MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REEDLEY HALLOWS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 12 NOVEMBER 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor V. Bates in the Chair;

 Councillors C. Johnson, M. Grimshaw, R.Korol, , and L Oddie.

 Ian Woolstencroft – Clerk.

 Also Present : Sharon Pursglove who is interested in becoming a Co- opted Member.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

 Members were reminded of the requirements by the Chair. There were no

 declarations of interest on this agenda.

1. RECORD OF MEMBERS INTERESTS.

 All members interests were confirmed as up to date.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

 An apology for absence was received from Councillor P. McCormick along with the

 reason.

 RESOLVED: That the apology be accepted.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 15 October, 2024 , copies

 of which had previously been circulated were approved as a correct record.

1. CLERK’S REPORT .

* Public Consultation – Pendle Local Plan Fourth Edition 2021- 2040.

The Clerk reported that Pendle Council had invited bodies such as the Parish Councils to submit to them any comments they may have on this Plan.

RESOLVED: That arrangements be made to include this item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Parish Council in order to give Councillors an opportunity to spend time to go through the contents of the Plan.

* Co-opted Member .

Sharon Pursglove expressed an interest in becoming a Co-opted Member to replace former Councillor S. Munir.

RESOLVED: That Sharon Pursglove be appointed to the Parish Council as a Co-opted Member and that the Clerk arrange to notify Pendle Council.

* New Pay Scale for Parish/ Town Council Employees.

The Clerk reported that the National Joint Council had agreed an increase in pay for clerks and other employees which should be applied retrospectively from the 1 April, 2024. He explained what this meant so far as he and the Parish Lengthsman positions are concerned.

* Review of the Clerk’s Salary.

The Clerk reported that his Conditions of Service states that the Council will review his salary annually on the date of his appointment ( 01/04/2019) . He explained that his salary had only been reviewed in July, 2020 and therefore in view of the introduction of New Pay Scales he requested that a review take place now. He asked if the Council would be prepared to put him on Point 17 of the Scale in view of his length of service from Point 12. He outlined what the financial implications would be if this was agreed. Furthermore, the monthly allowance which he receives which currently is £46 per month also hadn’t been reviewed. He therefore requested that this sum be increased to £60 per month and that the salary increase requested and the monthly allowance be applied with effect from the 1 November, 2024.

RESOLVED: (1) That the Clerk’s salary be increased with effect from the 1 November, 2024 from Point 12 to Point 17;and

 (2) That the monthly allowance be increased from £46 to £60 per month from the same date.

1. FINANCE.

 RESOLVED: That the following items be approved.

* Bank Balances as at 31 October, 2024 Business Premium Account £ 4,334.09 Business Community Account £22,442.31
* Clerk’s Salary and Expenses for October, 2024 paid by SO = £283.98
* Clerk’s Tax for October, 2024 = £59.40.
* Clerk’s Back pay 1 April to 31 October, 2024 = £98.28
* Parish Lengthsman’s Back pay (work carried out by the Clerk) =£ 25.51
* Insurance Premium Policy Term 04/11/2024 – 03/11/2025 =£300.00
* Work carried out by the Clerk in the absence of a Parish Lengthsman 4 hours @ £12.45 per hour plus purchase of a new litter picker = £59.80
* Purchase of a Wreath from Clitheroe Town Council for Remembrance Sunday = £20.00
* INCOME - 3rd Instalment of the 2024/2025 Precept = £2,994.09

 60. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

* Redevelopment of the Former Lucas Sports Site.

The Clerk reported that at the meeting of the Area Committee held on the 4 November, 2024 it was reported that Barnfield Construction Limited had agreed to remove trees from the 10 m strip from the boundary of properties on Reedley Drive, Reedley at their cost and will be placing an order with a Tree Surgeon on this basis. The Tree Surgeon will be asked to liaise with the Council’s Green Spaces Manager to ensure no trees are removed unnecessarily.

 61. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

 The Clerk reported that the following planning applications relating

 to the area covered by Reedley Hallows Parish Council had been

 received by Pendle Council since the last meeting of the Parish Council.

* 24/0710/ HHO – Full – demolition of existing single storey side extension and the erection of a single storey side extension – 1 The Old Barn , Robinson Lane, Brierfield. Comments by the 5 November, 2024.
* 24/0766/HHO – Full – insertion of 2 dormer windows to the side roof slope elevations of the dwelling – 7 Roundwood Avenue, Reedley . Comments by the 26 November, 2024.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council has no objection to these applications.

 62. . NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY AREA COMMITTEE.

 The Clerk reported that unfortunately he hadn’t been able to attend the last

 meeting of the Area Committee held on the 4 November, 2024. He undertook to

 attend future meetings where there is an item relating to the Reedley Parish area.

 63. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING .

 RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on the

 10 December, 2024.

 64. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC.

 RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the

 ground that the item relates to the personal circumstances of an individual.

 65. MATTERS RELATING TO THE PARISH LENGTHSMAN.

 ( For remainder of Minute see Manuscript Minutes).

The meeting finished at 2.30pm.