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PRESENT: Clirs M Wood, M Howells, C Booth, J Westwell, T Westwell, Clerk – L Lund and 4 members of the electorate

1/25 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2/25 Chairman's report

Cllr Wood announced that the next de-fib training would be held on 22 May 2025. The training session was full and had a waiting list but the item was on the agenda to consider whether another session would be done.

During 2024/2025 councillor surgeries had been held but recently the popularity seemed to have ceased as the last session had no visitors. This matter was also on the SPC meeting agenda to consider whether it was worth continuing with them.

The litter pick took place on 26 April and Cllr Wood recorded thanks to all who had taken part.

FP30 – SPC were trying to get it re-instated and was looking to get funding from Lancashire County Council. This item was also on the SPC agenda.

Christmas trees – the trees were donated by a resident and were placed in the same locations as in 2023. The tree near to Salesbury School had to be re secured due to the bad weather conditions.

Lengthsman – has been busy doing jobs around the parish throughout the year including clearance of drains, cutting back of brambles etc

Book Swap – thanks go to former parish councillor Graham Henderson for building the book swap and Cllr Janet Westwell will be reporting to the SPC meeting in respect of progress with the decoration of it.

SPIDS were put on A59 and Lovely Hall Lane on 24 September 2024 and will be put up again shortly. The data summary provided is useful and the Clerk will be putting it on the website shortly.

Planters – only one is left this is at the Stone House. A decision was taken at Council to take the others out due to lack of interest in respect of maintaining them. 7 were sold locally at a cost of £20.00 each.

Grit Bin, Park Gate – the Council provided a grit bin on Park Gate following a request from residents and has agreed a small budget for grit.

Crossing Point – Lovely Hall Lane this is on the SPC agenda for further discussion. The crossing point would be from the track side of Lovely Hall Lane to the Ashes Farm side.

CCTV – 2 cameras were bought by SPC to place at the Car Park next to the school this was due to anti-social behaviour there – and the latest information suggests that this is showing an improvement. One camera being an ANPR and the other a point and tilt camera which has both day and night vision.

Trees felled on Common land - this has been done by RVBC to alleviate Ash Die Back .

Boulders were bought and placed on the track at Hazel Moor leading to the Cricket Club in June 2024 this was done following many complaints of cars parking there and damaging the Common.

SPC now have Planning Application guidance document to follow when discussing any planning consultations

Annual Survey – although the Council didn't do one last year due to the fact of work still taking place on the comments made in 2022 work has started on this years.

Jubilee Path – after much discussion it was decided to cancel this due the extensive costs.

Thanks were given to Cllr Howells and Phil Bell who made bird and bat boxes. Suggested locations were asked for in respect of 3 bat hotels.

Deer warning signs – following information that 2 signs had been erected in a nearby parish the original response to a request for Deer signs on Lovely Hall Lane from LCC was followed up – the reply said that the original refusal still stood.

Newsletter - work had started and it was hoped that it would be published in the Autumn

Marles Wood – former County Cllr Schofield was contacted by LCC Countryside Officers in respect of people collecting litter there as they wanted to liaise with the litter collectors..

Litter Picking – thanks were given to people who ick up litter on a regular basis around the Parish and a reminder that the PC has litter pickers and hi viz waistcoats etc.

Finally Cllr Wood gave thanks to all who had helped out, Councillors and the Clerk.

3/25 To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors held on 20 May 2024 [the minutes should be proposed and seconded for approval by members of the electorate who were present at that meeting] and any updates to the meeting to be discussed.

The minutes were approved by two members of the parish proposed Michelle and seconded by Chris.

4/25 Business Brought to the meeting by the Electorate

Footpath reopening - this is being discussed at the SPC meeting

Deer warning signs – there was a nasty incident on the A59 when a deer was knocked over recently. Although there are signs near to BAE on the A59 there are none near this parish. It was felt that signs were needed there were deer living in Petre roundabout and presence on Lovely Hall Lane.

People warning signs – there were none on Lovely Hall Lane which had no pedestrian pavements and blind bends.

Bike Track near to Ashes Farm – this is being discussed at the SPC meeting.

Marles Wood – bins overflowing – Cllr Howells said LCC would be contacted asking them to empty the bins more frequently.

Sykes Barn planning application – this is being discussed at the SPC meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.09pm