

**A Meeting of the Slaidburn and Easington Parish Council was held on
Monday 13 September 2021 at 8.00pm in Slaidburn Village Hall**

Present

The following were present, Mr. Neil Breaks, Mrs. Jean Lawson, Miss Vicky Wood, Mrs. Linda Roberts, Mrs. Elizabeth Hargreaves, Mr. Stephen Wallbank, Mr. Duncan Cowking, Councillor Rosie Elms, Councillor Rupert Swarbrick and the Clerk Mrs. A Robinson.

Apologies

Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 12.07.2021 and 04.08. 2021 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

School House Lane - Drains

J Gill from LCC had contacted the clerk regarding a meeting. Her details were passed to Mr. S Wallbank to arrange a meeting.

Cenotaph

Repairs are ongoing.

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

AONB have confirmed that they do not have any funding available for these works.

LCC have confirmed that the railings are the landowners responsibility. Councillor Swarbrick asked to be sent the details and he will contact LCC.

Clerk to contact Slaidburn Young Farmers to see if they would be prepared to carry out the painting of the railings, if the Parish Council provides the paint and materials needed.

Signs – B6478

LCC confirmed the sign was installed in June 2021.

Gardener

A thank you is to be sent to everyone involved in the watering of the plants around the Cenotaph over the summer.

Vehicle Speed

Mrs. Hargreaves spoke to United Utilities who requested that registration numbers of any vehicles seen to be speeding be passed on to them and they would be taken off site.

Jubilee Gardens

Slaidburn Estate have asked for written confirmation that the Parish Council no longer have any interest in the site and that they will maintain the benches. Clerk is to contact the insurance company to check that they would be covered on private land. It was agreed that if the benches were covered by the insurance, then they would be maintained until they were irreparable, when they would be removed and not replaced. This was unanimously agreed.

Overnight Parking

Mrs. Elms will contact RVBC to arrange for a new no camping or parking overnight signs to be installed.

Cattle grid – Bowland Knots

LCC have confirmed that the cattle grid will be repaired by 24.09.2021.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Mr. Breaks has spoken to Lucinda who has confirmed that she is happy to hold a beacon on her land on 02.02.2022.

A Wood Memorial

It was agreed that a price should be sought for a brass plaque which could be placed on a flower tub on the Cenotaph. Clerk to get prices.

Cobbles – Church Street

The cobbles have been repaired but are starting to lift again, due to the traffic lights which are currently in situ.

Councillor Swarbrick has asked for photographs of the cobbles.

Car Park

Clerk to chase RVBC to repair the wall.

Planning

None

Accounts

None

Correspondence

RVBC

- Ribble Valley Local Plan Review information
- Code of Conduct training information – Clerk and Vicky Wood to attend on 1.11.2021
- Gambling Act – Statement of principles consultation information
- Parish Council Liaison meeting – next meeting 16.9.2021

Queens Platinum Jubilee

Information from Bruno Peek regarding the celebrations.

Any Other Business

Remembrance Sunday

Clerk to order a poppy wreath. Vicky Wood confirmed that she would lay the wreath.

Road sweeper

Clerk to book road sweeper for Friday 12 November 2021.

Christmas Trees

Mrs. Hargreaves will speak to UU to ask if they would donate 2 trees this year.

Mr. Cowking is to get 2 quotations for tree holders to be made.

Winter gritting

Salt heaps and gritting issues were brought up.

Councillor Elms and Councillor Swarbrick will speak and try to resolve the issues.

Cattle Grid – Merrybent

The cattle grid has sunk. Clerk to contact LCC.

Drains – Cross o'greet

Clerk to contact Bentleys to ask if they will be digging out the drains in this area. If the drains are left, this will cause water to run across the road and in winter will cause the road to be icy and dangerous.

Leaks

There is water leaking through the road outside 1 Croasdale Bank and the Health Centre.

Clerk to contact United Utilities to see if the issue can be resolved.

Planning query

A query was raised whether planning permission had ever been granted for a property which has been converted from a barn above the clough. Clerk to contact RVBC.

Haweswater Viaduct

Councillor Swarbrick confirmed that objections to these works need to be raised with RVBC. Some of the issues raised were pollution to the environment, the amount of traffic on the roads, maintenance of the roads, the speed of large vehicles, concerns regarding emergency vehicle access to the village and whether the roads would be put back to their original state once the works had been completed.

Councillor Swarbrick confirmed that he would liaise with the clerk to help put a letter together to send to RVBC.

It was also suggested that a box be put in the shop asking for peoples comments on the project, which could then be included in the letter. Clerk to arrange this.

Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting was set for Monday 8 November 2021 at 8.00pm.

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