BOLD PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting of the Bold Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2024

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

**20/620 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologises were received from Cllr Maxwell, Cllr Dualeh, Cllr Hawley and Cllr Hull

**20/621 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declaration of interest.

**20/622 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2023 were deemed to be correct.

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

**20/623 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were three members of public in attendance.

**20/624 CLERK’S REPORT**

I have received the precept tax base letter so will prepare the precept and budget for the February meeting to be ratified.

I will also be working on the annual report so if anyone has anything they would like including please let me know.

**ACTION –** YP to find out if a paper copy is required

**20/625 POLICE LIAISON REPORT**

PC Quilliam was in attendance and the clerk emailed all the statics to the councillors.

A discussion was held around the statics.

A discussion was held around a business site in the parish that is burning rubbish and

waste is not being disposed of correctly. Cllr Hilton has contacted the environmental department and no action has been taken. It was agreed to contact the department again. PC Quilliam will follow this up this week and see if the problems are still happening.

Speeding issues on Gorsey Lane and PC Quilliam will look into who is the new contact for the speeding awareness programme so this can be activated.

**ACTION** To monitor these issues

**20/626 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P/2023/0684/FUL

Bold And Lea Green Ward

Units 17 And 18 Lea Green Business Park

Eurolink

Sutton Manor

St Helens

WA9 4TR

Retrospective application for a change of use for a flexible use to include:

open storage (Class B8) and/or car park

P/2023/0707/FUL

Bold And Lea Green Ward

Unit 9

Bold Industrial Park

Neills Road

Bold

St Helens

WA9 4TU

Erection of building to provide office/ancillary accommodation, workshops and canteen

P/2023/0075/FUL Gartons Lane planning application was passed at the Town planning meeting today.

A discussion was held around this and Cllr Hughes has drafted a letter to send to the planning department opposing the decision.

There is no strategic plan to open Sutton High Leisure swimming pool, so this means no funding can be applied for/allocated until this is place.

Schools are facing lots of cuts and this is affecting sustainable travel as people are having to travel outside the borough to access swimming pools, schools etc.

**20/627 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

£ 8464.99 NatWest Account

£ 8464.99Total

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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 |
| Salary YP Jan | 633.05 | BT |
| Backpay YP | 365.04 | BT |
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(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.

**ACTION** Audit was successfully completed and displayed on website

**20/628 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

Covered in planning discussion

**AGREED** to maintain this as an agenda item

**20/629 UNION BANK LANE TELEPHONE BOX**

St Helens MBC attended the site and have assessed the areas. Cllr Smith will contact the companies for an up-to-date quote for refurbishment of the box and present at next meeting. A planning application is needed to re-site the telephone box.

**AGREED** to add this to the next agenda

**20/630 REPORTS**

Cllr Hughes – Panto – not as successful as previous years, most tickets were collected but not everyone attended. Moving forward a different venue may be looked at or assess how tickets issued.

Cllr Hughes – Bold in Bloom – Pride of St Helens Award – a congratulations was given to Donna for her hard work on getting Bold in Bloom set up.

Cllr Hilton – Mill Lane – Large vehicles or overusing this lane. The road surface is not suitable at the moment.

Cllr Smith – Litter Pick – add to next agenda

**It was resolved** that the next meeting take place at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 6th February 2023 - to be held at Chester Lane Library.

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Chairman Date