



Parish Council - Annual Open Parish Meeting

Date:	30 May 2022		
Place:	Calder Room - Whalley Old Grammar School		
Present:	Councillors: J Brown (Chair), E Kinder, L Street, D Chiappi and L Crook		
In attendance:	Committee Clerk and two members of the public.		
Meeting started:	18:30	Meeting closed:	19:00

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. APPROVE MINUTES of the OPEN PARISH MEETING HELD on 24 MAY 2021.

Minutes of the 24/05/2021 meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIR.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the following comments:

- I am pleased to say that life in general concerning COVID-19 has much improved for everyone with the lifting of restrictions. Hopefully this will continue, and most people will be able to start living and enjoying their lives once again.
- Parish Clerk Mandy Richardson, who started work for BPC in May 2021, left in November after securing a full-time employment opportunity. After advertising the vacancy and following an interview Mike Hill started as Parish Clerk in January 2022.
- BPC has once again, had an extremely busy year with many issues to deal with. Barrow's population is still growing with the ongoing new house builds. The commercial growth is continuing, and the new units being built on Barrow Trade Park are almost complete.
- There are many ongoing issues being dealt with, many of them being difficult and time consuming. BPC are currently only allowed 5 Parish Councillor's and have requested that the number be increased to cover the work involved in our Parish. The process has been started with RVBC to allow this to happen but will take time.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish Councillor's and our Borough Councillor David Birtwhistle, for their work this year. I would also like to thank our Parish Clerk Mike Hill, for his professionalism, enthusiasm, and hard work.
- I have decided to retire as Chairman this year but will still be continuing as a Parish Councillor representing Barrow residents.

4. RECEIVE THE DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022.

The Council's draft financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 (previously circulated) were presented. These showed an opening balance of £8,975.36 as of 1 April 2021, income of £15,944.05 and expenditure of £12,535.09 leaving a balance carried forward at the year-end of 31 March 2022 of £12,384.32.

5. OPEN FORUM.

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- The dilapidated state of the old pub, the strip of road that leads to the car park (behind the old pub) and the car park itself. The parishioners were informed that the old pub and the road leading to the car park were owned by the Trafford Housing Trust who are a private (limited by guarantee) company, and that RVBC owned the car park but lease it to the Parish Council. The parishioners were also informed that discussions with the Trafford Trust regarding the old pub and the slip road are ongoing, that the Parish Council are looking to make the car park surface as safe as possible and that within the next six months the area should see a significant improvement.
- The excessive speed of vehicles using Whalley Road and Hey Road. Members acknowledged that this was an issue and would contact the office of Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner to see if measures could be introduced to mitigate the problem.
- Unsociable behaviour. Parishioners were informed that any unsociable behaviour should be reported to the police (see details below).

Clitheroe and Whalley police on 01200 458 766 or the Police Crime Prevention Officer on 01200 458 711 or the local PCSO for Barrow who is Ailsa Gill at ailsa.gill@lancashire.police.uk

Signed by Chair:

Date: