Minutes of a Meeting of Livesey Parish Council held on 11 September 2020 at Livesey Parish Community Hall, York Terrace, Feniscowles, Blackburn.

Present: Cllrs J Malowana – Murphy (in the Chair), C Hardman, D Hardman, K Malowana -Murphy and J Arnold,

## **5627 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr J Croasdale.

#### **5628 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from councillors in respect of the following areas: Cllr J. Malowana - Murphy Livesey Parish Hall Committee, Rosebay Wood Group, Livesey Library and St Pauls School. Cllr C Hardman Immanuel Guides. Cllr D Hardman Planning, Immanuel Scouts and Cherry Tree Cricket Club. Cllr J Arnold Feniscowles Primary School.

## 5629 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2020

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 July 2020, having been circulated, be received as a correct record, and be approved and signed by the Chairman.

## Meeting adjourned at 7.35pm for local issues

Details of local issues are included in the clerk's report.

# Meeting reconvened at 8.00pm

## 5630 Accounts

**RESOLVED:** that the following accounts be approved:

Clerks Salary: £ 267.20, HMRC: £ 200.00 Insurance: £300.00, Survey: £ 500.00 (already paid).

## 5631 Planning

There were 11 planning applications on the schedule and 2 planning applications received after the agenda had been sent out. The clerk brought all planning applications to the attention of the Parish Council.

## Councillors had no objections to the 13 applications received.

The clerk had been asked to contact the Council expressing concerns regarding Planning Application 10/20/0483, which related to River View, York Terrace Feniscowles Blackburn. The concerns raised related to greenbelt land and access.

The reply from the Council is detailed as follows:

The site is within designated Green Belt yet Policy 3 of the Local Plan does allow for the conversion of buildings provided they are of a permanent and substantial construction. Having visited the site on Friday there are no immediate concerns in relation to the buildings condition and it appears to be structurally suitable for domestic conversion. Policy 3 also allows for proportionate extensions to buildings so the proposed alterations would be covered by that caveat. With regards to the access arrangements, the access serves a number of commercial uses and my view at this stage is that an additional dwelling using the access would not be of detriment to highway safety. We are yet to receive comments from our Highways Department.

## 5632 Rosebay Wood

There was no further update for this item but it would remain as a future agenda item.

## 5633 Land Registry

The information had been completed and the Parish were awaiting documents from the solicitor. The clerk had received an invoice from the solicitor for £930.00. This had been paid. The Parish Council were still waiting for the documents to be sent.

## 5634 Hall Survey

The Hall Survey had been carried out on Wednesday 2 September 2020 by TV Shaw Limited. The clerk was still waiting for the report to be sent. The clerk would email councillors with the completed report when it was received. Councillors agreed that the grant received from the council in 2020 of £10k should be spent on improvements to the hall.

Action: the clerk to email councillors with the completed report.

#### 5635 Parish Council Vacancies

There had been interest shown in the vacancies which would be confirmed at the next meeting following councillor discussions.

#### 5636 To Receive Items for Information

There we no items for information.

#### **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

## 5637 Financial Position 11 September 2020

The clerk had circulated to Councillors the latest financial position of the Parish Council which related to 11 September 2020.

The financial position was noted and approved by Councillors.

#### 5638 Grants 2020-21

At the last meeting in September 2020 councillors had agreed the grant funding for 2020-21. The total amount that would be paid to Organisations/Groups would be £5380.00. Once the cheques had been authorised the clerk would contact the successful applicants. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there would be no invitation to successful applicants to attend the Parish meeting. The clerk would also ask applicants show some formal recognition of the contributions made by the Parish Council.

#### 5639 Annual Accounts for the Parish Hall

As Trustees of the Parish Hall there was a requirement for councillors to receive an audited set of accounts from the Hall Committee on an annual basis. The Receipts and Payments Account showed a balance of funds at September 2020 of £15561.24.

Councillors noted the Receipts and Payments Accounts and the closing bank balance.

## 5640 Clerks Annual Salary Review

At this point the clerk left the meeting so that councillors could discuss the Annual Salary Review. Councillors agreed to increase the salary by £200 per annum. The clerk re-joined the meeting and thanked councillors for the salary increase.

## 5641 Date and Time of Next Meeting

**RESOLVED:** that the next meeting of Livesey Parish Council will take place on **Friday 9 October 2020 at 7.30pm** at Livesey Parish Community Hall, York Terrace, Feniscowles, Blackburn.