**Agenda Item 4**

**BARNOLDSWICK TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th December, 2020 by Zoom

**Cllr Tom Whipp, Chairman**

**Present**

Councillors David Whipp, Jodie Hoyle, Mike Whittingham, Chris Church , Marjorie Adams, Ken Hartley, Jayne Mills, John Rose Parker & Emma West

**20/38 Apologies for Absence**

Mike Pearce& Lindsay Gaskell

**20/39 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**20/40 Open Forum**

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

**20/41 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on the 7th October 2020 be approved as a correct record

**20/42 Committee/Working Groups reports**

**GP 18th November 2020**

Proposal to provide temporary cover outside the shops. Initially looked at hiring these but the total cost was too high. This would not qualify for the European Funding. Taking advice on what this can be used for. We would need 10 pop ups in total. Concerns raised about people gathering under them and how to manage social distancing.

**Resolved:** To delegate authority to the Clerk to get quotes to take total number up to 10. Look at costs of branding them. Delegate authority to Clerk to purchase these in consultation with Council members.

Letcliffe Park – Yorkshire Water Planned works – no movement on this since the last meeting.

**20/43 Financial Matters**

1. 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
2. To advise the Town Council that a grant previously given to The Rainhall Centre has been returned due to the project not progressing at the moment.

**Resolved:** That authority be delegated to the Town Clerk to make payments up to the next Full Council meeting.

That the grant be re-allocated to the Town Centre improvement works.

**20/44 Completion of the External Audit**

The External Auditors have stated that the Annual Governance Statement was approved before the year end. The Clerk did this on the instruction of the previous Internal Auditor.

**Resolved:** To note the information from the External Auditor.

**20/45 Dog Area – Victory Park & Letcliffe Park**

Pendle BC have received one official complaint about Victory Park. The complaint was read out.

DW stated that there were two issues. In 2015 the Town Council has requests from dog owners for a fenced off area so the Council installed one at Letcliffe Park. This is for public use but not suitable for exercising large dogs. This was generally well received so a similar one has been installed at Victory Park.

Seperately Pendle BC began PSPO consultation. It was decided to exclude dogs from play areas and MUGAs. Also anywhere that cars park and sports pitches. Almost all Victory Park is sports pitches. Pendle BC have also brought in a private enforcement company which can fine people for dropping litter but also for having dogs off their leads. This has all been conflated in to discussions about the dog exercise area. The Councillors on Barnoldswick Town Council voted against the fixed penalty fines but did not have a majority and this was brought in.

There is further work to be done but the height of the fencing is not being increased. The idea was for a dog training area rather than a dog exercise area. The fenced off area is a dog training area rather than a dog exercise area.

**Letcliffe Park –** gate area is not good.

**Resolved:** To make representation to Pendle BC that we no longer want the District Enforcement in our parks.

Letcliffe Park – to get quotes to install a hexacrete area in the gateway. Ask Pendle BC to contribute towards the costs.

**20/46 Grant Application**

An application has been received from Barnoldswick Town Junior Football Club for a grant towards replacing the fencing between their ground and the park. The cricket club is also looking to replace theirs and the Town Council need fencing for the top of the retaining wall at the entrance to the Cricket and Football Club.

**Resolved:** The Town Council welcome the application. Clerk to work with both clubs and Pendle BC. Delegate authority to get scheme started subject to consulation with Councillors on costs.

**20/47 To receive applications for co-option of two Town Councillors.**

Each member of the Town Council was asked to rank their choices from 1-7, these were taken and fed in to an app.

**Resolved:** That Callum Hird and Mick Strickland fill the two vacancies on the Town Council. They are to fill in their declarations of Acceptance of Office.

**20/48 Report from the Buildings Working Group**

The recommendations were: storage outside lift for groups, electrics need looking at, the remaining painting needs doing in the hallways, blinds needed in the lounge, chairs needed for the ballroom, internet in all public areas, heating needs looking at.

**Resolved:** To agree to the works in principal. Look at the heating. Control from off site.

**20/49 Correspondence/Items for information**

During the meeting the following questions were asked by members of the public:

Could the pop ups be used for community/public events?

Good idea would need some formal agreement.

Could the area in the cenotaph be tidied professionally?

The area is owned by Pendle BC – we could ask them to do some power washing

Why weren’t the names of the people who applied for the positions read out?

We needed to add a box to allow permission for this. This will be added to the application form to allow this in future.

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

**Signed………………………………………………………**

**Date…………………………………………………………**

**Cllr Tom Whipp – Chair of the Full Council**

**The next meeting of the Full Council will be held on 13th January 2021**

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