

Minutes of Rivington Parish Council held on Monday, May 21st 2018

at 7pm in Rivington Chapel

Present

Cllr Steven Jones (Chair)

Cllr Mrs L Berry, Cllr R Wilson, Cllr D Jones, Cllr T James-Ellett and Cllr V McCully.

Mrs Olive Fisher (Clerk)

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J.B Keenan and Cty Cllr Kim Snape

Disclosures of personal and prejudicial issues

Cllr S Jones reminded everyone that he is a member of Rivington Heritage Trust

18/11

Chair 2018/19

Cllr Steven Jones is happy to continue to chair our meetings.

Cllr Rob Wilson is happy to continue as Vice Chair.

All agreed with these appointments

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Representatives of Outside Bodies

Shaw's Trust Mrs Olive Fisher and Mrs Lisa Harris (Rivington Resident)

Riv and Blackrod Trustees Cllr Mrs Lynne Berry

Rivington Heritage Trust Cllr S Jones

18/13

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr L Berry and seconded by Cllr S Jones.

18/14

Matters arising

Web Site

Cllr V McCully reported that Craig Porch is still interested in helping out.

Cllr T James-Ellett will help Cllr V Mc Cully with Facebook entries.

Deer Signs

This suggestion was rejected because there is no evidence that deer are causing accidents.

18/15

Police Matters

Cllr David Jones reported that some York stones had been stolen from the former Headmaster's house on Rivington Village Green. Also that motor bikers are riding in a dangerous fashion on the road that leads to the Upper Barn. Cllr Trevor James-Ellett had also witnessed this .It was suggested that a Whats App Group was formed. The Chairman asked Cllr D Jones to initiate this.

Unrestricted

18/16

Lever Park update

Andrew Ryding had answered the Clerk's request for a United Utilities update report.

The report had been forwarded to all of the Parish Councillors.

Cllr S Jones gave a general report about the work that Rivington Heritage Trust is undertaking.

There is a 10 months' programme in operation.

More companies are getting involved. There are Sub Groups, Strategic Groups, Sponsoring Groups and many volunteers.

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Public Participation

None

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Reports from Outside Bodies

No one had anything to report

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Planning Application

18/00382/FULHH

Hall Brook, Rivington Lane

The Parish Councillors are concerned about this application for elevational alterations to facilitate the conversion of 2 outbuildings to form 2 residential annexes.

Cllr S Jones has written to the Planning Officer to express our concerns and to ask for clarification.

He has not received an answer as yet,

18/20

Finance

A cheque was signed for BHIB Ltd our new insurers. The documents were studied and it was decided that the 3 years' opt in should be taken advantage of. £333.53

LALC Subs 2018/19 40.49

Rivington Chapel hire of room for 3 meetings. 60.00

Bromilows Florist –plants for the Village Green planters. 40.00

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Any other business

The Rivington Festival on MAY 12TH was a huge success.

The stall holders were pleased to have taken part as the Parish Councillors present evidenced. Approximately £1000.00 was raised for the various charities. Even the weather behaved.

The Bennet Singers and a trio from the Rosemere Operatic Society entertained in the Chapel during the afternoon and a Play was performed in the Chapel in the evening.

Cllr Mc Cully told us that approx £492 was taken on the Chapel stalls. The other stall holders were pleased with the takings. There was a happy atmosphere and it is hoped that this will become an annual event with more organisations participating.

Everyone thanked Cllr McCully for his excellent organisation.

AOB Continued

Parish Council Village Green plans 2018

Cllr Steve Jones asked everyone present to consider how we could make the village look more attractive and how we could do more maintenance to the Village Green wall.

He asked everyone to consider the following:-

Finish the retaining wall works to the smaller Green where the Notice Board stands.

Consider stepping stones from the post box to the notice board.

Consider developing a Village Green lectern outlining the History of Rivington with particular mention of the gift to the people of Bolton by Lord Leverhulme of Lever Park by statute.

According to The Good Councillors' Guide to Finance and Transparency.

Reserves of 3 -12 months' expenditure – ours being £2000.00 approx we need to invest some of our money in the village.

Higher than 12 months is considered that local electors have paid a tax which is not being used for the benefit of the local community.

The meeting closed at 10 to 9

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 30th 2018 in the Chapel at 7pm.