

Parbold Parish Council

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Minutes of the next Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 5th December 2014 in Parbold Women's Institute.

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

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Holland.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 7th November 2014

The minutes were amended slightly, then accepted as a true record of the meeting and duly signed.

4. 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.

Owners of the Stock Tavern attended and there was discussion regarding the Food Standards Agency Hygiene scores.

Paul Quirk advised that he had a meeting planned with Rosie Cooper MP to discuss Hoscarr Sewage Works. The smell had been very bad the preceding two weeks.

Complaint was made about parking during the Wednesday cinema club at the Village Hall.

An email from the Chairman of a Neighbouring Parish, Newburgh, regarding bus service review was raised, with the conclusion that Parbold Parish Council would support any action to maintain the current bus services.

Beacon Crossing residents had contacted Cllr Wess to ask what can be done about their increase in service charge. The matter will be referred to WLBC.

5. Update on issues regarding Wigan Waste Water Treatment Centre following the site meeting on Saturday 22nd November 2014.

The site visit revealed there are clearly issues of maintenance there, with very few staff for a process of such size.

There were large storm vessels 5 or 6 different tanks, with residue just sat on the bottom that had appeared to be like it had been sat there for months, not weeks. The major problem is maintenance of these storm tanks, which would not cost a massive amount of money to resolve. The cleaning jets were not working, the tanks water was running through a narrow channel to settlement area and this was uncovered.

Paul Quirk and Chairman, Cllr Brian Arnold will be meeting with Rosie Cooper MP on Thursday 11th December 2014 to discuss this further.

The Clerk was asked to write to the CEO of United Utilities a letter of support with residents who have already complained.

6. Village Hall:

Cllr Butts gave an update on village hall matters. The project to replace cinema equipment is now complete. The new LED lighting will cost a fraction of the old system. The Talking Pictures group has gratefully received a modest legacy for new curtaining, screen and projection.

- **Follow up on commissioning a building surveyor**

Enquiries revealed that a surveyor would cost in the region of £80 an hour with no-one able to predict how long the survey might take. It was decided to seek local expertise and advice.

- **Any update on green heating system**

The village hall was built at a time when green issues were not considered. The size is such that ground source heat pumps could only be installed at great cost and it was considered that gas heating is ultimately the only real option.

Enquiries were ongoing with some alternatives to consider.

It was agreed to explore Sport England as a possible source of funding as the main sportshall is included in any bid.

7. Alder Lane:

- **Update on hedge and fencing**

It was resolved to pay contractor John Stewart up to £245 to reinstate the hedgerow.

The Clerk was asked to write to the perpetrator to ask that he contribute now that costs are better known.

- **Report flytipping of household items**

The flytipping was reported to WLBC who cleared the area immediately and took evidence to establish where the rubbish had come from.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Parbold Wildlife Group are seeking permission to install another interpretation board at the Chapel Lane end of the Meadow. They have applied for funding from Villages in Partnership and there was a suggestion that the Parish Council consider adding two benches to the application for funding. However, the Villages in Partnership project officer will be taking commission of 10% of the funding obtained, presenting complications about which sections of the application fall under which group's responsibility. It was agreed to give permission for the Wildlife Group to install a second interpretation board and to continue to seek funding for the benches independently. It was also agreed to permit the scouts to undertake coppicing work with the Wildlife Group.

8. To consider request for funding from West Lancashire Crossroads: caring for carers

It was determined that the letter contained insufficient information so would be returned to at the next meeting. Specifically, the Clerk was asked to enquire clarification on what is meant by "emergency care service", a copy of audited accounts and request how many Parbold residents are assisted by the service so that it can be determined whether a donation would feed its way back to the Parbold area.

9. Update on Mill Lane parking issues and yellow lines

No update available as the Chairman is awaiting response from Andrew Burrows regarding availability for a meeting.

10. To consider any update from steering group investigating an appropriate Speed Indicator Device for Parbold Village

The working group will meet again this month and research is continuing.

11. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

301114	E A Broad	Salary (November 2014)	s.o.	£718.46
301114	David Secrett	Cleaning and gardening	s.o.	£128.00
051214	Fire Equipment Services	Annual visit to VH	2465	£118.44
051214	Parbold WI	Contribution to electricity for Christmas Lighting	2466	£50.00

It was resolved to support the additional costs of electricity to light the Christmas tree outside the Women's Institute Hall during the Christmas period.

051214	Chris Horridge	Clearing footpath Chapel Lane	2467	£290.00
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Chris Horridge usually charges £460 for a year of keeping the footpath clear, this includes the pond area, Bramble Way to Chapel Lane and weedkiller around the Chapel Meadow footpath. This year's costs have been less as he said he didn't need to use as much weedkiller because we have done regular maintenance for the past few years.

051214	H Stebbing	Alder Lane sign and notice board	2468	£2,247.54*
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(This scheme supported by £750 capital grant and £500 Parish Champion grant)

051214	Yates Playgrounds	Play area inspections	2469	£69.60*
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051214	Parbold WI	Room hire 051214	2470	£22.00
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The meeting noted that Parbold Women's Institute is raising the cost of room hire from January 2015 from £11 per hour to £12 per hour, approximately £24 rather than £22 per month.

051214	John Stewart	Installation of noticeboard	2471	£200.00
051214	E A Broad	reimbursement for meeting refreshments	2472	£26.31
051214	Barry Rawsthorne	Field cutting and removal of rubbish	2473	£304.00
051214	Post Office Counter	National Insurance 3 months	2474	£69.27

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

12. To consider application for funding form WLB Capital Grant Scheme

This item will be returned to at the next meeting. It was considered that something in the Alder Lane Playing Fields area might benefit from capital grant funding. Alternatively, litter or leaves clearance though this may not fall under a capital expenditure.

13. To consider proposals from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 18th November 2014 and rise in precept from £30,000 to £35,000.

The minutes of the finance committee meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman. In view of the increased costs and necessity to set up a rolling maintenance fund for Alder Lane and the Village Hall, it was resolved to raise the precept to £35,000.

The Clerk was asked to repeat this item on the next agenda so that the figures could be again be reviewed.

14. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2014/1176/FUL

Greenfield Cottage Mill Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7NW
Single storey extensions at side and rear and replacement roof structure

Parish Council responses: Parbold Parish Council objects to this application as the height of the roof will impact on neighbouring properties and the proposed vehicular access is a problem.

Application Number: 2014/1208/FUL

Proposal: Extension to, and reconfiguration of a Grade II listed dwelling and erection of a detached double garage.

Location: Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7TA,

Application Number: 2014/1209/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Extension to, and reconfiguration of, a Grade II listed dwelling and erection of a detached double garage.

Location: Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7TA,

Parish Council response: Parbold Parish council has no objection in principle to this application but wishes to ensure that development is sympathetic to the environment in view of this area being in the conservation area and viewable from Parbold Hill.

Application Number: 2014/0380/FUL

Proposal: Removal of 3 no. wooden window frames and 1 no. set of french windows and replace with mahogany coloured upvc windows/french windows.

Location: 16 Mill Leat Close, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7NJ

Parbold Parish Council has no comment on this application.

Application Number: 2014/1103/FUL

Proposal: Replacement single storey rear extension, new pitched roof extension to accommodate new living space above existing flat roof garage. Internal alterations.

Location: 60 Alder Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7JH,

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this application

Application Number: 2014/1169/FUL

Proposal: Rear conservatory.

Location: 28 Burnside, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7PD

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2014/1232/FUL

Proposal: First floor side extension.

Location: 4 Burnside, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7PD

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Application Number: 2014/1261/FUL

Proposal: Construction of first floor rear extension , single storey rear extension, internal alterations and rear patio.

Location: 25 Brandreth Drive, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HB

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

15. Items raised by Councillors:

- **Peter Lathom Charity**

The meeting confirmed that Cllr May Blake is the local representative on the Peter Lathom Charity as resolved at this year's AGM.

- **Mill Leat - consider action to tidy the area**

Borough Councillor Blake referred to an agreement made in 1998 concerning the sum of up to £300 for maintenance of the small football field alongside the Mill Leat art project.

The Clerk was asked to write to WLBC's John Nelson to request that the Mill Leat Art Project be tidied up.

- **Planting for bees**

The Council is asked to consider sites for a bee-garden and return this item to the next meeting. Sites suggested at this meeting included Mill Leat art project area and the far side of the football field, near the railway at Alder Lane Playing Fields.

- **Maintenance of property owned by Railtrack - Station House and Cabin Signal Box**

The letters of response from Rosie Cooper MP and Railtrack were noted with detailed response still awaited.

- **Food Standards Agency - Hygiene scores**

WLBC Environmental Health department award a figure from 1 - 5 for the standard of hygiene in food establishments. There was concern over a year ago about two Parbold venues because scores of 1 had been issued, however, recent inspections revealed that all Parbold food establishments are now awarded 3 or higher, and thirteen establishments, including The Stocks Tavern scored 5.

The full list is available online at the Food Standards Agency.

- **Barrier time for Railtrack**

The Clerk was asked to complain about the length of time the barrier is closed. The traffic build up is considerable and creating consequential problems.

- **Traffic parking issues**

Item deferred in the absence of Cllr Holland.

16. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Bailey - discuss increasing the amount of maintenance across the parish, perhaps additional grounds grass cutting, litter picking, bins replacing, tidying up a bit.

Cllr Blake - reported assisting a Station Road resident with an overgrown tree threatening to fall in her garden. She agreed to visit again and check the house deeds to determine whether it is part of the property or on Lancashire County Council land.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Vice-Chairman (Cllr C Bithell)

9th January 2015