

Parbold Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th January 2012 at Parbold Women's Institute.

Present: Cllr Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Arnold (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Middleton, Cllr Stapleton and Cllr Mrs Wess.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Bithell, Cllr Mrs Raju, Cllr Mrs Houlgrave.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Bailey – personal interest in matters pertaining to WLBC and LCC of which he is a member

Cllr Mrs Blake – personal interest in matters pertaining to WLBC of which she is a member

Cllr Mrs Middleton – personal interest in matters pertaining to Parbold Wildlife Group and Chapel Lane Meadow

Cllr Arnold – personal interest in the planning application at the Wayfarer Restaurant

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 2nd December 2011

Resolution (70/11): That the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Blake, all in favour.

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.

Rachel Birkett, licensee of the Wayfarer Restaurant explained that the amendment to the planning application did not in fact change the position of the extension for the brewery but merely reduced the size following the Heritage Officer's comments that the original plans would breach regulations. She explained that the plan was to expand the business by adding a microbrewery to make locally produced ale that would be an asset to the village as a whole. The process had started in 2009 and the application has been ongoing throughout. It was an ambitious project and she was anxious to comply with the regulations and create a really smart, boutique, classy brewery. As a Parbold business owner she asked that the Parish Council help this come to fruition and support the planning application.

Complaints have been received that there is flooding to the pavement of Tan House Lane running form Number 19.

A Brandreth Delph resident added that 17 and 19 Tan House Lane had put gravel and paving around the front of their homes, with possibly not enough drainage provision. The pavement can be lethal when it freezes.

County Councillor David Westley explained that flooding issues on Brandreth Drive were exacerbated because 6 inch pipes were used and there is a gulley requiring contestant maintenance at the junction of Tan House Lane and Brandreth Drive.

Any Item of Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chairman

The Chairman confirmed that the crossbars from the goal posts were missing and could only be presumed stolen. The Clerk was asked to inform the insurance and check if they might be covered.

5. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

281211	E A Broad	Salary (December 2011)	s.o.	£ 660.74
281211	Sherwoods	Grass cutting contract	s.o.	£110.90*
060112	David Secrett	Cleaning & Gardening services	s.o.	£128.00
060112	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI contributions	2191	£88.39
060112	Parbold WI	Room hire	2192	£18.00

**Resolution (71/11): That the accounts be ratified and authorised for payment.
Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Arnold, all in favour.**

6. Village Hall:

The Clerk was waiting for a response from Sue Halton as to suitable dates for a PCA Liaison meeting so this will be set administratively.

7. Alder Lane:

- **Update regarding car park maintenance**

Item deferred until next meeting as weather and time of year have delayed any action.

- **Update on any discussion with Shevington Sharks regarding a temporary changing room facility**

The Chairman confirmed that he had had a very brief discussion with Shevington Sharks and that they were in a change-over period where the rugby league season will become a summer season game, so there are no fixtures now until March.

- **Consider proposal that Parish Council pay for hedging to either side of the access gate for the pitches**

Resolution (72/11): The Council agreed in principal to add hedging to either side of the gate to close the pitch area off. Proposed by Cllr Arnold, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all in favour. The Clerk was asked to obtain prices for the next meeting.

8. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2011/1280/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension.

Location: 40 The Common, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7DS

Parish Council Response: Parbold Parish Council has concerns that this proposed development will alter the character and appearance of the surrounding area and may have an adverse effect on neighbouring properties.

Application Number: 2011/0751/FUL

Proposal: SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION, SIDE PORCH AND SOLAR PANELS

Location: WAYFARER RESTAURANT, 1-7 ALDER LANE, PARBOLD

Resolution (73/11): That Parbold Parish Council makes no comment on this application. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Stapleton, for: Cllr Mrs Middleton, against: Cllr Mrs Wess, abstentions Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Blake.

The Clerk reminded Members that the Local Plan Preferred Options paper was now in a period of consultation with forums and exhibitions being held that everyone was encouraged to attend.

9. To update the meeting on TM Retails proposal to re-site the air-conditioning units at McColls, 17 The Common

The Clerk was asked to find out why the planning application had been refused and to contact TM Retail to ask their exact plans for this issue. It was noted that Cllr Bithell had permission to open negotiations but make no decisions on behalf of the Parish Council.

10. Update on Three Tier (LCC, WLBC, Parish Rep) Forum issues

The minutes of the forum had been previously distributed and were discussed with issues for future agenda noted.

11. To consider preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, as suggested by Localism Act

Resolution (74/11): That the Parish Council prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Blake, seconded by Cllr Arnold, all in favour.

Cllr Mrs Wess requested that the Parish Plan be discussed at the next meeting.

12. To consider commissioning an independent flood risk assessment of the village

Item deferred in the absence of Cllr Bithell.

The meeting discussed areas of the village, particularly susceptible to flooding. It was noted that WLBC worked in conjunction with the Environmental Agency to improve the culvert

running through Mill Leat and West View. United Utilities had completed their work on pipes in Fairhurst Drive. Brandreth Drive was still using smaller pipes than optimal and United Utilities were aware of this but were unable to upgrade at the present time due to lack of funding for this. Tan house Lane had particular problems of flooding following the trend for putting gravel driveways into the homes there and following WLBC agreement that garden infill at 15 Tan House Lane be permitted. Cllr Arnold had asked for maps from the Environment Agency to identify flood plains.

13. Update regarding aggressive geese on Parbold canal

The meeting was updated following e-mails from Mark Thompson, Lancashire Police Wildlife Officer. The Clerk was asked to inform the RSPCA that the geese are at risk where they are living as it is not a suitable environment being so close to a busy road. Also, to investigate the costs of catching and relocating the geese or failing that for their destruction. An item to be placed in the PCA newsletter informing members of the public of the plans to remove the geese.

14. To determine representation at forthcoming meetings

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the LALC Area Committee will be on 19th January 2012 and that Cllr Arnold will represent the Council at the LCC Blackburn Cathedral Epiphany Service.

15. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Blake – reported that British Waterways were hoping to repair the Alder Lane bridge in the next financial year. Also that she would follow up the issue of orange netting repair, following vehicle collision, with LCC Highways.

Cllr Middleton – referred to the resident's emailed complaint about tarmac potholes in the road and pedestrian footpath along Brandreth Drive and asked to see the response sent and LCC response. She asked that the condition of pedestrian pavements be considered on a future agenda.

Cllr Arnold – Update on issues regarding Shevington Sharks as discussion in progress.

Cllr Wess – regarding the proposed soakaway at 15 Tan House, could Building Control be asked what methodology they will use for monitoring and testing the soakaway, before any building starts?

Cllr Stapleton – asked what can be done about the occasionally illegal parking on Lancaster Lane, particularly when funerals, or weddings are being conducted at the Church? It is noted that at such times there is a lot of parking on the pavement, adjacent to the solid white line, which is particularly dangerous. It was agreed to highlight this in the PCA newsletter and suggested that it also be raised with the police at the next PACT meeting.

There being no more business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Chairman – Cllr R M Bailey

Clerk - Mrs E-A Broad

Date