



## **9. Update on Grant applications from February's meeting**

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the £350 grant for the upkeep of the burial ground at St Michael's Church has been paid. He is still awaiting a response from the authorities responsible for the Methodist Church burial ground.

## **10. Wild Flowers on Village Green Spaces**

There had been no update at the time of the meeting.

## **11. Foot bridge between the park and the Village Hall**

Councillor Foster had requested the agenda item as she has noticed the poor state of repair of the bridge. Councillor J Rainsbury stated that the ownership of the bridge is unclear and he would enquire with South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC); he also stated that there is a need for a bin on or near the bridge and would discuss this with SRBC. Councillor Owen suggested that the Parish Council considers sponsoring a project for repairs or potential replacement; this will be discussed further at the April meeting.

## **12. Speed indicator signs: Update**

Councillor Dryden was unable to attend for personal reasons; however, he forwarded on to the Parish Council mails from Alan Cox of Lancashire County Council (LCC). These emails give LCC's assessment of locations for potential speed indicator signs.

## **13. Correspondence**

The Clerk received 2 emails from the former Parish Clerk. The first concerned the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition – the Parish Council's entry has been carried over to this year's event after last year's was cancelled. With a view to preparing for the competition, the maintenance of the Community Gardens was discussed. Councillor J Rainsbury said he would liaise with Councillor Dryden regarding the work involved and to clarify the situation of the lengthsman regarding any extra work in the gardens and any other possible assistance that should it be required.

The Lengthsman's contract was discussed and the general view was that ACER were doing a good job. Councillor Wilcock proposed extending the contract for a further two years in accordance with the agreement with ACER. The Contract would then be put out to tender after this extended 2 year period. This was seconded by Councillor Rimmer. *The Clerk was asked to write to ACER to offer this extension.*

The second email was related to Parish Council documents still held by the former clerk. Councillor Rimmer said he would contact Mrs Molder to ascertain the level and type of documentation she has and he would investigate a possible temporary storage facility. Councillor Wilcock suggested consideration could be given to digitising the paperwork and *requested that the Clerk contact SLCC to confirm the guidance on document retention.*

## **14. Members additional information**

Councillor J Rainsbury highlighted the 'Village in Bloom' competition being run by SRBC.

## **15. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12/04/2021 at 7pm.