

Minutes of Rivington Parish Council held on Monday, July 30th 2018
at 7pm in Rivington Chapel

Present

Cllr S Jones (Chair)

Cllr J.B. Keenan, Cllr T James-Ellett, Cllr V McCully, Cllr R Wilson and

Cllr Mrs E.J. Berry.

Mrs O Fisher (Clerk)

Craig Porch (Web site)

Stephen Berry (Rivington Resident)

Apologies were received from

Cty Cllr Kim Snape and Cllr D Jones

Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Issues

Cllr S Jones declared that he is a member of Rivington Heritage Trust.

18/22

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

Proposed by Cllr V McCully and seconded by Cllr T James-Ellett.

18/23

Matters arising

Craig Porch was present at the meeting to explain the work he has done so far with the Parish Council's Web Site.

A draft Web Site is in existence and this will be expanded as information is received.

Everything is being designed in conjunction with Parish Council Web sites.

Cllr S Jones has been in contact with a builder/gardener who gave an estimate of £450.00 to carry out the work that needs doing to the smaller Village Green.

Cllr D Jones had sent his apologies and was not present at the meeting so no update was given with regard to the Whats App Group.

Cllr S Jones had received no reply from the Planning Office with regard to the Planning Application and the concerns of the people of the village. It was noted that the work applied for had begun.

Cllr Mrs Berry had continued her search for the banners to advertise the Spring Festival without success. New ones will be needed for 2019.

Cllr McCully and Cllr T James-Ellett have started a Facebook Page.

18/24

Police Matters

There have been several complaints with regard to Iron Man. This event will continue because it is a very profitable event for the organisers even though it is very disruptive for the village of Rivington. Each participant pays £500.00.

18/25

Lever Park update

Cllr Keenan has done extensive work to try to amend Historic England's incorrect entry with regard to Lever Park.

The duly filled in form is now ready to be posted and will be done so by the Clerk post haste.

Andrew Ryding from United Utilities had sent an update as is usual. This had been circulated to all of the Parish Councillors. It contained a detailed account of the horrendous fire on Winter Hill and the disruption and concern that it caused. Fire fighters tackled the blaze for days and night on end.

18/26

Public Participation

Mr Berry elaborated on the disruption that the Iron Man event causes each year to the residents of Rivington.

Several complaints have been received by the Parish Church Council Committee about the bright blue notice board that has been installed near the Church. This has cost £3200.00 and it is felt that it is not in keeping with the surroundings.

18/27

Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr S Jones gave a general update with regards to the work of the Heritage Trust and the Friends of the Terraced Gardens. He will find out how much information he is allowed to share with the Parish Councillors. The Winter Hill fires have caused extensive damage to the surrounding area of the Gardens. The Terraced Gardens are still closed to the public at the moment. The 10 months' programme and the work to be carried out by the volunteers has had to be put on hold.

18/28

Planning

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Extension to Rivington and Blackrod High School Sports Hall.

No objections.

18/29

Finance

The Clerk reported that the accounts had been audited internally.

The Certificate of Exemption has been sent to Pkf Littlejohn, the external auditors.

The Clerk produced a letter she had received from Horwich Heritage with regard to the renovation of the pillars that were erected in 1938 at the entrance of Lever Park Avenue.

The plinth at the bottom of one of the bases is broken and the lettering needs attention. The road will have to be closed off for 2 days at least. The estimated cost is approximately £4500.00. Donations have been received from various sources.

It was agreed that a cheque for £250.00 should be signed as our contribution.

18/30

Correspondence

Whenever correspondence is received via the internet, the clerk always forwards relevant material to all of the Parish Councillors.

A Local Government Boundary Commission poster has been received for display in the Notice Board. This was forwarded and also displayed. An explanation was given by Chorley Council as to the proposed electoral review changes. Comments were asked for.

18/31

Any other business

Cllr McCully had been asked if it was possible to hold a service of thanksgiving in Rivington Chapel in appreciation of the work of the firemen during the Winter Hill fires. Permission was readily agreed and the service had been well attended.

Bookings of Rivington Parish Church Hall for future Spring Festivals

This year's Spring Festival benefitted from fine weather.

Cllr McCully has had the foresight to contact the committee of Rivington Parish Church to ask if the Parish Hall could be used in the event of inclement weather.

Cooperation has been agreed and the hall has been booked as follows.

11am-4.30pm SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019

11am-4.30pm SATURDAY, 9th MAY 2020

11am-4.30pm SATURDAY, 8th MAY 2021

11am-4.30pm SATURDAY, 14th MAY 2022

The meeting closed at 9pm

The next meeting was fixed for Monday, October 22nd 2018 at 7pm in Rivington Chapel.