

OLD LAUND BOOTH PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2ND, 2020, IN FENCE VILLAGE HALL.

Present: Couns B. Newman, D. Hall , N. Goodall,, C. Whittam . I Hargreaves and J. Myers .

1. Apologies for absence

None..

2. Declaration of interests

None..

3. Questions from residents

None.

4 Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted..

5 Matters arising from minutes

5.1 Phonebox

Coun. Newman said the phone box has now been renovated . Coun. Newman thanked Mr George Davies who painted the box and said signs are to be bought to display the books which will be put in the box.

5.2 Replacement light outside The Lodge

LCC were working at the site this month.

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5.3 Play area

The annual inspection has taken place and there are no major risks which need attention. Coun. Newman will attend to any low risks which need looking at..

5.4 Edible Credible project

Although the project can now not realistically start until the spring, it was agreed Couns, Newman and Goodall would attempt to source wooden sleepers for the planters.

5.5 Capital programme bids for Barrowford and Western Parishes

Bins have been now bought with the £900 grant, there is enough left in the pot for one more and suggestions of one on the corner of Back Lane/Noggarth Road is to be requested. Coun. Newman is to discuss with Scenic Landscapes re the work which needs doing on the car park, following the success of the £2,000 grant.

5.6 Access problems on the Pendle Forest Sports Club footpath

Coun Myers had met with the footpath officer and he had provided advice re the access. A solution is to be sought with the sports club which tackles the problem of a muddy access onto the footpath and the need to protect the sports field from any potential damage.

5.7 Greenbank Drive parking problems

LCC say that H Bars are used to accentuate property entrances and communicate to drivers the need for access. However, they do not carry any enforceability in themselves. A vehicle who parks in a manner, which obstructs access to a property via a constructed vehicle crossing point is for the police to take enforcement action under the Road Traffic Act.

H Bars can be provided by the county council in qualifying instances at a cost of £171, which must be funded by the applying resident or organisation. If the residents would like to apply they can email their request to highways@lancashire.gov.uk or contact 0300 123 6780.

6 Reports from outside bodies

Coun. Newman provided details of the low key Remembrance Day service. Members of the public are asked to pay their respects throughout the day in accordance with the lockdown rules. This will be publicised through the website.

7. Correspondence

Coun. Newman had been in contact with a resident regarding vehicle damage caused by vehicles trying to get past parked cars on Wheatley Lane Road. LCC is investigating as bus and LCC contractors have struggled to get past too.

Following last month's correspondence re speeding vehicles on the bypass, the police have stepped up their presence on the road.

Pendle Council is looking for suggested sites to plant trees as part of the Lancashire Woodland Connect project in response to the council's climate emergency declaration. Landowners are asked to contact Lee Johnson at Pendle BC.

Next year see an annual census and information regarding it will be publicised via the council website.

8 Planning

None.

9. Finance

Paid in: £50 – Pendle Forest Sports Club rent.

Authorised payments were made to:

£175.75– D. Halstead, lengthsman's salary and expenses..
£340 - Rebecca Hay, clerk's salary and expenses.
£53.77 – Clerk's pension contribution...
£726 – Pendle Borough Council for dog/litter bins.
£71.40 – Pendle Borough Council for play inspection.
£240 – PK Littlejohn for audit.
£34.45 – Coun. B Newman for sign post repairs.
£100 – Donation for Armed Forces support group.
£108 – Fence Village Hall rent.

The annual audit has been successful with no findings. The council discussed the annual budget/precept and agreed to reduce it this year as a sign of support for the community during the pandemic. This year's precept will be £11,525 compared to the 2019/20 precept of £14,850..

10 Any other business

Coun. Hargreaves raised the question as to why LCC had cut the grass on the bypass in November. It was agreed that the parish council's contractor's fees are looked at when cutting re starts next year.

Coun. Hargreaves also raised problems of leaves being left on top of drain grates and it was agreed to publicise a request via the website for residents to remove them. Also the clerk to request the road sweeper to go through the village.

11 Date of next meeting

December 7th, in Fence Village Hall at 7p.m. Members of the public who wish to attend, are asked to contact the clerk at least three days before to confirm.