

Minutes of Parish Councils' Liaison Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, 20 June 2019, starting at 6.30pm
Present: (Chairman)

Councillors:

D Berryman	J Schumann
A Brown	G Scott
B Buller	R Sherras
B Hilton	N Walsh
B Holden	
A Humphreys	
D Peat	

Parish Representatives:

P Tyson	Aighton Bailey & Chaigley
E Twist	Bolton-by-Bowland, Gisburn Forest & Sawley
J Hargreaves	Dutton
R Sherras	Gisburn
L Halley	Grindleton
P Entwistle	Grindleton
M Gee	Hothersall
H Gee	Longridge
R Beecham	Longridge
B Murtagh	Mellor
J Hymas	Mellor
A Steer	Osbaldeston
P Young	Ramsgreave
M Hacking	Read
D Groves	Ribchester
RA Whittaker	Rimington & Middop
T Perry	Rimington & Middop
R Vickers	Sabden
M Wood	Salesbury
EP Boyes	Salesbury
R McKelvey	Simonstone
D Parker	Waddington
J Hilton	Waddington
J Bremner	Wilpshire
A Schofield	Wiswell

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

Also in attendance: Councillor T Austin.

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2019/2020

No nominations were received for the appointment of Chairman for 2019/20 and it was agreed to consider again at the next meeting.

105 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2019/2020

RESOLVED: That Councillor David Peat be appointed as Vice Chairman for this Committee for 2019/20.

106 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Borough Councillors G Mirfin and R Thompson and from the following Parish Representatives:

R Carr	Bowland Forest
A Schofield	Clayton-le-Dale
J Hill	Clitheroe
S Rosthorn	Newsholme & Paythorne
T Haworth	Sabden
G Melloy	Simonstone
J Brown	Whalley
M Highton	Whalley
P Rigby	Lancashire County Council Parish Champion

107 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

108 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

109 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

110 BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF PARISH COUNCILS' LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Chief Executive informed Committee of the arrangements for the Parish Councils' Liaison Committee including details as to Lead Officer, Committee Clerk and officers that would usually attend this Committee, some rules about how the Committee is conducted and information about Declarations of Interest.

The Head of Regeneration and Housing gave a résumé of the service areas covered under his remit.

111 PRESENTATION ON LUNCHEON CLUBS - HEAD OF REGENERATION AND HOUSING

The Partnership Officer gave a presentation on Luncheon Clubs. She informed parishes about the clubs currently organised within the borough and the number of people currently engaged by them. She noted the Council is keen to develop more such clubs where there is interest and gave an overview of the funding application.

An overview of a new scheme “Meet and Eat” was given to parishes. A pilot is running in Whalley engaging a local business and working with Age UK and Dementia Action Alliance. The pilot has been successful and the Partnership Officer requested ideas for new venues to expand the scheme.

The Community Safety Partnership was outlined along with its current priorities, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, road safety and domestic abuse. Also detailed was a focus on rural crime and a shop watch scheme being rolled out in Clitheroe with plans to extend to Longridge.

RESOLVED: That Committee thank the Partnership Officer for her presentation.

112 MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY PARISH COUNCILS

a) Wiswell Parish Council

Requested an update on the creation of a unitary authority including Ribble Valley; the Chief Executive gave an explanation of local government structures and a brief update.

b) Wiswell Parish Council

Reported on changes to Lancashire County Council's report it fault system. Parish representatives and officers discussed issues in the borough and the system. An invitation to a representative from LCC to present on issues, was proposed.

The Vice Chairman gave an update on the Pendle Hill Heritage Lottery Scheme.

The scheme covers many parishes in the borough and the second tranche of grant applications is forthcoming. He requested assistance as a representative to the scheme and to be contact directly with expressions of interest.

113 MATTERS FOR FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee discussed matters for future meetings which included:

- Pendle Hill Heritage Lottery Scheme;
- creation and disposal of waste;
- issues with highways and potholes;
- public health;
- monitoring of holiday lets;
- removal of phone boxes; and
- the Rural Strategy Network.

A request was made to the Chief Executive to send a letter on behalf of the Parish Councils Liaison Committee to Government requesting protection for rural transport including school services.

RESOLVED: That Committee request the Chief Executive to send a letter to Government requesting protection of rural transport.

114 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman reported that the next meeting would on Thursday, 26 September 2019 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.39pm.

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