

Minutes of Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 12 June 2014, starting at 6.30pm

Present:

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	I Sayers
R Hargreaves	G Scott
R Newmark	D Taylor
L Rimmer	N C Walsh
M Robinson	

Parish Representatives:

Pat Young	Balderstone
A Schofield	Clayton-le-Dale
B Redhead	Clayton-le-Dale
R Assheton	Downham
P Entwistle	Grindleton
F Priest	Longridge
A Steer	Osbaldeston
J Shorter	Sabden
A Haworth	Sabden
M Highton	Whalley
J Bremner	Wilpshire
T Gaffney	Wilpshire
A Wright	Wiswell

In attendance: Chief Executive, Head of Regeneration and Housing, Partnership Officer.

98 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Parish Councillor Pat Young (Balderstone) be appointed as Chairman of this Committee for 2014/15.

99 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: Councillor D Taylor be appointed as Vice Chairman of this Committee for 2014/15.

100 BRUCE DOWLES

The Chairman asked the meeting to observe a minute's silence in memory of Bruce Dowles, Clerk to Bolton-by-Bowland who had died recently.

101 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillor R Swarbrick and from the following Parish Representatives:

H Douglas	Chatburn
A Yearling	Clitheroe
T Hoyle	Dinckley
K Hutton	Grindleton
T Nelson	Ramsgreave
G Meloy	Simonstone
C Ansbro	Thornley with Wheatley
K Staines	Waddington
K Jackson	Waddington
J Brown	Whalley

Councillors not in attendance were Councillors P Dowson and C Ross.

102 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2014 were approved as a correct record with the inclusion of Councillor M Robinson on the attendance list and a correction to the spelling of the surname of N Highton. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

103 MATTERS ARISING

The Chief Executive referred to Minute 700 of the meeting held on 27 March 2014 and reminded parishes to indicate where they wanted their commemorative oak tree to be planted within their particular village. He commented that the Council had so far received 28 replies but there was still a few outstanding.

104 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PARISH COUNCILS

(a) Clayton-le-Dale – Green Waste Collections

A Parish Representative from Clayton-le-Dale sought an assurance from the Borough Council that they had no current or future plans to introduce charges for green waste collections.

The Chief Executive referred to on-going discussions with Lancashire County Council on recycling credits which may affect the Borough Council's income in the future. However the Chief Executive did state that there were no current plans to introduce charges for green waste collections.

(b) Sabden Parish Council – Satnavs

A Parish Representative from Sabden asked for an update on this matter which had been discussed a number of months ago. The Chief Executive

replied that whilst a response had been received from one of the Satnav companies it was not particularly helpful. Other Parish Representatives commented on their experience of Satnavs within their particular village, particularly in relation to heavy goods vehicles.

(c) Community Strategy

The Head of Regeneration and Housing and Partnership Officer sought Parish Council views on certain elements of the emerging Community Strategy. Members were asked for their views on three particular elements:

- Housing.
- Facilities.
- Local Democracy.

A very useful feedback session then ensued. The Head of Regeneration and Housing assured Parish Representatives that as the Community Strategy was being rolled out for consultation; further sessions such as this would be held to gauge the views of everyone. The Partnership Officer also offered to visit any Parish Council to discuss the Community Strategy in more detail and to assist with village projects as required.

105 FUTURE FORMAT OF THE MEETING

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that it was the intention to change the format of Parish Council's Liaisons Committee so that formal business was discussed at the start of the meeting and a more informal networking element be introduced, similar to the discussions which had just taken place on the Community Strategy.

A Member commented that it was hoped to invite a representative from the Ribble Valley Food Bank to the next meeting.

106 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman reminded Members that the next meeting of this Committee would be held on Thursday, 11 September 2014, starting at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Colin Hirst (414503).