

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm on Friday 5th March 2010 at Parbold Women's Institute

Seventeen members of the public present. The Chairman invited questions or comments from those present. Tim Cornah spoke about the opening of the new Youth Centre Cafe Bar and praised the young people for their maturity, responsibility and care. He thanked the Parish Council for their support of the venture. The Chairman thanked him and the young people who had worked so hard for providing this centre for the young people and all those in the future who will use the centre.

1 To record apologies for absence

Present: Cllr Mrs Wess (Chairman), Cllr Hammond (Vice Chairman), Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bithell, Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Harray, Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Mrs Xxxx.

Apologies: Cllr Bailey

2 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Hammond – personal interest in village hall matters

Cllr Mrs Butts - personal interest in other village hall matters as Parish Council appointed observer to the PCA General Committee

Cllr Mrs Blake – personal interest in any items relating to her position as a member of West Lancashire Borough Council

Cllr Mrs Wess – personal interest in Youth Club matters

3 To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5th February 2010

Resolution (139/09): That the minutes be signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Xxxx, seconded by Cllr Harray. All in favour.

4 Any Item of Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chairman

None raised.

5 Chairman's Report

Cllr Mrs Xxxx and Cllr Mrs Wess went to the "Ownership of the NHS" seminar which was very good indeed. The process of Central Lancs PCT asking what people want was encouraging so both Councillors have agreed to continue to attend.

The School crossing person is now in place.

The Chairman has received an invitation to WLBC Civic Dinner with tickets costing £25 each. As she is unable to attend due to ill health she asked that any Councillor who did want to go inform the clerk as soon as possible.

6 Clerk's Report

None given.

7 To ratify accounts and authorise payment

290110	David Secrett	Gardening & Cleaning	s.o.	£128.00
050210	E A Broad	Salary (February 2010)	s.o.	£ 660.74
050210	Sherwoods	Grasscutting (Feb 2010)	s.o.	£ 53.13*
060210	E & J Prescott Lock and Key centre	VH shed lock	2015	£163.02
060210	Inland Revenue	Tax and NI – February 2010	2016	£88.39
050310	Lancs Playing Fields Association	subscription	2017	£15.00
050310	LALC annual fee	annual subscription	2018	£376.64
050310	SLCC conference	regional conference	2019	£35.25*
050310	Parbold WI	Room hire	2020	£20.00
050310	Fire Equip Services	Annual check at Village Hall	2021	£131.68
050310	Mallinsons	Weedkiller at Alder Lane (replacing lost cheque)	2022	£230.00
050310	E A Broad	Travel expenses	2023	£ 46.03
050310	E A Broad	½ telephone line rental	2024	£ 66.15
050310	M Hammond	Printing civic order of service	2025	£11.69

*contain VAT

Resolution (140/09): That the accounts be ratified and authorised for payment, proposed by Cllr Arnold, seconded by Cllr Mrs Xxxx, all in favour.

8 To select a candidate for co-option onto the Council

Resolution (141/09): That Elliot Rance be co-opted onto the Parish Council to fill the current vacancy. Proposed by Cllr Hammond, seconded by Cllr Mrs Xxxx – six in favour, three abstained.

Cllr Vikki Harray, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Xxxx, Cllr Hammond, Cllr Mrs Wess, Cllr Bithell, for. Cllr Mrs Blake and Cllr Mrs Butts abstained.

The acceptance of office and declaration of interests was taken and Cllr Rance joined the meeting.

9 It is proposed that future meetings are concluded by 9.30 am, carrying any further business forward to the next meeting

Resolution (142/09): An amended proposal reading that future meetings are concluded by 10pm, carrying any further business forward to the next meeting was proposed by Cllr Hammond seconded by Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Mrs Xxxx, Cllr Rance and Cllr Hammond – for; Cllr Bithell, Cllr Mrs Wess, Cllr Mrs Harray against. Standing orders will be amended accordingly.

10 To receive update on the arrangements Fun Day – 1st May 2010

A number of councillors agreed to provide a prize for the raffle.

Cllr Mrs Xxxx and Cllr Mrs Wess agreed to visit the shops to ask for donations.

11 Alder Lane:

- **To receive update on goalposts for new field**

Cllr Arnold reported researching the goalposts and the possibility of obtaining a grant to help fund new posts. He also reported that he wished to be present when Yates playgrounds inspect the current goalposts.

Cllr Mrs Harray asked whether ten metre grid markings could be considered now.

It was agreed that these matters be discussed in more detail in at the Alder Lane meeting.

- **To determine maintenance for new pond**

Resolution (143/09): That the quotation for work at the pond be accepted for eight visits per year. Proposed by Cllr Bithell, seconded by Xxxx, all in favour.

Cllr Hammond informed the meeting that the Alder Lane Charity will hold its inaugural meeting at Village Hall 14th April 2010 at 7.30 pm.

12 Village Hall Matters:

- **To receive update on Ceiling Repairs**

It was noted that the plastering was completed and it was now awaiting painting.

- **To receive update on Land Registration**

Cllr Bithell reported that the doctor's surgery had now been told they can collect their legal papers and that they were happy for the Parish Council to look through them, Cllr Mrs Wess offered to do this.

- **Insurance Matters update**

The Clerk reported informing Allianz about the new valuation of the village hall but that Allianz had not responded with a new premium. Cllr Mrs Xxxx suggested contacting the Managing Director of Allianz to report this lack of co-operation.

- **To receive notes from the PPC/PCA Liaison Meeting**

The Meeting received the notes.

13 To receive update on Civic Service

Cllr Mrs Wess, Cllr Mrs Xxxx and Cllr Hammond attended earlier that evening for rehearsal at the Church. Some practical issues were discussed.

14 To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2010/0030/FUL
Proposal: Two storey extension to side
Location: 3 Bankside, Parbold, Wigan, WN8 7PJ

Parish Council Response: No objections to the proposal.

Application Number: 2010/0063/FUL
Proposal: Replacement single storey rear extension.
Location: 45 The Common, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7EA

Parish Council Response: No objections to the proposal.

Application Number: 2010/0074/FUL
Proposal: Conservatory to rear.
Location: 19 Lindley Drive, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7ED

Parish Council Response: No objections to the proposal.

Application Number: 2010/0145/OUT
Proposal: Outline - Erection of a single detached dwelling including details of means of access.
Location: 14A Tan House Lane, Parbold, Lancashire, WN8 7HG,

Parish Council Response: The Parish Council objects to this proposal as the infrastructure is not good enough to sustain new build in this location.

Application Number: 2010/0171/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of rear porch and detached garage. Erection of single storey extension to rear and replacement detached garage.

Location: 28 Tan House Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HG

Parish Council Response: no objections to the proposal.

- **To determine response to WLBC Changes in Housing Policy document**

Resolution (144/09): That the following response be submitted to West Lancashire Borough Council:-

The Parish Council endorse the decision to maintain Green Belt Policy however is concerned about proposals to build on greenfield land in Parbold.

Over the years Parbold has already had a great deal of infill building, The Green, Tan House Close, et al and it is now one of the mostly densely populated villages. Though the village enjoys a range of facilities and access to key services, the infrastructure in our opinion is poor and struggling to cope with the existing population. As the settlement is built on a flood plain, possible flooding is a major issue. United Utilities are currently working on sites within the village to attempt to repair sewage pipes. Flooding with dirty water containing sewage is not uncommon on Fairhurst Drive and Brandreth Drive. For these reasons Parbold Parish Council has resolved to strongly object to any further development on greenfield sites in Parbold.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wess, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harrhy, eight in favour, one abstention (interest declared).

15 To consider adopting the proposed Communications Strategy and complete councillor contact sheet.

The Chairman closed the meeting briefly at 8.40 pm to allow Tim Cornah to speak. He confirmed that minutes can be entered onto the website as a pdf document and so words on the pdf cannot be accessed by a search engine.

Cllr Mrs Xxxx insisted that her name or any of her personal details are not put onto the website.

The Chairman re-opened the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Resolution (145/09): That the Communications Strategy be accepted with the proposed changes. Proposed by Cllr Bithell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts, six in favour, one against, one abstention.

Councillors agreed to complete the Council Contact Form to determine which details they wished to have accessible via the internet.

16 To determine representation at forthcoming meetings

Councillors were reminded about the Face the People event – Wednesday 10th March 2010 and the LALC area committee meeting in April.

17 Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Mrs Blake explained that the LCC Round O Quarry meeting was likely to be in early June and so she would be unable to attend. Cllr Mrs Wess stated that Parbold must be represented at the meeting and either Cllr Mrs Xxxx or Cllr Arnold had agreed to speak.

Cllr Bithell – cctv

Cllr Hammond – Charity bags

Cllr Mrs Xxxx – communication from police regarding shortage of staff at Skelmersdale Police Station

18 Resolution (146/09): Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (terms & conditions of employment), the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda

Proposed by Cllr Hammond, seconded by Cllr Mrs Xxxx, all in favour.

19 To determine the next action to be taken following advice received regarding the Main Hall Flooring

20 To determine payment for completion of Village Hall Electrical Annual Check

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40 pm.

Chairman – Cllr Mrs Ros Wess

Clerk – Mrs E-A Broad

Date