# Tarleton Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Carr Lane, Tarleton**

**Present**
Cllrs. Baybutt; R Bryan; S Bryan; Mee; Cookson and Eminson.
Two members of the public were present. Rachel Crompton from Lancashire County Council was present.

**2022/096 Chairman's welcome and opening remarks**
The Chairman Cllr S Bryan welcomed everyone to the meeting

**2022/097 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. R Evans; M Evans; Latham; Sutton; Wareing and McDiarmid

**2022/098 Notifications of Interests:** None

**2022/099 Minutes of the last meeting**
It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2022 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**2022/100 Flooding Issues**
Rachel Crompton from Lancashire County Council attended to discuss flooding issues in the Parish and advised:

**The Gravel, Mere Brow:** There is an issue with flooding at this site with culverted water course and it's in the waiting list for repair but this is currently sitting at number 6 in the queue.

**Sollom:-** A wayward gully behind School Houses is often missed by the gully wagon. As soon as it is reported it will be dealt with and Rachel encouraged this to be reported as soon as it was necessary. The best contact in these situations is Martin Donnelly.

Rachel discussed her role in flooding matters in which her responsibility is to ensure landowners are keeping up with their liabilities, such as ditch clearance. Flooding at Carr Lane was discussed and it was proposed that a meeting with Rachel, the Councillors and some colleagues from LCC including Highways would be arranged so that appropriate measures can be explored to relieve the water retention at Carr Lane and in particular the playing fields.

**2022/101 Clerks Report (for information only)**

a) The Clerk reported that there had been a flood at the Pavilion due to hard frost in the pipes and this had damaged the ceilings of changing rooms 1-5. The Clerk advised that the insurers had been informed and a claim was underway. As a result of the flooding the heating has needed to be used more and it was advised a larger than usual gas bill is expected.
b) The Clerk reported that it was hoped the remaining two SPIDs would be erected in the next few weeks.
c) The Clerk reported that there had been a claim submitted for the replacement bus stop on Hesketh Lane outside TCP.
d) The Clerk advised that an accounting error had been noticed in pension payments and as such this has now been rectified and brought to balance.

**2022/102 Parish Council Working Groups**

a) The Council heard that the Cricket Club and Football club are continuing to obtain quotes for the proposed changes to changing room 6.
b) Estates Management Group - nothing to report
c) Communications Group – nothing to report
d) Finance Group – proposed budget to be discussed later in agenda
e) The Clerk and Cllr R Bryan have scheduled a meeting with MBVH
f) Planning Working Group – nothing to report

**2022/103 Financial Matters**

(a) It was resolved that the payments listed should be approved. £

(b) Items of income received since last meeting:
None.

(c) Parish Council's financial position to 31 December 2022 was noted

(d) Members reviewed fees and charges for 2023/24 and resolved to amend in line with similar venues in the local area. They are attached as a scheduled to these minutes.

(e) Budget and setting of precept 2023/24:

i. It was noted that the reserves had been depleted into supporting the Parish Council expenditure due to the impact of the Covid-19 since the financial year of 2020/21 and the previous year. The Council had offered rent holidays to its tenants and frozen a loan repayment from MBVH.
ii. Members resolved that, given the current economic climate and the increased costs of utilities, the parish precept for 2023/24 would need to be raised to support future projects in the community. The precept was agreed at £89,474.
iii. The budget for 2023/24 drafted by the Finance Group was agreed. The detailed budget is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
iv. Reserves included circa £36,250 remaining from the sale of the former Over 60's Club which are required to be "ring-fenced" for capital projects and CiL monies (£273,830) that equally should not be used to fund day to day revenue items. Some of these CIL monies will be available to improve playgrounds, install spids and benches in the community.

**2022/104 Planning Matters**

Weekly planning applications considered:

a) 2022/1224/FUL 4 Fulwood Avenue, Tarleton, Preston, Lancashire PR4 6RP
b) 2022/1227/FUL Huntapac Produce Ltd, 293 Blackgate Lane, Tarleton Preston Lancashire

2022/1224/FUL – it was heard that this application has been subject to previous complaints as renovations were causing an issue in respect of this being part of a conservation area. It was resolved that Cllr Mee would call this in.

It was resolved that no representation should be made on the other application.

**2022/105 Correspondence**
There was no correspondence to discuss.

**2022/106 Next Meeting**
The date and location for the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th March 2023 at 7.30pm at the **Pavilion, Carr Lane.**