**OVERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting of Overton Parish Council held in Overton Memorial Hall on

Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.00pm

**Parish Councillors Present:** J Higginson

D Hamer

P Fleming J Dean

S Bargh

S Ayrey

D Edmondson

**Also Present:** C Mashiter – Clerk

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

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| **25-013** | **Dispensations and Declarations of Interest**  There were no dispensations or declarations of interest |  |
| **25-014** | **Public Participation.**  Mr Brian Holmes & Mrs Carole Roberts on behalf of The Mission Heritage Centre, Sunderland Point made a request for funding towards the cost of replacing the old heating system to a more energy efficient one. The preferred method is the installation of solar panels, on a stand, with a storage battery to be placed at the rear of the building outside the southern gable. The estimated cost is between £20k and £30k. The trust has been invited, by The Lancashire Environment Trust (LEF), to make an application for a main grant. LEF will fund up to 75% of the cost but a third party contribution is required. To this end the request was made for a contribution from the Parish Council.  A decision was made that we can support this request in principle but a vote would be taken at the next meeting as to the amount of funding, when an estimate has been seen.  Ongoing  The meeting was suspended at 7.25pm due to a medical incident and recommenced at 7.45pm. | **Clerk** |
| **25-015** | **Reports from County Councillors –** None |  |
| **25-016** | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  The minutes of the January meeting, previously circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by Cllr J Higginson – Chairman. |  |
| **25-017** | **Updates and Progress from Previous Meeting**  There had been no updated survey from Mrs Molloy.  As an email regarding Consultations on Standards and Road Safety had been received from NALC there would be no further action on this matter. Complete  Refuse Bin Sunderland Point – a response had been received from Mr Culbert, Street Cleaning Supervisor, stating that the council are looking at a replacement strategy for older style bins but this isn’t likely to begin until the new financial year. Ongoing  The Christmas Tree been disposed of. Complete  Love Clean Streets, The 2 pot holes, just before Lades bridge have been repaired. Complete  Share The Road signs. A further reply had been received after the Clerks appeal. The previous response was re-iterated, however they would assess a specific road if we gave them a street name and cause of concern. The decision was taken to abandon this item. Complete  Sunderland Point Toilets, Trailholme Road, Kersey Meadow, the Play Park and the Overton stone all separate agenda items. | **Clerk** |
| **25-018** | **Governance**  Lancashire Parish and Town Council Charter, previously circulated. No comments. Clerk to review  Lancaster City Council Planning Policy Update previously circulated. No Comments. Clerk to review  NALC Chief Executive bulletin previously circulated. No comments. Clerk to review  Lancashire County Council is now a Combined County Authority, with Blackburn with Darwen and Blackpool. | **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-019** | **Finance**  E-On Next. We now have a 1 year Fixed Business Plan for the Sunderland Point toilet block, Annual Amount £325.43  The monthly amount of £27.11 to be monitored  The old Stigma mower has been sold for £3000 pounds and Zurich Insurance notified of the change in details. The clerk to investigate other insurers for alternative quotes before the renewal date 1st June 2025. Ongoing | **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-020** | **Payments**  **Cheques** Clerk **263.90**  Salary 311.00  PAYE **-** 62.20  248.80  Vodafone 15.10  12.58 + 2.52 vat  Overton Memorial Hall **180.00**  Hall hire 2025  **D/Ds**  Waterplus S/Pt toilets **15.08**  E-On Next S/Pt toilets **29.40**  Electricity 28.00  + 1.40 vat  **On Line** HMRC -PAYE **62.20**  **TOTAL PAYABLE 550.58** |  |
| **25-021** | **Training**  The clerk has commenced ILCA training | **Clerk** |
| **25-022** | **Planning**  No Applications |  |
| **25-023** | **Parish Matters**  PROW/Church boundary fence repair . Ongoing  Sunderland Point Toilets. The T’s & C’s. have still not yet been received. Ongoing  Ball Court – Cllr’s J Dean and J Higginson have registered an application for a ball court funding with Spacehive and the application has been successful. It will cost us £1k to raise £5k from the fund, the maximum that can be made to a Parish Council. Stripe, the funding management body, will transfer funds to us when grant monies are forthcoming. We now need third party support of £1k towards the costs, the balance will come from reserved Parish Council funds for playpark maintenance and repair. Ongoing  Mrs Tyrell’s fence repair pending alterations to play park.  Kersey Meadow. There had been no action on clearing the field. Cllr Higginson will attempt to contact the Prestons on Feb 11th The clerk to send them a letter saying that ‘they have run our of time. The field will be cleared, commencing next week and whatever may be there will be disposed of’ The Parish Council have run out of offers. Ongoing  The ‘Overton Stone’ work has commenced. Ongoing  Overton Flag – Cllr Higginson is to take the proposed design to someone he knows for a quote Ongoing  Green Team – The new Stigma 900WX mowing machine has been delivered and insured Complete  Our Solicitor has been instructed to contact the Land Registry regarding two parcels of land on Trailholme Road, to which ownership has been denied, and argue against their decision. Further information has been passed to the solicitor regarding the date of an eviction going back to 2016. The clerk to search for information on the date that Steve Scott’s bench was sited, thought to be about 2011.  Ongoing  Road Closure on Main Street in April to facilitate work on the telegraph pole. It was noted that a new one has been erected but it is bigger and makes the road for motorists narrower. It was noted that there used to be yellow lines on Main Street in the vicinity of the pole and they were supposed to be renewed. They are now not easily visible. The replacement to be chased up. Ongoing  Love Clean Streets – a report has been made regarding a pothole on Church Grove. Ongoing  VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations – A flag to be purchased. The clerk to liase with the Memorial Hall Committee regarding events. Crafty villagers to be approached for their involvement. ? Bank Holiday to be declared for Monday May 5th Ongoing  Correspondence from a Middleton resident requesting information on our auditor was declined. Complete  Stage Coach had been informed of the damage to the bus terminus and had acknowledged the damage. Details of a case placed with their insurers had been given to us but we were informed that we need take no further action. The case to be monitored Ongoing  A request for information following an incident on Main Street involving a young female had been received. There will be a police presence in the village during the evening. | **DE**  **Clerk**  **JD/JH**  **JD**  **JH/Clerk**  **DE**  **JH**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk**  **Clerk** |
| **25-024** | **Correspondence**  Real Talk Community Conversations no one available to go.  Safety of Lithium-Ion Batteries Campaign No comments  Becoming a Councillor information. No interest  Sterling Surveys Ltd – Land surveyors and valuers. No interest  Community Energy Surgery Days – No Interest  Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – details sent to Overton Horticultural Society  Morecambe Bay Partnership ‘Layers of a Place’ writing day  Poster to go out  2025 Consumer Alerts – Leaflet to go out  **Date of Next Meeting, Monday 10th March 2025 at 7pm in the Supper Room, Overton Memorial Hall** | **Clerk**  **Clerk** |