

<b>RIVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES</b>
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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Spring Cottage on Monday 22nd April 2024, start time 18:00.**

**PRESENT: Councillor David Jones (DJ) – Chairman**

**COUNCILLORS: Trevor James-Ellett (TJ-E), Barry Keenan (BK), Lisa Harris (LH), Vince McCully (VMcC)**

**CLERK: Helen Skuce (HS)**

**OTHERS: Paul Ashcroft (PA) United Utilities**

**RESIDENTS: Judith Gilgun (JG), Mark Skuce (MS), Helen McIlveen-Wilson (HM-W), Matthew Salmon (MS), Kirsty Salmon (KS), Holly Salmon (HS)**

**REF: 24/130**

<b>1</b>		<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b>  <b><i>Resolved</i></b> that the meeting receive and accept apologies from and the reason be noted:</p> <p><b>Councillor Kim Snape (KS)</b>  <b>Councillor June Molyneaux (JM)</b></p>		<b><u>Action</u></b>
<b>2</b>		<p><b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>		
<b>3</b>		<p><b><u>Minutes of previous meeting</u></b>  <b><i>Resolved</i></b> that the Parish Council agreed to allow the Chairman to be authorized to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on: <b><i>29/01/24.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Signed as complete.</i></b></p>	<b>22/04/24</b>	<b>Cllr. David Jones</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>i</b>	<p><b><u>UU/RHT Update</u></b>  UU new hire, Rachel Gowdy, Land Strategy Manager. PA to meet up with Rachel in the next couple of weeks. Rachel is aware of the problems and has been to Rivington and witnessed the traffic</p>	<b>PA</b>	

	<p><b>ii</b> 120 years of Lever Park to be commemorated with an exhibition. All ideas/thoughts to PA.</p> <p><b>iii</b> Highways installing metal barriers close to the Blackburn &amp; Darwen boundary with Rivington to try and curtail ASB.</p> <p><b>iv</b> No Movement on Liverpool Castle.</p> <p><b>v</b> Village litter bins not been emptied this week.</p> <p><b>vi</b> Confirmation that UU would be prepared to contribute to funding double yellow lines and traffic calming measures.</p>		<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Blackburn &amp; Darwen Council</b></p> <p><b>HS to check with Chorley BC</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b><u>Traffic &amp; Parking Update</u></b> No change since last meeting. Traffic and parking problems are increasing due to the lighter nights and more people visiting.</p> <p>Generic email address reiterated to all meeting attendees. Any photos of traffic problems to be reported to: <a href="mailto:rural@chorley.gov.uk">rural@chorley.gov.uk</a> copying HS <b>HS to revise the letter to Cllr Rupert Swarbrick, MP for Highways, copying Sir Lindsey Hoyle MP and Cllrs Snape and Molyneaux.</b></p>	<b>HS</b>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>HS</b></p>
<b>6</b>	<p><b><u>Police and Crime Update</u></b> <b>i</b> 9 motorbikes seized in Terraced Gardens.</p> <p><b>ii</b> Police from the East Rural Task Force (Blackburn with Darwen) have been brought in to assist with the traffic and parking problems.</p> <p><b>iii</b> Arrests have been made at Anglezarke viewing point.</p> <p><b>iv</b> PC Connor Cross. Contact detail: <a href="mailto:connor.cross@lancashire.police.uk">connor.cross@lancashire.police.uk</a></p>	<b>PA</b>	

		PCSO Liz Coleman, assigned to Rivington		
<b>7</b>	<b>i</b>	<p><b><u>Planning Applications Update</u></b>  22/01238/FUL – Dryfield Cottage, Dryfield Lane  Rebuild of partially demolished outbuilding  The Borough and Parish Councils have received complaints from neighbour Matthew Bennett due to the size of the proposed new dwelling and the impact it will have on not only his property but also the nature of Rivington as a whole  Parish Council were in agreement that a site visit to Mr. Bennett’s property should be requested  <b>Status: Awaiting decision</b></p>	<b>HS</b>	
	<b>ii</b>	<p>23/01016/FUL – Rivington Foundation Primary School  Installation of LPG Boiler  <b>Status: Awaiting decision</b></p>		
	<b>iii</b>	<p>23/00994/FUL – Wilcocks Farm Caravan Site.  Change of use of land to campsite and erection of 2 camping pods to extend existing campsite.  <b>Status: Permit full planning permission.</b></p>		
<b>8</b>	<b>i</b>	<p><b><u>Finance and Governance</u></b>  No expenditure since last meeting.   £2.75 received from Adlington Town Council as an adjustment for remembrance service.</p>	<b>HS</b>	
	<b>ii</b>	<p><b><u>Bank Balance as of 22/04/24:</u></b>  <b>£8245.54</b></p>		
	<b>iii</b>	<p><b><u>Internal Audit AGAR 23/24:</u></b>  HS to meet with Internal Auditor in February, date to be arranged to review current finances and governance in preparation for audit completion in May '24.</p>		
	<b>iv</b>	<p><b><u>CIL:</u></b>  £2343 remaining from initial CIL budget.</p>		

	<p>To be used (project in plan and costed) or returned by 31/03/25.</p> <p><b><u>TSB Bank Account update:</u></b> Once 24/25 Precept has been received, new bank account to be opened with Unity Trust Bank.</p> <p><b><u>Precept</u></b> Awaiting Precept monies for 2024/25. Change of Bank and website provider will be actioned once received.</p> <p>Cllr BK explained that he would rescind his previous concerns as all other Councillors and residents present at the meeting were accepting of the new Precept amount.</p> <p><b><u>25/04 amendment</u></b> Cllr BK raised the issue that following the Liverpool Corporation Act 1902, UU should be reinvesting in Lever Park any monies obtained/received via rent or lease from Lever Park to ensure ongoing maintenance of the village not just the terraced gardens. Visitors at the meeting confirmed this was their understanding of how they expected Lever Park funds to be spent – not just going back to UU profits.</p> <p><b><u>Legacy – Mr Wallace</u></b> Time capsule – Stainless steel capsule identified 50cm x 15cm, will last over 200 years, cost £93.00.</p>		
	<p><b>v</b></p> <p><b>vi</b></p> <p><b>vii</b></p> <p><b>viii</b></p>	<p><b>BK</b></p> <p><b>HS</b></p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b><u>Village maintenance</u></b> A village green survey was conducted by the Gardner Mrs Woodrow. This highlighted areas for improvement which will be actioned accordingly.</p> <p><b>ii</b> Thanks to UUs' Paul Ashcroft &amp; Richard Allen for replacing &amp; cementing the litter bin following a car running over it on the Green!</p>	<p><b>DJ</b></p>	<p><b>PA/RA</b></p>

10		<p><b><u>25/04 Amendment - Council elections</u></b>                  Majority of local elections to be held 02/05/24. Rivington parish council election will be held in June '24. Date to be confirmed by Chorley electoral office.</p>	HS	
11		<p><b><u>Meeting dates 2024</u></b>                  03/06/24 – AGM to include AGAR review *                  05/08/24 – Quarterly Parish Meeting                  28/10/24 – Quarterly Parish Meeting                  *Date changed from 13/05/24</p>	HS	
12	<p>i</p> <p>ii</p>	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b>                  Spring Festival has been arranged for 11/05/24. Parish Hall has also been booked in case of rain. 7 stalls booked, community choir booked, bolton mountain rescue booked.</p> <p>Liverpool Corporation Act 1902 – Cllr BK requested that an abridged version be created and made available on the Parish website.</p>	<p>VMcC</p> <p>BK</p>	<p>VMcC</p> <p>MS</p>

**Meeting closed at 20:00**

**Chairman:** .....

**Date:** .....