MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REEDLEY HALLOWS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11 FEBRUARY, 2025.

PRESENT: Councillor V. Bates in the Chair;

 Councillors C. Johnson 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 M. Grimshaw, P. McCormick , L.

 Oddie and R. Korol 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 10 December, 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 Council had agreed that trees under this Scheme could be planted within the former Lucas Sports Ground site.

He explained that Pendle Council would be ordering the trees to be delivered during the next few weeks and would then contact him to arrange a suitable day when volunteers could help plant them . At that stage the Parish Council will publicise the initiative on the public Noticeboard and on the Parish Council website. Furthermore it will take about one and a half hours to plant the trees . All the equipment will be provided by Pendle Council.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

* Application for Play Area Funding incorporating a Free Ninja Trail .

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council could apply for Lottery Funding which , if successful, would allow for a free Ninja Trail . He explained that the person who had contacted the Parish Council on the matter would help the Council to submit an application . The fund is open for applications all year . It takes 12 weeks from submitting an application to hearing a decision and then the installation will take place around 8 weeks after that. Play Fitness Ltd will install the Ninja Trail and invoice the Parish Council for the amount they have received in grant plus VAT which the Parish Council can reclaim. Therefore there will be no cost to be met by the Parish Council. He indicated that this could be incorporated into the Scheme to redevelop the former Lucas Sports Ground.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be asked to make application under this initiative.

* PRECEPT 2025/2026

The Clerk reported that it was necessary to determine the level of Precept that the Parish Council wished to request Pendle Council to require during 2025/2026.

RESOLVED: That Pendle Council be informed that this Parish Council wishes to keep the level of Precept for 2025/2026 at the same level as that in 2024/2025 ie £11, 976.35.

1. FINANCE.

 RESOLVED: That the following items be approved.

* Bank Balances as at 31 January, 2025 Business Premium Account £ 4,350.30Business Community Account £17,620.67
* Clerk’s Salary and Expenses for December 2024 and January, 2025 paid by SO = £337.56 each month.
* Clerk’s Tax for December, 2024 and January, 2025 = £67.40 each month
* Work carried out by the Clerk in the absence of a Parish Lengthsman 4 hours @ £12.45 per hour = £49.80
* Use of Smithson’s Farm Café for Parish Council meetings 6 @ £20 = £120.00.

 INCOME. – Final Instalment of 2024/2025 Precept paid by Pendle Council =

 £2,994.09

1. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

 Litter Picking on Greenhead Lane.

 The Clerk reported that he had approached Pendle Council to determine whether

 they could carry out litter picking on the left side of Greenhead Lane , Brierfield going

 up to the Fence Bypass as there was no footpath on that side of the road .

 He further reported that Pendle Council had replied stating that litter picking in such

 areas is normally done in conjunction with verge cutting and Lancashire County

 Council organising traffic control with a third party company which is a costly exercise.

 It would need to be done on a Sunday when the road is less busy and during a clear

 dry day.

 The Clerk undertook to see if it was possible for him to carry out this work taking into

 consideration the safety issues .

 It was suggested that the Clerk arrange to obtain a suitable sign that could inform

 motorists that Litter Picking is being carried which can be used in this and other locations

 within the Parish.

 RESOLVED: That arrangements be made for the Clerk to obtain a suitable sign.

 83 . 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.

* 25/0010/HHO – Installation of a Sewerage Treatment Plant – Woodend Farm, Woodend Road, Reedley – Comments by 31 January, 2025.
* 25/0086/FULL – change of use from a dwelling (Use Class 3) to a residential care home ( use Class C2) FOR 2 CHILDREN – 17 Broadhurst Way, Reedley . Comments by 3 March, 2025.

84 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING .

 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 11 March, 2025.

The Meeting finished at 1.45pm.

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