

Present: Mr.D.Robertson (Chairman),
Mnes. Robinson, Stone, Waterworth,
Messrs. Bleasdale, Foulkes, Haley, Hodgson, Hounslow.
Two members of the public.
Mr.A.Spencer (Colne Times).
Mrs.N.M.Darcy, secretary.

1. APOLOGIES: No apologies received.
2. MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 24th February approved and adopted.
3. MATTERS ARISING: Church 140th Anniversary - It was agreed to donate £10 to the Flower Festival from the Social Fund.
Pendle Re-employment Project Ltd. - No reply as yet to our request for financial assistance to improve 'Chelsea' but Mr.Spencer said that the Policy & Resources Committee are putting it on a list of schemes to be considered for next year.
Land at Well Head - Mr.Foulkes is contacting the Citizens Advice Bureau for advice on registration of the land at Well Head, Winewall. The Chairman referred to notes received from the Lancashire Parish & Town Councils advising that literature is available on acquisition by Councils of ownerless land and also that a meeting is to be held on 8th April which Mr.Foulkes said he would try to attend.
Dogs - Mrs.Stone complained about a labrador dog roaming loose in the Colne Road area, she has made enquiries but has been unable to determine ownership. It was agreed that Mrs.Stone should contact the dog warden.
Footpath Map - The footpath map has now been erected on the front elevation of the Community Hall and a vote of thanks was expressed to Mr.Stone in appreciation of the work he had done in constructing the frame.
4. CORRESPONDENCE: Circulars from:-
 - Pendle & District Sports Council,
 - Community Council of Lancashire News,
 - Community Health Council,
 - Trip North West (Transport Research Information Partnership),
 - Councillor M. Landriau headed 'Save Hartley Hospital',
 - North West Arts,
 - Leisure Services with new hire charges for halls which are up 15%,
 - Pendle Parish & Town Councils advising of meeting on 19th March which the Chairman attended. He said it had been agreed at that meeting to return the donations received for the community bus project.
 - Planning Application for change of use from house to dental laboratory at Lane House.
 - Proposed Pendle Way - Letter and maps from Pendle Borough Council asking for views on a draft route for the proposed Pendle Way. It is hoped to undertake a programme of work on stiles, gates etc. commencing this summer with the Pendle Way opening in the summer of 1987. After discussion it was agreed to confirm to the Council that as far as this area is concerned the footpath is acceptable along the proposed route.
 - Expenditure - Letter from the Borough Treasurer asking for details of the amount required for the coming year and of the balance in hand at 31st March, 1986.
- 4a. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer read out the balance sheet for 1985/6 and stated that the balance in hand is £52.68. Mrs.Stone suggested changing the account to an abatement account at the Midland Bank to avoid bank charges and it was agreed to leave the matter to Mrs.Stone to deal with and report back at the next meeting. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for presenting the balance sheet and for the effort and efficiency in handling the accounts.

5. SOCIAL EVENTS:

Dance 8th March - The dance held on the 8th March proved highly successful and all agreed it was a most enjoyable evening, with a profit of £52.40.

Village Show 5th October - A meeting was held at the Sun Inn on the 17th March attended by Mr. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Darcy when it was agreed to buy two more trophies, a Junior Cup and a Family Cup, and also decided to introduce a Best Kept Garden competition. It is planned to hold another meeting during May.

6. REVISION OF MINUTES:

Planning application from Probation Service for outdoor centre at Coldwell; Mr. Hodgson expressed reservations about the scheme.

Chipping Depot - Fencing still not repaired and it was decided to write again to the County Council pointing out that the work is still outstanding.

Pavements - Mr. Hounslow said that the line of the footpath as it crosses the bottom of Dean Street is impassable in wet weather and pedestrians have to either walk along the road or turn onto Dean Street to cross over the street end. Resolved to write to the Borough Engineer asking him to make an inspection during wet weather.

Church 140th Anniversary - Mrs. Stone said she wished to make it clear that our £10 donation would be used solely for the purchase of flowers for the Festival. She also asked for a volunteer to represent the Neighbourhood Council at meetings of the Flower Festival; Mrs. Robinson said she would try to attend.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Stone complained about recent reporting in the Press and Mr. Spencer said he would pass on her comments to the person concerned.

Mrs. Stone also mentioned that a resident of Winewall had told her that lorries parking in the Cottontree area did not constitute a nuisance.

Reference was made to earlier mention of various types of literature available from the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils which may be of interest to us, and it was decided to write asking for any notes which may prove useful.

Mr. Haley proposed that we should ask for consideration of improvement to the tram tracks as the cobbles are starting to disintegrate. It was therefore resolved to approach Mr. Aspden from the Pendle Re-employment Project and ask him to inspect the tram tracks between the Council Office and the bus terminus and prepare an estimate for renovation of the sets and surrounding areas, also tree planting replace the dead trees, a copy of the letter to be sent to the Planning Officer.

Concern was expressed at the state of the road at Hollin Hall which is badly tilted to one side causing cars to slide into the wall in icy conditions, the situation being aggravated by parked cars on the good side of the road. Resolved to write to the manager of Bairdtext asking for permission for residents of Hollin Hall to park their cars in the top car park of the mill during inclement weather.

Mrs. Robinson asked if repairs could be made to two potholes on Colne Road outside Nos. 17 and 25; the secretary to telephone the Gas Board.

Mrs. Stone said that the cover was missing from a stop tap on Dogbottom bridge which could cause an accident; the Water Board to be notified.

Mr. Foulkes said that the entrance to the recreation ground is in a dangerous state. One gatepost is lying on the ground and on the other side the wall has come away from the gatepost and is in danger of collapsing. Letter to be sent to Leisure Services pointing out the state of the entrance and asking what plans have been made with regard to the proposed extension of the car park.

The meeting closed at 9-45 p.m.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, 28th April 1986, at 7-30 p.m.