

Parbold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 3rd October 2014 in Parbold Women's Institute.

Present: Cllr Bithell (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Bailey, Cllr Butts, Cllr Murrin-Bailey, Cllr Schaffel, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Wess.

The Chairman expressed the Parish Council's heartfelt condolences to Cllr Blake on the death of her husband.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Brian Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Blake, Cllr Holland.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5th September 2014

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 19th September 2014.

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

5. Public Participation:

The meeting will be adjourned for an appropriate time (four minutes maximum per speech) for members of the public to raise matters of concern or interest as notified to the Chairman.

6. To receive residents proposal for Christmas Lights in the village

Items 6 & 7 were taken together to permit members of the public to discuss this with Councillors. Resident, Dave Reid addressed the Council explaining the plans to have Christmas lights, a Battle of the Bulbs competition, support voluntary groups providing

Christmas entertainment and traders in the late-night opening scheme. A Christmas Events Brochure will be delivered to all homes in Parbold.

It was also suggested that the Parish Council consider granting permission for a music festival on Alder Lane Playing Fields to be held the weekend after Parbold Village Festival.

It was agreed to consider this further in Parish Council meeting. Meanwhile an article for inclusion in the Christmas Brochure will be agreed with Councillors by e-mail.

The Clerk was asked to check the terms of the lease with WLBC over Alder Lane Playing Fields as to whether there is a covenant against sale of alcohol on the land.

7. Update on issues regarding Wigan Waste Water Treatment Centre and finalise arrangements for site visit and next Exploratory Liaison Meeting on Tuesday 21st October 2014.

The meeting noted that Alan Frew was now the contact for Hoscar Sewage Works as Kelly Davies had left the site. It was agreed to ask if a site meeting could be arranged but to be more flexible in terms of date and time. The planned meeting for the 21st October 2014 will be arranged and advertised.

8. To consider a donation towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and decide arrangements for presentation of wreaths at the local churches.

It was resolved to send £200 to the Royal British Legion and to order two poppy wreaths. Cllr Blake to present the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at Our Lady and All Saints Roman Catholic Church and the Chairman, Cllr Arnold to present the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at Christ Church, Parbold-in-Douglas. The increased donation this year is intended to mark the Centenary of the start of World War 1.

9. Village Hall:

- **To agree appointment of a building surveyor to produce a report with a 25 year forecast of building needs**

It was anticipated that the costs of this will require three quotations for consideration. The Clerk was requested therefore to see advice from WLBC as to a suitable contractor and also invite the surveyor recommended by Carr Faulkner to tender.

- **To ratify payment of third party contribution towards external funding for new cinema equipment**

Following the extraordinary meeting to discuss this matter, the payment was ratified and authorised for payment.

- **To consider process of application for grants for green heating system**

It was agreed that Cllr Schaffel will lead a small group, two Councillors and two PCA members to explore this issue. Cllr Holland will be asked if she wishes to join the group.

10. Alder Lane:

- **Update on hedge and fencing**

Emailed correspondence with LCC Highways department confirmed their belief that the fencing need not be replaced as it has no road safety value. LCC Councillor David Westley suggested that he may be able to assist and the Clerk was asked to contact him in this regard. In the meantime a sum of up to £250 was allocated to replace the hedging.

- **To consider request for benches at Chapel Lane Meadow**

The Clerk was asked to bring quotations to the next meeting for suitable concrete set, non-flammable benching to be sited in the recesses on the Chapel Meadow pathway.

- **Consider provision of a Multi-Use Games Area at the Playing Fields**

Item carried forward to the next meeting.

- **Consider offer of block payment for use of football field from Shevington Sharks**

The meeting heard that Shevington Sharks had paid £160 by bank transfer. The Clerk was asked to write to them to ask why they are not able to inform the Parish Council in advance or email the next morning should use of the football field be required. The Parish Council needs greater confidence to know what is going on at the fields and to check if usage is properly reported, so that it can be seen to be being fair and consistent for any other groups wanting to use the fields.

The Clerk was asked to obtain confirmation of the schedule of games and season periods.

The Clerk was also requested to circulate by email the WLBC Policy on Site for Gypsies and Travelling Showpeople.

11. The Common:

- **Green BT Boxes update**

The removal of the boxes was noted and permission given to site one alongside the fence on the corner of Tan House Lane at a one-off charge of £750.00.

12. To receive report from the steering group investigating an appropriate Speed Indicator Device for Parbold Village.

Two group members met on Monday 29th September and circulated notes from their meeting. The meeting heard that LCC used Mariomaps.co.uk and the group will use this to locate the preferred sites for equipment. A clever SPID that records information was preferable to a simple "smiley face" type SPID. No SPID was available that could record under 30pmh. Some information had been obtained suggesting that LCC Highways could provide solar powered fixed SPIDs at LCC cost. The group will explore the use of hand held equipment with Lancashire Constabulary, and establish exactly what recorded information

can amount to admissible evidence for prosecution. The possibility of training up a group of volunteers who could then be rented out to neighbouring villages will also be examined. Two SPIDs that could be moved around several locations in the village seem within budget. This equipment might also be rented out to other villages to recoup costs. It was understood that all volunteers would need to be trained and fully insured. Cllr Bailey had experience of setting up a residents group with a portable SPID and seven fixing plates across a housing estate.

Councillors were asked to consider if, in the longer term, pedestrianisation, of the section between Parbold WI Hall and the Library might be considered.

The group will also ask the police what the legalities are regarding naming and shaming vehicles registrations recorded as speeding. They will also look into alternative suppliers as LCC were not the cheapest.

13. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

290914	David Secrett	Cleaning and gardening services	s.o.	£128.00
290914	E A Broad	Salary (September 2014)	s.o.	£718.46
290914	Biffa Waste Services	3rd party contribution - Village Hall	2453	£5,110.91
031014	E A Broad	Stamps and sundries	2452	£18.45
031014	Post Office Counter	Tax and national insurance 3 months	2453	£39.54
031014	Barry Rawthorne	Grass cutting September 2014	2454	£511.00
031014	Parbold WI	Meeting room costs Sept 2014	2455	£54.00
031014	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal (includes wreaths)	2456	£200.00
031014	Brian Arnold	Chairman's Allowance	2457	£100.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

14. To note Planning and Planning Applications

- **Hoscar Proposed Solar Farm - consider progress on application number 2014/0791/FUL**

The meeting noted that an amended plan had recently been submitted.

Ref. No: 2014/0939/FUL Woodvale Farm Wood Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7TH

Agricultural livestock building.

Parish Council Response: no objections to this proposal.

Ref. No: 2014/0965/FUL Scarrig Parbold Hill Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7TQ

Demolition of attached flat roofed garage and utility room and erection of two storey extension to house elderly parents. Erection of partially underground garage attached to side of property.

Parish Council Response: no objections to this proposal.

2014/0885/FUL 15 Bramble Way
Renovation of existing front dormer and two storey extension to rear.

Parish Council Response: no objections to this proposal.

15. Items raised by Councillors:

Cllr Butts - reported a pothole in the car park on The Common, near to where the paper lorry dropped petrol/diesel when it broke down outside McColls.

Cllr Stewart - Asked if the message left with the Clerk had been actioned regarding the waste paper banks and whether they had now been emptied. The Clerk confirmed both.

Cllr Schaffel reported witnessing a jogger running with a dog and paying no attention when the dog was leaving faeces as they ran along the pavement. The issue of dog faeces on the pavements of Parbold continues to trouble the Parish Council.

Cllr Schaffel sends apologies for next meeting.

Cllr Wess - concerned that the Railway House and Parbold Cabin signal box are falling into disrepair. The Clerk agreed to report this to Network Rail. Cllr Bailey will check the Land Register to clarify whether the House is owned by Network Rail. Consideration may be given to listing the Cabin as a community asset, so that the Parish Council has a say on its future.

16. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

Cllr Arnold (Chairman)

7th November 2014