

**Minutes for the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th November 2015
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 Murrin-Bailey, Cllr Schaffel,

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Wess, Cllr Stewart and Cllr Holland.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 2nd October 2015

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.

No issues raised.

5. Distribution of Minutes from 6th October 2015 Liaison Meeting on Wigan Waste Water Treatment Centre

The Minutes were distributed with the meeting papers.

6. Parking Problems around the village, with feedback from Parbold Douglas Academy (PDA).

The meeting heard that PDA Head Teacher, LCC Safety Officer and police were currently liaising to work out new methods of deterring inconsiderate parking. A meeting in the New Year will be arranged when these methods have been tried. The Parish Council remain concerned however that Christmas productions and performances will attract more poorly parked vehicles and ask that parents attending these events park considerately or leave their vehicles at home.

7. Consider donation to Parbold WI for assistance with costs involved in lighting the Christmas tree.

It was resolved to issue £50 towards the electricity costs for the lighting of the Christmas tree at Parbold WI Hall.

8. Issues around Parbold Village Hall

- **Fire doors and windows replacement scheme update**

As requested by the PCA, the installation will take place in the New Year. Liaison between all concerned will continue.

9. Issues around Alder Lane Playing Fields:

- **Parking issues on match days - update following Wigan Anglers competitions**

The Clerk has responded to Wigan Anglers email, requesting prior notification of their visits to Bramble Way car park and that Saturday meetings be arranged when possible. The meeting heard that the rugby league season was now closed until March 2016. Shevington Sharks were reminded in a letter that the terms of the licence for field use dictate the requirement of a marshal for car parking. The meeting suggested consideration be given to sectioning off part of the car park and reserving this for pitch users. It may be necessary to limit the use to two teams rather than permitting four teams to play during one session.

- **Receipt of cost analysis for Playing Fields**

A cost analysis was provided to Councillors explaining that the costs of running fields is far in excess of any revenue obtained from the fields. The provision of the Playing Fields is accepted to be a non-profit, community amenity.

10. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

271015	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting contract	2538	£433.00
271015	B Rawsthorne	Football pitch weed/feed/rotation etc	2539	£781.00
291015	E A Broad	Salary (October 2015)	s.o.	£718.46
061115	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting contract October	2540	£1,090.32
Spoiled cheque number 2541				
061115	Parbold WI	Room hire	2542	£24.00
061115	SLCC	Annual subscription	2543	£82.20
061115	Parbold WI	Contribution to Christmas lights	2544	£50.00

Bank balance as at 30th October 2015:

Current Account	£ 71.81
Reserve Account	£ 106,916.13
Total:	£ 106,987.94

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

11. To set date for budget meeting - 25th November 2015

It was agreed that the Finance Committee will meet at 8pm on Wednesday 25th November 2015 to discuss the budget.

12. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number 2015/1059/FUL
Braeside Tanfield Nook Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7DQ
Replacement of velux rooflights with dormer windows on the front elevation of the dwelling

No objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2015/1011/FUL
25 Lindley Drive Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7ED
Erection of single storey side extension; first floor rear extension; front porch and replacement driveway.

No objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2015/1041/FUL
23 Tan House Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7HG
Variation of condition no 4 imposed on planning permission 2014/1282/FUL to allow front garage doors to be timber finished, roll over doors

No objection to this proposal.

13. Items raised by Councillors:

- **Consider meeting on the second Friday of the month, rather than the first.**

Deferred to next meeting in absence of the councillor who raised the issue.

14. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Blake requested that information about the planning application for the Biomass to Energy factory at Appley Bridge be put into the newsletter so that Parbold residents are informed.

Cllr Arnold asked Councillors to take a look at the bins in their part of the village and report to the Clerk if any need replacement or repair. The dog bin on Tan House Lane was reported as being in a poor state of repair with a broken lid.

Cllr Murrin-Bailey expressed concern about the impending winter weather forecast, suggesting that communication with WLBC and LCC be maintained to ensure that grit bins are filled and highways kept open.

Cllr Schaffel noting that the dog bin on Chapel Lane is not easily accessible for emptying suggested it might be relocated near to the field gate access to Chapel Lane, next to the level crossing.

15. 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, the public and the press, leave the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda

Resolved.

16. Update on Lengthsman Contract

The Parish Council wish to continue with the offer to the first person if a self-employed status can be assured.

There was discussion about disposal of waste collected during litter-picking and the PCA will be asked if another bin can be added to their bin store at the back of the village hall.

17. Consider Councillor's leave of absence due to illness

It was unanimously agreed to extend a leave of absence for Cllr Wess, who has been unable to attend meetings since July 2015 due to serious illness. She continues to be involved in council business via email communication. The situation will be reviewed in March 2016.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm

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Chairman - Cllr Brian Arnold

4th December 2015