



## Minutes

### Parish Council – Emergency Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	14 November 2022		
<b>Place:</b>	Starbucks - Barrow Brook Trade Park.		
<b>Present:</b>	Councillors: L Street (Chair), E. Kinder L. Dewhurst and D. Chiappi		
<b>In attendance:</b>	Clerk to the Council.		
<b>Meeting started:</b>	09:20	<b>Meeting closed:</b>	10:00

#### MINUTE REFERENCE 221114/

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Birtwhistle.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON-REGISTRABLE INTERESTS.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

There was no public participation.

**4. TREE FELLING.**

The Clerk submitted a report seeking approval for the felling of tree at the rear of the Playing Fields.

Members were reminded that in April 2022 they commissioned a survey on the health of the trees on land owned by the Council. The Survey recommended that four trees should be felled (most had Ash die back), with one tree requiring urgent attention.

Members were also reminded that at their meeting on 31 October they had authorised the clerk to seek additional quotes for tree felling and report back to Council.

The Clerk noted that he had now received a new quotation from C Ball Forestry (based in Clitheroe) for the felling of the tree at a cost of £400 plus VAT, which was substantially lower than the initial quote.

**RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:**

Authorise the Clerk to instruct C Ball Forestry to carry out the felling of the tree identified as T7 in the report.

## 5. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSALS FOR A NEW RIBBLE VALLEY CONSTITUENCY.

The Clerk provided details and a verbal updated on the proposed constituency boundary changes.

The Clerk updated members that:

The 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies were formally launched in January 2022 and that the Commission was required to ensure that the number of electors in each constituency is more equal; in doing so, the number of constituencies in England would increase from 533 to 543. The Commission would present its final recommendations to Parliament by July 2023.

In addition, the Clerk informed members that:

- The number of constituencies in the North-West of England would decrease from 75 to 73.
- By law, every new constituency must contain between 69,724 and 77,062 Parliamentary electors (as 2 March 2020).
- As far as possible, the Commission would try to have regard to local ties, geographic factors, local government boundaries (as they were known on 1 December 2020), existing constituencies, and minimise disruption caused by proposed changes.
- The Commission would use local government wards as the building blocks for proposed constituencies but would consider splitting a ward where there is a strong case for doing so that helped them better respect the factors above.

Of particular interest to members was that the proposal changes would split the Ribble Valley into two Constituencies:

- Pendle and Clitheroe County. Which would include the wards of Barrow and Wiswell, Whalley and Painter Wood and Read and Simonstown.
- Ribble Valley County. Which would include the wards of Billington and Langho and Whalley Nethertown (Calderstones).

The Clerk reminded members that the administrative body for the Ribble Valley would remain Ribble Valley Borough Council.

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:

Authorise the Clerk to contact Nigel Evans MP to seek his view on the proposed boundary changes.

**SIGNED BY CHAIR:**

**DATE:**