**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL Agenda Item 4**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at The Rainhall Centre, Barnoldswick

**Cllr Mike Whittingham, Chairman**

**Present**

Councillors: Marjorie Adams, David Whipp, Chris Church, Callum Hird, Lindsay Gaskell, Ken Hartley Mick Strickland, John Rose Parker, Tom Whipp, Mandy Boardman & Jayne Mills

**21/33 Apologies for Absence**

Councillors: Emma West & Jodie Hoyle

**21/34 Declarations of Interest**

None declared

**21/35 Open Forum**

No emails were received and no questions were asked via the YouTube broadcast.

**21/36 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 16th June 2021 and of the informal meetings held on the 14th July 2021 and the 25th August 2021 be approved as a correct record

**An urgent agenda item was brought to the Chairman who duly confirmed this be included**

**21/37 Financial Matters**

To confirm approval of payments made by the Town Clerk to the Council since the last meeting of the Council and to delegate consent for payments to be made prior to the next meeting of the Council. That the Council note that a payment of £1230 has been agreed under the delegated authority given in June to make urgent repairs to a piece of play equipment at Harrison Street play area.

**Resolved:** That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting. To note the information about the urgent payment.

**21/38 Grant Application**

**Resolved:** To agree to the grant of £1000 towards mowing equipment for Rolls Royce Bowling Club and to write to them to advise if they are not successful in securing all the outside funding that the Town Council would allow a second application in the next 12 months.

**21/39 Asset Transfers from Pendle BC**

The Council received a verbal report on the meeting with Pendle BC regarding further transfers. He outlined that the Council needed to think very carefully about taking on additional facilities and services as this would adversely affect precept. The facilities and services on offer were Town Centre Sweeping, local car parks, cemeteries, sports pitches and miscellaneous pieces of land.

**Resolved**: To not take any additional services or facilities on at this time but will reconsider at a later date. To ask Pendle if the current situation is equitable around the borough.

**21/40 Town Green Path**

The path is currently approx.. 4ft wide with no passing places. Looking to widen and put benches in (benches previously agreed). Bloom have been considering installing a more decorative path based on the fact there were previously railway sleepers on the site. Looking to line the existing path with a new entrance from the war memorial. Could include as part of the heritage trail.

**Resolved**: To support he widening of the path and to look at the Bloom Project. Come back to Full Council with design and costs prior to approval of works.

**21/41 Tree Reports**

**Resolved:** To allocate a budget of £5000 for the works. To look at working on a day rate. Small working group: Ken, Tom and David**.** Action urgent ones.

**21/42 Town Square (taken as an urgent item by the Chairman)**

LCC funded the pavement work and there was a discussion about the dropped kerb outside Barlick Bites. The contractors have had to take up the ones opposite as LCC would not approve the use of the material. LCC insisted that the existing ones are removed and replaced with granite textured flags.

**Resolved:** To contact Pendle BC and advise we are unhappy that the flags that have been laid at the cost of the Town Council are being removed. To request that the original request for metal studs be re-looked at as the area is a conservation area.

**21/43 Outdoor Gym (taken as an urgent item by the Chairman)**

The grant application was heard at the WCAC meeting and declined.

**Resolved:** To request that the application be re-looked at at the next meeting of WCAC.

**21/44 Correspondence/Items for information**

No items were received

**Approved as a correct record of the above meeting**

**Signed………………………………………………………**

**Date…………………………………………………………**

**Cllr Mike Whittingham – Chair of the Full Council**

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