

Parbold Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Bailey, Cllr Butts, Cllr Blake, Cllr Carruthers,
Cllr Holland, Cllr Schaffel, Cllr Wess.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bithell and Cllr Stewart

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 3rd March 2017

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.**

A letter received from Peter Buckley, requesting permission to site a portacabin on the car
park at the rear of the shops on The Common was considered as the matter was urgent. It
was resolved to grant permission, for duration of the shop refit.

5. Parbold Library update

The update from Lancashire County Council that the application was being "actively
considered" was noted, along with the request for further information from Steve Morgan.

6. To agree arrangements for Parbold Show and consider grant funding

It was resolved to grant permission to use of Alder lane Playing Fields for the Village Show
on the usual terms:

These conditions include that only light vehicles be permitted onto the playing pitch and that there would be a review immediately after the event to consider and record the condition of the playing fields. The Parish Council will not withdraw permission should heavy rain precede the event but do expect the Village Show Committee to take any steps necessary to mitigate damage in such circumstances.

Parbold Village Show Committee must accept responsibility for any damage caused to the pitch and supervise what vehicles do enter the field. The entrance used for the field is of particular vulnerability as the drainage system for both pitches meets here and the landfill cap is close to the surface, so care must be taken and, in the event of poor weather conditions, protective covering should be considered. The parish-owned shipping container can be used however it is inadequate for the large number of visitors anticipated, so the Committee ought to consider hiring portaloos for the event.

A grant of £250 was also approved but the cheque held back until conclusion of the event.

The meeting extended thanks to all those working hard to organise these fabulous events and good wishes for another successful year doing so.

7. To consider request for funding from Parbold Bounce & Rhyme

It was resolved to issue at section 137 grant of £50 to Parbold Bounce & Rhyme group providing services for young babies and their carers.

8. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

270317	HMRC	NI payments for 3 months	s.o.	£48.28
270317	E A Broad	Clerk's salary	s.o.	£741.83
070417	Parbold WI	Room Hire	2663	£30.00
070417	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting	2664	£257.00
070417	Fire Equipment Services	Village hall extinguisher	2665	£ 53.22*
070417	PCA	Additional electricity charges due to heating failure	2666	£ 139.99
070417	Mark Knowles	small boiler repair village hall	2667	£ 318.00*
070417	B Arnold	postage for plates for SPIDs	2668	£ 2.96
070417	Parbold Village Festival Committee	Section 137 grant	2669	£ 250.00
070417	Parbold Bounce & Rhyme	Section 137 grant	2670	£ 50.00
070417	Community Futures	Annual subscription fee	2671	£30.00
070417	Yates Playgrounds	Play area inspections	2672	£69.60*

070417 Safety control & Supplies Hi-viz vests and gloves 2673 £180.00*

Deposits into the account:

WLBC £4,531.50 Speed Indicator devices - capital grant scheme

Southern Electric £208.31 Feed in tariff from solar panels

Notification of bank charges - amount to be deducted on £9.10 on 28th April 2017

Amendment to standing order for salary to from 28th April 2017 to £697.13 and direct debit to NEST scheme for £22.34 monthly.

9. To receive annual accounts and complete documentation for audit of accounts 2015/6, including statement of annual governance if available.

The bank reconciliation was distributed before the meeting. Completion of the account forms will be deferred to next meeting to give the internal auditor chance to complete the audit first.

10. Alder Lane Issues:-

- **Consider signage at fields following Dog Control Order**

It was resolved to cover up No Dogs sign and ask WLBC to put Dogs on Lead sign up.

- **Update on Parbold Junior Football Team**

It was resolved to offer the pitch to the new Parbold team at a reduced fee of £20 per month for ten months (total £200 for the full season)

- **Chapel Meadow inclusion in July 1st National Meadows Day**

It was resolved to grant permission for Parbold Wildlife Group to hold an information and recruitment event on the fields on 1st July 2017 for National Meadows Day.

11. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Planning Applications: 2017/0184/FUL

Friars Wood Lancaster Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7HQ

The erection of a 2.5-storey detached dwelling with single storey elements to each side and the rear. The property to be a 6 bedroom dwelling situated to the north of the plot

Parish Council Response: Parbold Parish Council objects to this proposal. Installing large dwellings into the rear gardens of existing properties threatens the nature of this village which was originally established as large properties set neatly within their own grounds, providing good drainage of surface water and a haven for wildlife. Removing these back gardens and replacing with hard structures increases flood risk, removes the environment for wildlife altering the ecology of the whole area. These developments also increase traffic and infrastructure problems, in particular flood risk in an area that already suffers poor drainage and problems with utility services. Whilst the ecology survey limits comment that any

vegetation clearance should not take place between March and September, this council would prefer that no clearance at all takes place as this is valuable wildlife habitat sustaining the rural character of Parbold.

Planning Application: 2017/0196/FUL

Land To The Rear Of 9 - 15 Tan House Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7HG
Variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2015/1243/FUL to alter the location of Plot 2

Parish Council Response: Parbold Parish Council supports resident Jonathan Hickling in strongly objecting to the variation of conditions on this planning application. There are huge concerns about the development on the whole as a number of residents have attended parish council meetings with their worries that the development is infringing on their property and peace of mind. We have heard complaints from neighbours about non-adherence to agreed working hours, noise and disturbance from an untidy site, increased garden flooding, removal of trees before permission was given and Tan House Lane outside the property is extremely muddy from vehicles leaving the site with no apparent cleaning going on. With respect to this application alone, the Parish Council decided it is not reasonable to amend the agreed location to the detriment of neighbouring properties and oppose the application to do so.

It was noted that following the site visit the Application at Houseboat Green Matters will be decided on Thursday 13th April 2017 by WLBC Planning Committee. A request for Cllr Holland to speak at this meeting will be submitted, however having already spoken against the application, this may not be permitted.

Application Number: 2017/0149/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension with rooflights. Alterations within the property.

Location: 4 Mill Leat Mews Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7NH

Cllr Blake, as Borough Councillor, has called in the application at 4 Mill Leat Mews, to be determined by Planning Committee rather than delegated authority.

12. Contribution to next PCA newsletter

The following text was agreed.

Alder Lane Playing Fields are dedicated to sports use and are not suitable for exercising dogs. Please be aware that WLBC has placed a Public Spaces Protection Order on these fields under which dogs must be kept on leads. Allowing your dog to run free here attracts a fixed penalty of £100 or a fine of up to £1,000 if it goes to court. There has also been an increase in dog fouling on the pavements in the village, particularly on Tan House Lane route to our primary schools, so please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog.

Inconsiderate parking, particularly on Lancaster Lane at school drop-off/pick up time is again an issue. We need to keep our children safe and this is best done by walking them to school, rather than parking cars around their school, creating obstructions and distraction as they go in and come out. If you must travel by car leave a little time to park away from the school itself and walk them in. Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicle coming out of driveways. Walking alongside and talking with your children about Stop, Look, Listen & Think every time they cross the road: STOP - one step

back from the kerb. LOOK - for traffic to your right, left and right again. LISTEN: for the sounds of approaching traffic. THINK: whether it is safe to cross. Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

The Parish Council Annual Meeting (7 pm) and AGM (8pm) will be held on Friday 7th May 2017.

13. Finalise arrangements for the Litter Pick

It was resolved to purchase Parbold Parish Council hi-viz vests and gloves for thirty volunteers and to request loan of litter pickers. The draft risk assessment was distributed and agreed. Cllr Bithell will attend to organise the event.

14. Items raised by Councillors:-

It was understood that a local resident has made enquiries about the Station House and offered to purchase this from Network Rail.

15. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Bailey: Can BT be requested to tidy up the hedge and white plastic fence around the telephone exchange.

Cllr Arnold: Is there any area in the village that could be used to create a long stay car park; perhaps Mill Leat or the plot of land to the rear of the Royal Bank of Scotland

Cllr Wess: Another parking for disabled place is needed on The Common car park, when next remarking the car park can we add another disabled parking place. In view of the porta-cabin servicing the pharmacy refit, this matter will be returned to later in the year.

Cllr Arnold: A new Head Teacher will be arriving at Parbold Douglas Primary School and may have new ideas to tackle the parking issues around the school at drop-off and pick-up times.

The meeting noted that the new PCSO for the village is Andy Holderness.

16. Resolution: 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.

Resolved.

17. Consider quotations for restoration work at the football pitch at Alder Lane

The two quotations were considered with the lowest cost one preferred. However, it was noted that the field drain in the corner of the field was struggling to cope with surface water and so advise on this issue will be sought first.

18. Village Hall Issues:-

Chairman:.....

- **Update regarding PCA funding application for the heating system**

The Parish Council agreed to withdraw their application for funding from Grantscape (Whitemoss Ltd) to allow the PCA application to move forward.

There being no further issues the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35pm.

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Chairman -

5th May 2017