

Parbold Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council which at 7.30 pm on Friday 2nd June 2017
in Parbold Women's Institute Hall, The Common, Parbold, WN8 7HA**

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Bithell (Vice Chairman), Cllr Bailey, Cllr Blake,
Cllr Butts, Cllr Holland, Cllr Wess.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Schaffel and Cllr Stewart

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5th May 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.**

The meeting heard an update from the flood action group. It was explained that the gage in
the River Douglas is not currently working. There had been further communication between
the group and the Environment Agency about the community led telemetry project. The
group now plan to advertise for volunteer flood wardens. Concern was expressed that some
of the flood doors and barriers installed as a preventative measure were not working as they
should, so the group encourage anyone who has purchased these items to test them and refer
back to the manufacturer if they are deficient in any way. As part of the emergency plan,
Landrover or 4by4 owners were being sought.

5. Parbold Library update

The newly elected County Councillor Paul Greenall is keen to resolve the issue of Parbold
Library and will be open to discussion as to the future use of the building. The Conservative
manifesto made a commitment to re-open libraries where possible or use the buildings for
other community use where business plans were at an advanced stage. The application put

into the system last August and updated by the addition of Parbold Unlimited's business plan in February is still progressing. However, it would need to be taken through the meeting process which could take another three months at least. Residents have asked if a the mobile library can be brought into the village.

6. To consider paying for the emptying of the green bins for Parbold Tree Wardens

Parbold Parish Council agree in principle to pay £55 per annum for the two green bins to be collected. However, in view of WLBC confusion about contracts and payments through their system do not want to add to this confusion by becoming third party contractors. Therefore, Parbold Parish Council resolved to offer a grant of £55 to the Parbold Tree Wardens to assist with costs of waste disposal.

It is understood that neighbouring councils with the same problem have simply wheeled the bins to the nearest residential address on the day of collection and paid through the system with that address (which happens to be a parish councillors home).

WLBC had, via Borough Councillor Blake, suggested that the waste be deposited in the PCA large bins and included in their contract removal. This would be a matter for the PCA and Tree Wardens to decide however it may not really meet the recycling intention.

7. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

190517	RBS	Bank account charges for month	b.t.	£ 5.00
300517	E A Broad	Salary (May 2017)	s.o.	£741.83
020617	Parbold WI	Room hire 2nd June 2017	2679	£30.00
(050517	C J Lyons	Camera investigation drains	2675	£331.20*)
Cheque cancelled - amount wrong				
020617	C J Lyons	camera investigation at Alder Lane	2680	£216.00*
correct amount				
020617	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting for May 2017	2681	£253.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

8. To receive internal auditor's report and complete documentation for audit of accounts 2015/6, including statement of annual governance.

The report was received and acknowledged and the documentation completed, agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk for submission to BDO External Auditors.

9. Alder Lane Issues:-

- **Update on casual use by local community teams**

The football field is being used on a casual basis on a Friday evening by an Up Holland men's team. Arrangements had been made for Digmaor Reserves to use the field this evening but their representative did not turn up to collect the key or pay the field use fee.

- **Field renovation**

The two quotations were considered with Mallinsons favoured as long as they are able to complete the work during the week beginning 10th July 2017 immediately after the Parbold Show.

10. Village Hall Issues:-

- **Update on any heating issues at the hall**

No update available. Clerk will contact PCA to ask if there is any progress on funding applications.

11. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number 2017/0401/FUL

Copley Croasdale Drive Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7HR

Proposed single storey front extension following the taking down of the existing porch

Parish Council Response: No objections unless the balcony overlooks and interferes with neighbouring property.

Application Number: 2016/1185/FUL

Railway Public House, proposal for two 4-bed detached dwellings in carpark.

Application was refused by WLBC Planning Committee.

12. Contribution to next PCA newsletter

The ten residents who form Parbold Parish Council meet in the Women's Institute Hall at 7.30pm on the first Friday of each month except August, when the council is in recess. There is an opportunity to hear questions from members of the public during this meeting and although it is not possible to give answers on the night any issues raised will be fully considered at the next meeting. If you have any issues that you wish to be considered for inclusion on the agenda please email them to the clerk at the email address above.

In the next few months speed indicator devices will be installed in locations across the village. Please remember that the majority of roads within the village are 20 mph, so we wish to encourage drivers to keep to this limit and keep our roads safe.

At the present time the Parish Council is awaiting a final decision from Lancashire County Council as to what will happen with the Library building. The recent elections gave a Conservative majority to the Council and suggested a commitment to retaining the libraries. If continuing as a library is not feasible, the Parish Council favours the building being put to a similar community use, including a library function.

Following the success of the last litter pick we will be repeating the exercise on Saturday 9th September 2017: meeting at 10am on Parbold Village Hall car park. Please email the Clerk if you intend to join us so that numbers can be estimated and routes planned.

Any odour problems from Hoscar Sewage Works should be reported on the very simple web-form at: <http://unitedutilities.odour.sgizmo.com/s3/>

13. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Blake: The owner of the deli has approached again about the land behind the shops - it is overgrown with weeds and furniture from the chemist has been left there.

Cllr Bithell: Noticed that the flagged area at the front of the Jubilee Garden requires weeding. Is this something the Parbold Tree Wardens do or do we need to get a contractor? The 9th September 2017 litter-pick needs to be advertised and perhaps an informal litter-pick along Parbold Hill could be done around July-time.

Cllr Bailey - consider implementing a structure under which parish council staff can issue fixed penalty notices for dog control orders or consider buying in this service.

Cllr Wess - the guttering throughout the village has weeds growing through so they clearly need maintenance to reduce the flood risk. The individual grids will be reported to Lancashire County Council Highways Department on the Report It website.

14. 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.

Unnecessary, as no members of the public present.

15. Consider agreement with United Utilities for siting Speed Indicator Device in the pumping station on Alder Lane.

It was resolved to accept the terms and conditions presented by United Utilities for the installation of the Speed Indicator Device in the pumping station on Alder Lane. Lancashire County Council will erect the posts to hold the equipment, so they will be given a copy of these terms and conditions for information.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm