MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REEDLEY HALLOWS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 10 DECEMBER, 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor V. Bates in the Chair;

 Councillors M. Grimshaw, R.Korol, L Oddie and S. Pursglove.

 Ian Woolstencroft – Clerk.

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.

 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Johnson and P. McCormick

 together with the reasons

 RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 12 November, 2024 , copies

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

1. CLERK’S REPORT .

* Funding Opportunity – Grant under the Initiative Create an Orchard in your local community.

The Clerk reported that Pendle Borough Council was allocated £19,000 in 2023 to create orchards throughout the borough to mark the coronation of King Charles 111and there is still funding available to plant more trees this winter. Eligible groups that can apply include town and parish councils. Community orchards can be any size larger than 5 trees and can include fruit trees . Pendle Council will only fund the purchase of the trees and items that are required for planting the orchard , products needed to protect them , delivery costs and items needed to upkeep the trees in the short term to help them establish and thrive. Applications are now open and planting must be completed before March 2025.

He explained that he had contacted Philip Riley , Head of Green Spaces at Pendle Council and suggested that trees under this Scheme could be included in the former Lucas Sports Ground redevelopment Scheme. He had therefore submitted an outline application and was waiting for feedback.

Councillors Grimshaw and Pursglove reported that they would be able to contact local community groups such as a Scout Group who could be involved in the planting.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to pursue the application and report thereon to future meetings of the Parish Council.

1. FINANCE.

 RESOLVED: That the following items be approved.

* Bank Balances as at 31 November, 2024 Business Premium Account £ 4,334.09 Business Community Account £21,541.27
* Clerk’s Salary and Expenses for November, 2024 paid by SO = £337.56
* Clerk’s Tax for November 2024 = £67.40
* Clerk’s Back pay 1 April to 31 October, 2024 = £98.28
* Work carried out by the Clerk in the absence of a Parish Lengthsman 2.5hours @ £12.45 per hour = £31.12
* Xmas Lighting Scheme – Installation, Removal and Storage of 16 star wave column motifs by Stately Lighting Limited = £2,800 plus VAT £560.00 Total Cost £3,380.00
* Pendle Primary Schools Free Swimming Initiative 2025/26 Grant support provided by the Parish Council = £ 2,198.40 inclusive of VAT.

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 72 . PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

 The Clerk reported that no 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.

 73. NELSON, BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY AREA COMMITTEE.

 The Clerk reported that no matters had been discussed relating to the Reedley

 Parish Council area at the last meeting of the Area Committee held on the 2

 December, 2024.

 74. COUNCILLORS LOCAL ISSUES.

 Councillor S. Pursglove drew attention to unsocial behaviour ( drug use, depoisit of

 laughing gas canisters and prostitution in the area near to Quaker Bridge .

 RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to contact the Local Police Officer drawing

 attention to this .

 75. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING .

 The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Parish Council was scheduled to

 take place on the 14 January, 2025 . However he would be unable to attend as he

 would be on holiday .

 RESOLVED: That no meeting be held during January, 2025.

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