

**A Meeting of the Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council was held on
Sunday 28 February 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom**

Present

The following were present, Mr. Neil Breaks, Mr. Duncan Cowking, Miss Vicky Wood, Mrs. Linda Roberts, Mrs. Elizabeth Hargreaves, Mr. Stephen Wallbank, the Clerk Mrs. A Robinson and a member of the Electorate.

Apologies

Councillor Rosie Elms, Councillor David Smith and Mrs. Jean Lawson.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 September 2020 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Telephone Box

RVBC have objected to the removal of the telephone box.

Community in Bloom

Purchased and receipt sent to RVBC. Payment of Grant is awaited.

School House Lane (blocked drains)

Response received from LCC "We inspected the gullies on School Lane, Slaidburn and the gullies were found to be running at the time of inspection".

Website

Mrs. Higham confirmed that she is in the process of making the Website fully accessible.

Back Lane

Back Lane is due to be closed 15 March for 3 weeks for the whole road to be re-surfaced.

Bentham Road

LCC have confirmed that the work does not meet the required levels for the works.

Cenotaph

David Wallbank is going to carry out the repairs.

Motorbikes

Clerk spoke to Peter Lancaster from Environmental Health who confirmed there is no legal limit to road noise. She recommended asking someone on the Green to make a noise diary with dates and times and then get back in touch. She said that they would look at putting up signs in the area or attending over the Spring/Summer. Peter.lancaster@ribblevalley.gov.uk

Dale Head/Gisburn Forest access

Response received from Forestry England who confirmed they would be contacting LCC to discuss this issue. United Utilities confirmed that the road belongs to Lancashire County Council and we should therefore contact them.

Correspondence was received from Forestry England apologising that he had let it slide and that: "I no longer have a direct contact with Lancashire County Council, so I have sent the attached E-mail to their website "enquiries" contact this afternoon. I promise that I will stick with it this time and will keep you updated of any developments."

United Utilities – Haweswater

Clerk attended the Zoom meeting of the PC Liaison Meeting, which set out where the wagons would be travelling. All the surplus materials would be going to Waddington Fell Quarry. None of the wagons would be travelling through Slaidburn.

Drains – Crossroads B6478 & Dugdale Lane

LCC have confirmed that works will be undertaken

Mr. J Burgess

A request has been received from Mr. Burgess that investigations are made into the repair and redecoration of the railings at the junction of B6478 and Tinklers Lane. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting. Clerk to contact LCC to see if works can be carried out by them.

Signs – B6478

The sharp bend sign before the junction of the B6478 and Tinklers Lane is missing. LCC are aware of the matter and works will be undertaken.

Flower Tubs

Neil Breaks emptied the tubs. Slaidburn Estates skip was used to dispose of the waste and it was subsequently agreed that a donation of £40 would be sent to the Air Ambulance for use of the skip.

Gardener Appointment

Notices have been put up in the village shop and PC Noticeboard advertising for volunteer/s to take over the post of Gardener.

Christmas Tree

2 trees were donated by United Utilities. Mr. Cowking and Mr. Wallbank attended the forest to choose and chop down the trees. They then put the trees and lights up in the village. A thank you was sent to UU to thank them for the donation of the trees.

Townend

Pothole on the corner of the car park at the Hark to Bounty was reported to LCC and has been repaired.

Village Green

Clerk has reported the missing footpath sign on the green.

Poppy Wreath

The Poppy Wreath was received and placed by Mr. Breaks.

Flagpole

Letters of thanks have been sent to Mr. McNamee and Mr. Wood for the supply of a new rope and flag.

Drains

The drains around the Health Centre and Shay Wood have been reported to LCC.

Road Sweeper

The road sweeper was booked to attend prior to Friday 6.11.2020. The sweeper attended and an invoice has been received.

The Skaithe

The blocked dyke was reported to Lancashire County Council. LCC have attended and unblocked the whole dyke.

Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday 2 November 2020 at 8.00pm. This meeting did not take place due to the restrictions in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. All issues were dealt with by way of email and telephone.

Planning

None

Accounts

Air Ambulance	Donation	£40.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£20.00
Stanley Bros Tippers	Hire of sweeper	£216.00
A Robinson	Yearly Wage	£362.00
HMRC	Tax	£38.00
Slaidburn Village Hall	Rent	£45.00

Correspondence

D Lindley

Requesting permission to have a memorial bench for Marjorie Walker. No objections were made.

J Valentine – B4RN

Enquiry as to whether there are any funds/grants available.

Clerk to contact to ask if funds were donated to them, would they be refunded if the project did not go ahead.

Lancashire CC – Parish Champion Grant

Parish Champion Grant application form received.

Clerk spoke to the Councillor in charge of this project, who said that he would possibly be able to let us have £400 - £500 towards the B4RN project in the next financial year. An application would need to be sent in to them.

Lancashire CC – Maintaining Traditional Buildings

Details of a free online event 2.3.2021. Advertisement has been put on the Slaidburn Chat Facebook page.

Lancashire CC – online road safety presentation

Details of a free online road safety presentation for residents aged 50+ has been put on the Slaidburn Chat Facebook page.

JN Bentley re: Stocks

Copy of the letter sent to residents and confirming that they are working with LCC to resolve and formulate a plan moving forwards in respect of the access issues they are currently having.

Mr. Cowking is to draft a letter to JN Bentley in respect of the traffic issues in the village and forward it on to the Councillors for approval.

Any Other Business

Bin collections

Bin collections are only being carried out once a month on Catlow Road. Clerk to contact LCC.

Gritting

There has been a lack of gritting of roads and lack of salt piles left around the area. Clerk to contact LCC

Cattle grid (side at the Cross of Greet)

I have reported this back in December still nothing has been done! Clerk to contact LCC

Water on Roads

Swinshaw Hill - There is water coming down on the road at Swinshaw Hill at the old church car park in the forestry. When it is icy it is very dangerous. Accidents have been reported in this area.

Crossroads near Quarry House. The area is very dangerous when icy and snowy. At least two accidents have happened here over winter.

Clerk to contact LCC

Christmas Tree

A query was raised as to whether two Christmas tree holders could be made for the village trees to stand in.

Brockthorne

A number of complaints have been made regarding the work that is being carried out there. The Planning Office at RVBC have been made aware of the issues.

Vehicle Speed

Complaints have been made regarding the speed of United Utilities and JN Bentley vehicles which travel through the village. Clerk to contact UU and Bentleys.

Next Meeting

A date for the next meeting was not arranged due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.