

Minutes of Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 21 June 2018, starting at 6.30pm
Present: (Chairman)

Councillors:

P Ainsworth	M Robinson
P Dobson	G Scott
P Dowson	R Sherras
L Graves	D Taylor
B Hilton	

Parish Representatives:

P Tyson	Aughton Bailey & Chaigley
S McGregor	Barrow
T Austin	Billington & Langho
E Twist	Bolton-by-Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley
R Carr	Bowland Forest (Higher)
P Brown	Chipping
P Robinson	Clitheroe
M Fenton	Clitheroe
J Parry	Hothersall
R Beecham	Longridge
M Everett	Longridge
J Bennett	Newton-in-Bowland
A Steer	Osbaldeston
S Rosthorn	Paythorne & Newsholme
S Bridge	Read
I Sayers	Ribchester
R Whittaker	Rimington & Middop
T Perry	Rimington & Middop
J Shorter	Sabden
A Haworth	Sabden
G Meloy	Simonstone
R Hirst	Simonstone
K Hodson	Slaidburn & Easington
H D Parker	Waddington
J Hilton	Waddington
R Chew	West Bradford
J Bremner	Wilpshire
S Stanley	Wiswell
M Robinson	Wiswell

In attendance: Chief Executive and Head of Environmental Health Services.

Also in attendance: Chief Inspector Jameel Murtza, Inspector Andy Winter (Lancashire Police) and County Councillor Paul Rigby (Parish Champion).

130 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED: That Parish Councillor David Peat (Simonstone) be appointed as Chairman for this Committee for 2018/19.

131 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED: That Councillor Doreen Taylor be appointed as Vice-Chairman for this Committee for 2018/19.

132 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors J Holgate, D Smith and R Swarbrick and from the following Parish Representatives:

A Schofield	Clayton-le-Dale
E Pickup	Clayton-le-Dale
J Turner	Dinckley
R Assheton	Downham
D Waters	Gisburn
J Brown	Whalley
M Highton	Whalley

133 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

134 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

135 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the last minutes.

136 REVIEW OF DOG INITIATIVES OVER THE LAST 2 YEARS

The Chief Executive submitted a report updating the Committee on initiatives that had been held over the last 2 years.

The Head of Environmental Health Services made a plea to the Parishes to support the Borough Council in its initiatives with regard to responsible dog ownership and dog fouling issues that cause concern throughout the borough.

She reminded Parishes that there was a limited supply of dog waste bags available free for Parish Councils should they feel they are needed in their Parish to distribute to local dog walkers, and also that working in partnership with the

Dogs' Trust, a large amount of promotion had taken place which had unfortunately had no uptake from the Parishes to date.

She also informed the Parishes that at Community Services Committee in March 2018, a decision had been taken to approve the practice of depositing dog waste into litter bins for the entire borough and its collection by refuse vehicles.

Several Parishes asked questions with regard to the Dog Warden service as well as the system for using Fixed Penalty Notices and prosecutions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

137 PRESENTATION BY LANCASHIRE POLICE

Chief Inspector Murtza gave an overview of the Police service in the Ribble Valley area and the good work that they do in responding to high risk and vulnerable areas.

He informed the Parishes that a review of the core services had taken place which was not about saving money but about realigning resources in order to meet demand in the right places. Feedback from both Police Officers and members of the public had been taken into account.

There had been a reconfiguration of the Control Room which would hopefully mean 101 calls would be answered quicker, with call takers, dispatchers and responders being part of the same team. This would enable them to respond more effectively, target offenders and protect the most vulnerable people. There had been no reduction of neighbourhood policing in the Ribble Valley but an increase of 3 officers.

Inspector Winter informed the Parishes that there were 2 Sergeants based in the Ribble Valley with a hybrid function of beat bodies and the response function for 999 calls. There were 15 Police Officers in 3 teams of 5 as well as 9 PCSOs and an Early Action Officer.

Recent operations that had taken place included a CanSafe operation working with Trading Standards and Children's Services to tackle anti-social behaviour, drugs and alcohol in young people; a drugs operation where dogs had been taken into all licensed premises in Clitheroe and Whalley.

Additional resources were currently being put into Longridge as a priority at the weekends because of anti-social behaviour and a specialist vehicle had been commissioned to tackle wildlife crime.

Questions were asked with regard to drug related activity on hotspots, response times, attendance at Parish Council meetings and the transfer of intelligence in order for the Parishes to help.

RESOLVED: That Chief Inspector Murtza and Inspector Winter be thanked for attending the meeting.

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WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATIONS

Councillor Jim White the Borough Council's Armed Forces Champion attended the meeting to talk to the Parishes about the forthcoming World War 1 Commemorations. He asked that Parishes inform him of any events that were taking place above and beyond the normal Remembrance Day Commemorations so that he could include it in his report to the Borough Council and the Armed Forces Covenant.

He gave a brief description of the events happening in the Parishes that he was already aware of.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PARISH COUNCILS

Sabden Parish Council raised the issue of the proposed closure of the A59 during the construction of the roundabout at the Pendle Road/Sabden Road junction. The Chief Executive gave a brief update on the proposed start of the works and how the road closures and diversions would work.

It was anticipated that the work would take approximately 6 months and Lancashire County Council would soon be confirming the arrangements. He also reminded the Parishes that this roundabout had been sought after for more than 20 years and could not be carried out without some disruption.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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