BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th February 2023

Present: Councillors, Cllr Hughes, Cllr Foy, Cllr Smith, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Makin, Cllr Shaw, Cllr Hilton, Cllr Hawley and Cllr Maxwell.

**20/483 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from Cllr Dualeh Cllr Richards and Cllr Hull.

**20/484 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**20/485 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th January 2023 were deemed to be correct.

There were no issues raised which had not been included on the agenda.

**20/486 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two members of public in attendance.

**20/487 CLERK’S REPORT**

Confirmation was received from the bank that the Term Deposit Account has been closed and we should be receiving the cheque shortly.

We have received notification from LALC that we are to nominate someone to attend the Kings Garden party in May. The Clerk shared with the Councillors the information received and a vote was held.

**AGREED** no nomination to be submitted

**20/488 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

The clerk distributed the stats for December and will email the January stats to councillors after the meeting. PC Quilliam and 2 colleagues were in attendance at the meeting. No new reports for the scrambler bikes so that’s an improvement and it was agreed if addresses could be provided for those who own scrambler bikes it would help to improve the situation even more. There is a new Community Officer in post now and he is familiar with Bold and Lea Green area.

An Officer in attendance was responsible for the area of The Dream and was concerned about how many entrances on to The Dream there are. It was discussed about how the horses would access this area if these entrances were reduced. It was agreed to map the entrances and exits and liaise with the police on the best way to move forward with this.

PC Quilliam would like to set up a neighbourhood watch. Cllr Hughes and Cllr Gerrard asked for and update on the ASB on Clock Face Country Park and Clock Face Road. It was confirmed that there were two instances were dealt with the day before the meeting.

**20/489 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/2022/0795/HHFP

Bold And Lea

Green Ward

138 Chester Lane

Clock Face

St Helens

WA9 4DE

First floor side extension and

single storey rear extension.

16-Nov-22 19-Jan-23 Granted

P/2022/0771/FUL Bold and Lea

Green Ward

Tesco Stores Ltd

Four Acre Lane Shopping Centre

Four Acre Lane

Clock Face

St Helens

WA9 4BZ

Proposed new shop front.

External alterations to side

elevation.

10-Nov-22 04-Jan-23 Granted

**20/490 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. Following the payment of accounts approved at the last scheduled meeting, the bank balance currently stands a:

£9437.66 NatWest Account Total

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1. Accounts for Payment

It is recommended that authority be granted for the payment of the following amounts: -

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| Payee | Amount£ | Cheque Number |
| Y Prescott – Feb Salary and Backpay | 975.76 | BT |
| St Helens MBC – Elections  | 3451.26 | BT |
| JRB - Dog Bags  | 399.72 | BT |
| Cllr Hughes  | 1314.00 | BT |

(c) Assets Register

The Parish Council is, as part of its financial management controls, required to maintain an up-to-date Assets Register. A copy of the current Register has been circulated for information and approval. This will be checked as part of the Internal Audit process.

Recommended that the Assets Register is noted and approved.

**Agreed** to pay the above.

**20/491 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Planning has been refused for a single occupancy dwelling that the BPC had previously objected to in accordance with the local plan. This has been positive news.

Cllr Hughes reported that Warrington’s employment figures has been reduced by the inspector.

**AGREED** to monitor this situation

**20/492 UNION BANK LANE TELEPHONE BOX**

Cllr smith has found two grants that may be able to be used to restore the telephone box. The telephone box is currently in a poor state of repair.

Cllr smith has a quote for £1400 to remove and return the telephone box and £2400 to repair it museum standard.

The telephone box will need to be disconnected; it was agreed to do this immediately.

Cllr Hilton is able to store the telephone box and shot blasting it.

It was discussed about rehoming the telephone box to a different area of the parish.

Cllr Gerrard suggested fixing the door shut so it doesn’t fall off and damage anyone or anything.

**AGREED** to disconnect the power and add to the next agenda.

**20/493 LAND LEASE**

Cllr Hughes reported back that Grounds Maintenance have contact BPC regarding the Land Leases. A discussion was held regarding the way to proceed with this and it was agreed to meet with Gary Stephens from Grounds Maintenance and then add to the next agenda where a final decision can be made.

**AGREED** clerk to contact Gary for a list of available dates to meet.

**20/494 REPORTS**

Cllr Hawley – issue with lock on the defib on New Bold keeps freezing up – may need a new lock or a heater installed.

Cllr Smith – Community Speed Watch – Paul Mountford has been replaced in this post. They don’t have anyone to offer this training until the role is permanently filled. We have been asked to complete the vetting forms for anyone interested.

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 14th March 2023 - to be held at Chester Lane Library.

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Chairman Date