

Notes for April Meeting

March Minutes

Cllr Beswick, Cllr's D&C Storey, Cllr Hodgson, Cllr McBeth – March minutes approved

County Councillor Report

Idea of local place names as suggested by Sarah at the last meeting– should I pass this idea onto the Garden Festival? They could maybe add it to a competition in their catalogue next year?

Cllr Cockburn-Price – is this something that could be done in the current climate to make 'daily exercise' interesting?

Cllr Crompton thinks it's a good idea to pass this onto the Garden Festival for next year as an additional activity.

Information regarding the Pendle Community Support Hub received. Details from the combined efforts of the Church, Surgery and my input have been forwarded to both LCC and PBC for addition to their database of local support groups.

Lengthsman

The step at Old Chelsea has been repaired. Photo's sent to Tom Partridge who has thanked me for arranging this and carrying out the work. It cost around £30.

Cllr Beswick - Glad old Chelsea been repaired & cheap too !

Cllr MacDonald – Superb – good value for money

Cllr Hodgson – good job, well done

Cllr Crompton - £30? Great, thank you

NWIB

Pictures received from Liz of the Community Bench at the back of the shop and library. Published on website and Facebook with thanks given to the Councillors for funding.

The NWIB competition has been cancelled for this year.

Bev would like approval of improvement works at the Peace Garden. There has always been an issue with the drainage, and the area is always very boggy. Bev's spoken to Andrew who has estimated that the cost to do proper drainage on the area will be around £400. Does everyone agree with this? As the NWIB competition has been cancelled, there will be little spend by the team, and we have upped the budget for this year. Andrew would complete the works as part of his lengthsman hours.

Cllr Beswick - I Agree with nwib £400 drainage repair in peace garden.

Cllr MacDonald – Yes

Cllr Hodgson – This is fine, but we need to ensure the water is drained appropriately, and not onto the highway.

Cllr Crompton – agree to the project and cost

Bev and Adele have put in a bid to the Borough Councillors for tools required by the group.

Cllr Beswick - Good idea about the tools bid as well.

Cllr MacDonald – supports this

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Cllr Hodgson – excellent idea.

CAC

Postponed

Sarah is waiting for some information on how the dismissed appeals will be handled by PBC.

Cllr Cockburn-Price – Planning is currently on the back-burner as staff has been deployed elsewhere. It will be picked up when everyone is back to their normal positions.

Neighbourhood Plan Local List

Group members met in March and have made good progress. They hope to be able to submit the completed forms to Pendle Council for consideration in April. Adele and John have met since and decided to not pursue 3 of the assets as we have received no information from one of the group members. Adele has formatted the documents and sent them out to group members for their approval prior to submission to Pendle Council. The document is 96 pages long. Once it has been tweaked and is ready to submit to PBC, I will forward to all Councillors.

Cllr MacDonald – thanked Adele for all the work she has put into producing the completed document.

Cllr Crompton – Excellent. Thanks to all involved

Allotments/Garages

Guidance sent out to tenants regarding accessing allotments. Guidance received from The National Allotments Society.

Volunteers Sheet

I've created one – I'll distribute when things get back to some sort of normal!

Ball Grove

Adele has spoken to Kieron Roberts at Pendle Council about the remedial works. He will speak to Philip and work out a plan of action for the works to be carried out.

Assets of Community Value

Confirmation received that all of the nominated assets have been approved and added to the list of assets of community value.

Cllr Hodgson – well done for getting these added. They really are valuable assets.

Swim Passes

The first session of funded swimming for primary school pupils was due to happen at Easter. All pools closed due to the Covid 19 situation and schools being closed. This should continue later in the year.

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Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Adele has contacted LALC and advised that she is interested in attending the CiLCA course. The current one has been postponed but they have made a note of the people who are interested.

Cllr Crompton – I think it's a good plan for Adele to go on this course.

Remembrance Day Arrangements

Adele to complete the template for Pendle Council and produce the map. Paul – can you do your report again and forward to me so that we can submit to Pendle for approval?

New CCTV

After speaking to the Police, they think that the 3 locations suggested by the Parish Council are all worth considering. They think that if the PC is looking at doing one initial area, with other areas to follow, we should look at the top of Church Street as a priority?

Cllr Hodgson – Yes, this is a priority route to monitor. Please get things moving

Cllr Beswick - Yes, cctv, I fully back that going ahead.

Cllr MacDonald - I think so. Church has been targeted with graffiti in the past and burnley road/mirage provide 'quick' routes out the village.

Cllr Crompton – Yes agrees that Church Street is a priority

Unadopted back streets

Adele has done a quick tally on the suggestion that the unadopted back streets in the Parish could be repaired at the cost of the Parish Council. There are almost 13 miles of unadopted back streets, and taking the recommended cost for levelling them and tarmacking them, it would cost in the region of £5.9 million pounds.

Cllr MacDoanld - also we would have to pay for ones already done... and then upkeep them.

Cllr Crompton – This is totally out of the question!

Map of interesting places

Adele has contacted Cllr McBeth and asked that he progress this. Cllr McBeth has agreed.

Drug taking paraphernalia at Cotton Tree

Adele has reported this to the Police.

Colne Road collapse

The footpath is yet to be repaired, but has been inspected by a bridge engineer. A replacement street light has been erected. The bridge is safe; no date of when work will be carried out.

Cllr Hodgson – thank you for the update Adele, I'm glad that this is safe.

Rear of Cotton Tree Lane

Response received from Andrew Stephenson MP to advise he's spoken to the contractors, and they have reiterated that, as work was not carried out to the rear of Cotton Tree Lane, they feel that they are not responsible for vehicles choosing to use it and the subsequent pot holes.

Parish Matters

Do Councillors think that the invoices for sponsorship, garage and allotment tenancies should be sent out? They are ready to go.

Cllr Beswick - sponsorship planters- maybe could wait a while, as local businesses may not have cash or priorities at moment due to current situation, but maybe others know otherwise. Allotments and Garages could be sent out however.

Cllr MacDonald - Yes and no. Theyre not going to go away, but perhaps we could do a covering letter (especially to businesses) in light of corona.... Some people may want to sponsor again but not have income at the moment.

Cllr Crompton – yes, I think they should be sent. Thank you Adele.

We've been invited to nominate any volunteer groups for the Queen's Volunteer Awards. We nominated the Community Centre Trustees last year already.

Cllr MacDonald - I don't know what the crietrai ais but as we have made it into NALC – could we put forward these volunteers??

We have made it into the 'NALC Coronavirus case studies' document. I replied with the information requested and appear to be the only one from Lancashire who has responded. It states:

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Trawden Forest Parish Council

Electorate: 3,000

Precept: £52,922

Expenditure: £61,000

In association with the local church, doctor's surgery and community shop, Trawden Forest Parish Council have set up a helpline for people to contact should they require any assistance. A group of volunteers will then be contacted, so one person has one contact with a volunteer. Currently, the council is coordinating roughly 50 volunteers to shop, talk to people, collect prescriptions or help in any way that they can.

<https://www.trawdenparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Remote Meetings

It has been approved that remote meetings will be allowed – should they be required - to be held remotely until May 2021. There is no need to hold our annual general meeting/annual parish meeting. All officers in posts (ie Chair, co-optees for other meetings) will continue for the next 12 months unless they do not wish to continue.

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Cllr MacDonald - I wish to continue

I will ask that Councillors respond by email, to questions on the notes sent out, as these must be recorded and published. If Councillors feel the need for video meetings, please let me know and we will arrange this.

Cllr MacDonald. NO need from me

Cllr Crompton - If needed, then that's fine by me.

Finance

The approval of the year end accounts can be done via email, but the official completed audit date has been extended for now. I am currently unsure as to when the documents will need to be completed and submitted, but the figures for Y/E 31/3/2020 are attached.

Cllr Crompton – All year end accounts look fine. Thank you Adele

Planning

Decision that the appeal for the garage at Thornlea to have uPVC windows and doors has been allowed.

There are no new planning applications to comment on.

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