Minutes of a Meeting of Livesey Parish Council held on Friday 13 January 2023 which commenced at 7.30pm, at Livesey Parish Hall, York Terrace, Feniscowles, Blackburn.

Present: Cllrs J Arnold (In the Chair), L Cade, K Murray, J Malowana – Murphy, R Moore, K Malowana -Murphy and D Hardman.

**5959 Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies for absence from Cllr C Hardman.

**5960 Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were received from councillors in respect of the following areas: Cllr J Malowana - Murphy Livesey Parish Hall Committee, Rosebay Wood Group and St Pauls School. Cllr J Arnold Feniscowles Primary School. Cllr R Moore declared an interest in the Kingswood Homes Building Project. Cllr D Hardman Immanuel Scouts and Cherry Tree Cricket Club.

**5961 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2022**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 November 2022, having been circulated, be received as a correct record, and be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Meeting adjourned at 7.05 pm for local issues**

Details of local issues were included in the clerk’s report.

**Meeting reconvened at 7.40pm**

**5962 Accounts**

**RESOLVED:** that the following accounts be approved:

Clerks Salary: £ 300.00.

**5963 Planning**

1)There were 4 planning applications on the schedule.

***Councillors had no objections to the applications listed on the schedule.***

2) The Parish Council Had received an appeal enforcement notice from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council informing the Parish of the dates and times of a planning enquiry. The appeal related to Land and Buildings on the South Side of Livesey Branch Road BB2,5FB. Councillors noted the dates and venue.

3) The Parish Council had contacted the Council to object to the Variation of Legal Agreement regarding the use of Section 106 monies. The objections related to Planning Applications 10/22/0956, and 10/22/0972. The objections had been brought to the attention of the Blackburn Planning Committee.

**5964 Rosebay Wood**

There would be further updates on the group membership and future income streams.

**5965 Future visit by the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The Chairman and the clerk had been in touch with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. The date for his visit would take place on Friday 24 February 2023 in the morning. The Chairman would agree with the Commissioner the time and location for the visit.

**5966 To receive items for information**

* It was agreed by Councillors that future meetings would be held on a Thursday evening at 7.00pm.
* The Parish Council had received the latest document from Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council relating to the latest Local Plan (2023 to 2027) Examination. Inspectors had been appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the examination
* As a stakeholder the Parish Council had received a copy of Central Lancashire Local Plan Preferred Options which went to consultation on 19th December 2022. The consultation period would run till 24 February 2023.

***Councillors accepted and noted the documents and agreed that the meeting dates could be changed.***

**Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**5967 Financial Position 13 January 2023**

The clerk had circulated to Councillors the latest financial position of the Parish Council which related to 13 January 2023.

***The financial position was noted and approved by Councillors***.

**5968 Livesey Parish Hall**

There had been various correspondence between the Hall Committee and Councillors on resolving the issues highlighted in the October 2022 minutes.

1)The main issue was to repair the Hall to make it fit for purpose. There would need to be 3 quotes obtained for the work to be carried out. The Chairman asked Cllrs Les Cade and Rick Moore to progress the repair. They would get the 3 Quotes and decide the best value for money contractor to carry out the work. They would report the progress made at the next Parish Council Meeting.

2) The clerk had obtained the latest Constitution used for the Village Hall which had been forwarded to the Chairman. He would instruct a solicitor to amend the Constitution so that it would be fit for purpose.

3) The following issues were still outstanding:

* The last 2 Years audited accounts were required.
* Where there any grants that might help with improvements.
* Future viability of the Hall as a venue.

**5969 Bank Mandate**

The clerk had received a copy of the Bank Mandate from Lloyds Bank. The mandate was left with the Chairman for processing. There was no further update

**5970 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

This item was ongoing.

**5970 Gritting**

Following discussion on the lack of gritting by the Council especially around Park Farm Road which was a school area, Councillors ask the clerk to action the following:

* Order 15 bags of grit that would be stored in the Village Hall for emergency use.
* Contact Blackburn Council to ask why Park Farm Road was not being gritted as it was on a school route.

**5971 Precept Information 2023-24**

The clerk had circulated the latest precept information with the agenda for Councillors to decided on the charge for 2023-24. There was also a summary of previous years charges. Following discussion, it was agreed to increase the precept for the Parish by 2.0%. This meant that the annual precept when adjusted for the baseline calculation and the contribution by Central Government would be £21036.00 per annum. (Schedule enclosed in (Appendix A).

**5972 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**RESOLVED:** that the next meeting of Livesey Parish Council would take place on **Thursday 9 February 2023 at 7.00pm at Livesey Parish Hall York Terrace Feniscowles Blackburn.**

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| **Precept for 2023-4** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | **Total** | **Latest Base**  | **Household** |  |  |  |
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| Parish Precept |  | 19292 | **2335.57** | 8.26 |  | 93% |  |
| Government Grant\*\*\*\* | 1371 | 0 | 0 |  | 7% |  |
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| Totals |  |  | 20663 | **2335.57** |  |  | 100% |  |
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| \*\*\*\*Note: The grant part of the precept is funded separately and can be subject to change. |
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| Increases |  |  |  |  |  |  | **Percentage** |
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| Base Calculation |  | 19292 | **2335.57** | 8.26 |  | **0.00** | % |
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|  |  |  | 19479 | **2335.57** | 8.34 |  | **1.00** | **%** |
| Increase of 2% for 2023-24 | 19665 | **2335.57** | 8.42 |  | **2.00** | **%** |
|  |  |  | 19782 | **2335.57** | 8.47 |  | **2.50** | **%** |
|  |  |  | 20249 | **2335.57** | 8.67 |  | **5.00** | **%** |
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| **1) The charge of £8.26 was originally based on a Band D Property.** |  |  |  |
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| 2) From 1st April 2013 local council tax support schemes replaced council tax benefit in England. |
|  As a result, the council tax base is reduced where a dwelling is in receipt of council tax support  |
| in a similar manner to other council tax discounts. This reduction in the tax base reduces the  |
| amount of council tax income that can be raised for the Borough as a whole, and for each Parish. |
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| 3) For 2022-23 the Council will again pass down an element of government funding to each Parish to |
| help offset the effects of any reduction in tax base. The grant will be maintained at the level  |
| provided in previous years, but will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis. |  |
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| 4) The figure for the baseline is 2335.57 an increase of 100.36 from the previous year of 2235.21. |
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| 5) Councillors agreed an increase of 2% for 2023-24 increasing the unit cost to £8.42 per annum.6) The increase of 2%= (19665 + 1371) = £21036. |
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| ***Rory Needham*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ***Clerk to Livesey Parish Council*** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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