

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th January 2017 in Parbold Women's Institute Hall, The Common, Parbold, WN8 7HA

Present: Cllr Bithell (Vice Chairman), Cllr Bailey, Cllr Blake, Cllr Butts, Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Holland, Cllr Shaffel, Cllr Stewart (arrived 7.40pm).

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Arnold and Cllr Wess.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 2nd December 2016

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

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.

5. To listen to presentation from the proposed Parbold Heritage Group

The group explained that they are working with the Canal and River Trust, Wigan volunteers to do some of the clearance work at the dry dock and they are not currently seeking parish council funding for any of the project. However, they would welcome assistance by way of advertising, and letters of support should funding bodies require proof of community involvement and engagement.

It was resolved unanimously to support the formation of the Parbold Heritage Group and assist in the way requested.

Members of the Burscough Heritage Group also attended and explained that a joint approach across the two villages forming a heritage trail between them (and through Lathom) will add value to applications for funding to support renovation of this historical feature. Parbold Dry Dock is particularly interesting because it was actually the original route for the Leeds-Liverpool canal and was only later established as a dry dock. The Parbold Heritage Group is a new idea and in need of members, but has a firm proposal to work on and has assistance from the Wigan Canal & River Trust Volunteers and Burscough Heritage group members too.

6. To hear update from Flood Action Group

No update available. Item deferred to next meeting.

7. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

301216	E A Broad	Clerk's salary	s.o.	£741.83
201216	Smart Heating -	village hall boiler	2632	£541.20*
201216	B Rawsthorne	grass cutting	2633	£784.00
201216	Yates Playgrounds	Play area inspections	2634	£69.60*
060117	E A Broad	Postage stamps	2635	£14.28
060117	PWI	Room hire for meeting	2636	£30.00
060117	Smart Heating	Village Hall boiler further call out	2637	£351.60*
060117	E A Broad	reimburse refreshments	2638	£28.54
060117	LCC	Potholes on the Common Car park	2639	£1,008*
060117	PCA	Room hire	2640	£34.00
060117	PCA	Hire of heaters from Hodgson's	2641	£376.80

It was resolved to issue £100 to assist with Chairman's expenses.

060117	Brian Arnold	Chairman's expenses	2642	£100.00
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*contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

8. Alder Lane Issues:-

- **Capital Grant project update**

The meeting heard that the capital grant agreed by WLBC last June is progressing as follows:

Suitable contractors are being sought for the following work: football pitch surfacing/re-grading - estimate £3 - 3.5k, Fencing around containers - estimate £3k, and cctv - estimate £4k

9. Village Hall Issues:-

- **Update following failure of the heating system to the main large hall**

The meeting heard that there had been a further call out from the engineer but that, although fragile, the system was not faulty now. Separately the PCA and PPC have been working together and an engineer's report has been commissioned to support any funding application. Councillors requested that this item be moved to the end of the agenda.

10. To confirm date for a budget meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7:30 pm at 74 The Common

11. Parbold Library update

The Clerk was asked to obtain an update from Parbold Unltd as soon as possible so that the Parish Council can see if there is a viable plan to put forward to LCC Asset Transfer Team.

12. To consider proposal for WLBC Capital Grant Funding

The Parish Council would like to promote of health & wellbeing for all ages within the village and would consider a capital scheme of creating a trim-trail or heritage trail around the village.

Additionally, and separately, any scheme to enhance the facade of the shops on The Common, particularly anything that would mask the air conditioning unit on the roof would be advantageous.

However, this WLBC capital grant scheme requires detailed application in the next few weeks so these plans are too ambitious within the time scale.

An application for financial assistance in upgrading the Burnside Play Area and introducing new equipment there will be prepared for the next meeting's discussion.

13. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Ref No: 2016/1298/FUL Lancaster Barn, Lancaster Lane, WN8 7AA
Proposal: Conversion of a 4 bedroom detached house into 2 x 3 bedroom semi detached.

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal though support any conservation proposals made.

Ref. No: 2016/1175/FUL 30 Wood Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7TH
Proposal: Single storey side extension.

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal

Ref No: 2016/1266/FUL 15 Tan House Lane, WN8 7HG
Proposal: Erection of a detached garage

Parbold Parish Council has concerns about this application in terms of the effect of work at this property on the homes behind the property in Brandeth Dive and Alderbrook Drive, who suffer water run-off flooding from this site.

Ref No: 2016/1096/FUL Brierley House - 19c Tan House
Proposal: Two storey rear extension and front dormer

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal however flood prevention measures should be considered in view of proximity to Brandreth Drive and Alderbrooke Drive.

The meeting noted an appeal against refusal of planning permission for Application Number: 2016/0833/FUL at 27 Lindley Drive Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7ED. Proposal: First floor extension to the property comprising the raising of the eaves. Single storey side extension. Parbold Parish Council made no objection to this proposal.

14. To consider Mill Lane residents' complaint about the Stocks car park

It was resolved to encourage residents to contact the new owner directly and not to enter into any neighbour-dispute over use of the land. WLBC Environmental Health department is the proper authority for liaison on issues of the nature brought up here.

15. Contribution to next PCA newsletter

The following draft will be circulated for agreement before publication:

New Year is often a time for thinking of doing new things and the Parish Council have two brand new volunteering opportunities.

INTERESTED IN HELPING FORM A PARBOLD HERITAGE TRUST?

The primary aim is to save, preserve and restore Parbold's Dry Dock – a unique and historical part of the Leeds Liverpool Canal which is slowly disappearing.

COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Could you spare a couple of hours to join other residents to help with a community litterpick? If there is enough interest, the Parish Council will organise a one-off litterpick, which may subsequently become a regular event to help keep Parbold clean and tidy.

Please email the Clerk above if you are interested in joining either group.

16. Items raised by Councillors:-

- **To review recruiting a Lengthsman**

It was resolved to attempt to recruit volunteers to undertake a spring litter picking project. Also during the budge process, consider setting aside a realistic sum for litter picking on a regular basis.

- **Confirm the Policy for charitable donations**

The current policy was restated as supporting groups who provide audited accounts to the Parish Council and prove that members of Parbold parish benefit from their activities, by giving a list of at least 6 residents who support the project.

- **Overhanging trees from village hall play area**

It was resolved to offer the fir tree in the corner of the play area to Parbold Unlimited to use as a Christmas tree from November 2017. A quotation for cutting the lower branches from the silver birches will be obtained.

- **To consider policy for fracking**

It was resolved that any individual applications will be considered should they arise rather than form a fixed policy at this time.

17. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Stewart - process of appeal on Tree Preservation Orders in Conservation Areas; however, this is primarily a WLBC matter and parish council could have no influence on this particular issue.

Cllr Bailey - sends apologies for the next meeting. In the light of anticipated work at the BT property at Tan House Lane/The Common corner, could BT be asked to tidy up the area, particularly the white plastic fencing which is in need of repair.

Item 9 - Village Hall heating system was then revisited but no additional resolutions made.

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

Cllr Brian Arnold, Chairman

3rd February 2017