst attended the meeting regarding the Ribble Valley Borough Mayor's Platinum Jubilee Trail. It was his idea to attract people to the area and boost tourism.

There are grants available to replace stiles with gates to help with accessibility.

Mr Tony Gaffney gave information regarding grants that are available.

There is a £500 grant available for footpaths, which can be used to fit gates on definitive footpaths.

There is also a £300 bio-diversity grant available which can be given to the school towards the forest school.

Cllr Hirst is looking into being a supplier of the galvanised gates, which would then need to be fitted by an approved contractor.

Mr Gaffney will send details to the clerk.

Matters Arising

School House drains

Ongoing - Clerk to re-contact Forestry Commission to contact Mr Wallbank to discuss.

Queen's Jubilee

Mr Parson is arranging to plant the tree.

Stocks Reservoir entrance

Clerk to chase LCC re painting the white lines at the entrance.

Town End/Shay Lane

LCC have inspected the trees and have advised that there are no works required at this time.

Coronation – 6.5.23

At a meeting on 9 Jan, plans were made for:

Saturday evening a hog roast and disco would to be held in the village hall. The Estate advised that they would contribute 1,000 towards the hog roast.

Sunday - Slaidburn Silver Band would play in the village hall and cream teas would be made available for members of the electorate.

Mr McNamee is to look into a costing for a memorial stone to be fitted around the memorial stone on the village green.

Fireworks- Mrs Blakeman was going to see if she could raise funds for fireworks.

Email to be sent to UU to see if they could ask Bentleys to contribute towards the event in lieu of the disruptions which the village have been put to over recent years.

Mrs Hodson also wanted the villagers to have a line of pound coins put through the village, which would then be given to charity/food bank.

Salting/gritting

Mrs Hargreaves had received apology from LCC earlier in the day and had been advised that the salt heaps would be replenished within 7 days.

Letter to be sent to LCC regarding the disappointing treatment of the roads and how concerned the PC are that roads have not been gritted.

Viaduct Bridge

The safety barriers need to be replaced to avoid bikers in the area shooting straight on to the road from the forest and potentially having an accident.

Field Head Junction

Sign needs to be replaced

Over 60s party

Mrs Howard had advised that the £200 they had received was too much. Clerk to cancel the cheque and issue one for £40 instead.

Christmas Trees

United Utilities supplied the trees which were put up by Mr Cowking and Mr Wallbank. Comments had been made about how well the trees looked.

Benches

Jubilee Gardens - Mr Cowking is going to inspect the benches in the jubilee gardens to see what state they are in and decide whether or not keep them there.

Car park - there is one bench which is in need of repair.

Planning

Brennands Endowed School (3/2022/1037) - no comments were made.

Knott Gate - re-application (3/2022/0683) - no comments were made.

Accounts

A Robinson	Wage	£362.00
HMRC	Tax	£38.00
A Robinson	A Wood plaque	£50.00
Slaidburn Village Hall	Rent x 3	£60.00
SB Tippers	Sweeping (November)	£192.00
Slaidburn Village Hall	Over 60s Party	£40.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath and lamppost poppies	£45.00
Mr. S Wallbank	Teak Oil	£22.02
Mr. S R Wood	Spraying	£80.00

£200 cheque cancelled from last month to Slaidburn Village Hall

Correspondence

Lancashire County Council

Parish Champion Grant – Clerk to apply for the cost of a bench for the village green.

Road closure – Bolton by Bowland 29.3.23 – 2.5.23

Flood risk survey

National Highways & Transport survey

Ribble Valley Borough Council

Funding for CCTV cameras – Clerk to request further information on the scheme

‘Big Lunch’ - £250 grant available towards cost of celebrations – Clerk to apply

SPIDs update – to be discussed at next meeting

Pension Regulator

Details for re-enrolment on scheme

Brennand's Endowed CE Primary School

Copy letter received which has been sent to Slaidburn Estate regarding possible help to increase numbers in the school.

Any Other Business

Free Parking

The free parking days this year will be 21.5.23 for May Queen and 9.9.23 for the Hodder Valley Show. Clerk to contact RVBC.

United Utilities

A number of complaints have been made about the lighting which is on the new building at Stocks Reservoir. The area is a "dark skies" area. Clerk to contact United Utilities.

Hedge Trimming

The road between Cocklet Hill and Stephen Park needs the hedges trimming. Clerk to contact Forestry Commission and mention that it is a designated biking area.

Street Lights

There is no street light on the corner of the youth hostel. Miss Wood advised that it is because when the Bounty was hit by the lorry, the wire was also affected. She has reported this to LCC but to date it has not been re-instated.

Muck Spreading

Complaints have been made about the tractor which has been spreading on field going out of the village. The driver is making a mess of the road and holds up the traffic. It is an unknown substance which is being spread and the clerk is to send a letter to United Utilities in this regard.

Lancashire Police

Lancashire Police have requested to attend a meeting. Clerk to invite them to the March meeting.

New Bridge

A member of the electorate advised that the river is undermining the structure. Clerk to report to the bridges team.

Toilets on Green

The toilets on the village green do not appear to be open during the day. Clerk to contact RVBC to report.

Benches

A new bench is required on the village green.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday 27 March 2023 at 8.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.37pm.