

# ***Parbold Parish Council***

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## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Parbold Women's Institute.**

Present: Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bithell, Cllr Blake, Cllr Butts & Mrs Irene Broten

### **1. To record apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bailey, Cllr Holland, Cllr Murrin-Bailey, Cllr Houlgrave & Cllr Wess

### **2. To co-opt new member and hear acceptance of office declaration**

Mrs Irene Broten was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Declaration of acceptance of office was read out, signed and witnessed.

### **3. To receive declarations of interest**

None declared

### **4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed.

### **5. 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.**

PCSO Dave Benson attended representing the neighbourhood police team, which includes Sgt Craig Appleton and PC Beverley Lodge. The next PACT (Police & Community Together) meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Vehicle crime, involving theft from cars parked on rural public house car parks is on the increase, with reported incidents at the Miller & Carter Restaurant, The Wiggin Tree, Parbold Hill.

The Chairman reported that PCSO had been commended at the recent LALC Area Committee meeting where members from the various parishes he covers mentioned his good work. The Parish Council congratulated him on receiving the Divisional Commander's Award.

The letter requesting funding for police vehicles was mentioned, with the Parish Council noting that this issue had been raised in the past and rejected as a matter that the police should precept for rather than the parish council.

## **6. Update on Lancaster Lane Parking Issues & Flooding around Parbold Douglas School**

The meeting heard that the road had been flooding very badly in the heavy rain, with water running out of the school field. The PTA at school is looking at whether a survey can be completed with a view to installing parallel ditches to drain the water away. The issue had also been raised at the three-tier-forum meetings as WLBC have a responsibility for gully cleaning but the highway issues are the responsibility of LCC.

The Clerk confirmed that WLBC had been informed of the pavement hazard of wet, slippy leaves.

## **7. Common shops car park**

- **To decide future of the clothes bins**

Paul Ozanne of the Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd (01933 441086) had responded that their company is a wholly owned trading arm of The Salvation Army, control and operates the clothing collection scheme on behalf of The Salvation Army. The bank is emptied twice a week. He commented that “the box is indeed well used and we are very grateful to the local residents for their efforts to protect the environment and to help support the work of The Salvation Army.”

The Heart Variety, Charity for Children shoe collection box has a notice on the box stating that the property is owned by European Recycling Company who donates £50 per tonne of clothing and a minimum of £35,000 per year to Heart Variety. European Recycling Company had not responded to the letter requesting information. National press articles suggested that the company was a profit based company operating from outside of the UK.

It was resolved to request removal of the European Recycling Company box but permit retention of the Salvation Army box.

- **Update on bollard damage – and consider painting the bollards white**

The meeting noted that the bollard had been repaired for a second time.

It was not considered necessary or appropriate to paint the bollards white as the enhancement scheme design was for black bollards and white may soon appear dirty or become marked.

## **8. Village Hall:**

- **Update on PCA Project to install permanent notice board**

It was noted that the planning application had been submitted and reiterated that the Parish Council want “Parbold Village Hall” written on the header.

## 9. Alder Lane:

- **Update on installation of a Jubilee Hedge at Bramble Way Car park**

Four quotations were considered and the lowest quote of £780 to move the gate, erect fencing and install the hedge was accepted.

It was mooted that a style might be put into the planned gap to keep motorbikes from entering the pitches. However, this would be an unacceptable obstruction for dog walkers.

{Sherwoods: £1160 plus VAT

Barry Rawsthorne: £968.30

Conservation Contracts Northwest: £861.64 (for gate relocation and fence – NOT hedging)

Mark Hornby £780 plus VAT move gate two new posts fence, }

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- **Update on land drainage project at Chapel Lane Meadow**

The work commissioned by the Wildlife Trust was now complete. However, it was noted that a degree of debris (rubbish, stones and trees) had been dumped alongside the work, some on Bramble way car park. The Clerk was instructed to email Ian Wright, Wildlife Trust and John Ellis, Conservation Contracts Northwest to complain.

- **Update on car park resurfacing**

It was resolved to undertake the survey at the cost of approximately £1,000 and commission a surface plan for the sum of approximately £500.

- **Update on planning application to move storage containers**

Cllr Arnold and Cllr Bithell agreed to meet with Martyn Ellis of Shevington Sharks to discuss further.

- **To consider installing a gate at the Alder Lane end of the football field**

One quotation of £806.78 was available.

It was resolved to install a gate for the protection of children using the fields, alongside the busy road, however the Clerk was asked to obtain a further quote and accept the lowest available to undertake this work without delay.

*{Ask Mark Hornby and pick the lowest cost and do it.}*

## 10. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

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| 281112 | E A Broad     | Salary                                      | s.o. | £704.59 |
| 281112 | David Secrett | Cleaning & Gardening services               | s.o. | £128.00 |
| 071212 | Parbold WI    | Room hire for 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2012 | 2277 | £22.00  |
| 071212 | PCA           | Contribution for new notice board           | 2278 | £200.00 |
| 071212 | Groundforce   | repair to bollard                           | 2779 | £108.00 |

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

### **11. To raise project ideas for the WLBC Capital Grants Scheme**

It was resolved to request half-payment towards erecting two notice boards at Alder Lane, one at each end of the football field (i.e. one on the corner of Bramble Way/Alder Lane and one on Bramble Way car park). These boards to advise visitors of the ownership and usage of the field.

### **12. To confirm meeting date for the Finance Committee to consider budget for financial year 2013-14**

As required by the Localism Act, Members present submitted letters of request for a dispensation due to disclosable, pecuniary interests in order to take part in the setting of a parish precept. The agenda for the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> December was distributed.

### **13. To note Planning and Planning Applications**

- Post-mounted non-illuminated display case.  
Community Centre 2 The Green Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7DN  
Ref. No: 2012/0898/ADV | Received: Tue 13 Nov 2012 | Validated: Tue 13 Nov 2012  
| Status: Pending Consideration

Parish Council Response: Parbold Parish Council supports this application.

- Creation of new vehicular access.  
Parbold Railway Station Station Road Parbold Lancashire  
Ref. No: 2012/1234/FUL | Received: Fri 23 Nov 2012 | Validated: Thu 29 Nov 2012 |  
Status: Pending Consideration

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal but has concerns that as it is within the conservation area, all stonework is correctly replaced. Additionally, residents must be kept informed of progress and adequate access for pedestrians, particularly those unable to use the subway, is maintained.

### **14. Update on Jubilee benches (supported by WLBC Capital Grant)**

The meeting confirmed the order for two Woodsman Jubilee oak benches at a cost of £1,341.67 (+ £268.33 VAT) including installation, with the site for the canal-side bench agreed as next to the existing bench on the canal car park opposite Parbold Windmill.

**15. To determine representation at forthcoming meetings**

Cllr Arnold & Cllr Bithell will meet with Shevington Sharks to discuss Bramble Way car park.

**16. Councillors Items to be discussed:**

No items raised.

**17. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings**

Cllr Blake told the meeting that she would be discussing with WLBC the question of the remaining security fencing left by contractors working on Mill Leat, taking up the issue of wet leaves on the pavements of Tan House Lane and Lancaster Lane and the slippy leaves on the bridge on Alder Lane.

Cllr Butts clarified that the tarmac on Greenfield Avenue was breaking up and needed attention. The meeting noted that it was not listed on the commissioning plan from LCC but that LCC had been informed of the problem.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.