

# Parbold Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 in Parbold Village Hall, The Common, WN8 7DN**

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Gill (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blake, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Long and Cllr Schaffel.

3 members of the public in attendance.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Butts.

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

None declared.

### **3. 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.**

Two members of the 2025 Parbold Show committee requested permission from the Council to once again use the playing fields at Alder Lane. Their comments were noted for consideration at item 7 of this meeting and the Council gave their appreciation for the effort of the volunteer committee to run this valued annual event.

**4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

**5. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented or already paid**

111224	Yates Playgrounds – inspection/repairs	BACS	£290.40
121224	Boiler Care – village hall	D/D	£19.25
151224	Vision Link	D/D	£24.00
151224	O2 CCTV	D/D	£28.07
281224	B Joule – salary	S/O	£907.98
301224	Bank charges	D/D	£6.00

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter bank reconciliation had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and it was resolved to accept this as an accurate record of the Council's finances.

**6. To note Planning and Planning Applications**

Application no: 2024/1093/PNH

Proposal: Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - extension of detached dwellinghouse. Extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 3.82m. Maximum height of the extension 3.70m. Height of eaves of the extension 2.33m.

Location: 36 Beech Avenue, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7NS.

Comments: The Parish Council offer no objection to this proposal.

Application no: 2024/1101/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and replaced with single storey extension

Location: 72A The Common, Parbold WN8 7EA

Comments: The Parish Council offer no objection to this proposal.

Application no: 2024/1060/FUL

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2022/0883/FUL in relation to approved plans

Location: Sisters of Notre Dame Convent, Lancaster Lane, Parbold WN8 7HT

Comments: The Parish Council offer no objection to this proposal.

## 7. Village issues

- **To discuss the application from the Parbold Village Show committee for the use of the Alder Lane field for the 2025 show.**

Further to the comments offered by the show committee members earlier in the meeting, several issues were raised by the Council that would need addressing prior to full permission being granted. The Chairman stressed that the Council fully support the idea of the village show but also need to protect the condition of the playing fields, especially now that Sport England are providing a grant for long term pitch improvement. It was resolved to agree the show dates in principle and to arrange a meeting with the show committee to find solutions to the issues.

- **To consider the discussions with LCC over the use of the small piece of land next to Parbold Library**

This relates to the small area of land between The Heys frontage and the library, which is owned and maintained by LCC. Initial dialogue has been established between the Council and LCC Estates as to the future of this area, in relation to the strip in front of The Heys currently maintained by the Parish Council. This area may also potentially be considered as a location for a war memorial by a local group.

- **To discuss speeding issues in the village and the effective use of Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDS)**

Cllr Arnold gave an update on the position with the Council's devices. At present there are two working devices, one on Alder Lane and one outside the village hall on The Common. The third device is currently in for repair and upgrade and arrangements are being made to install this on Chorley Road between The Common and the boundary with Hilldale. There have been recent concerns about speeding in the village from a resident and advice has been given regarding the reporting to the

appropriate authorities. It was resolved to ask adjoining parish councils for support to request LCC to install average speed cameras along the A5209 from the M6 to the end of Newburgh.

- **To discuss any issues to be raised at the forthcoming meeting regarding flooding in the village**

An on-site meeting has been arranged by Cllr Jukes for 1100hrs on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Participants will meet on Broadmead then move on to other relevant areas. The recent flooding of the Burnside area was discussed and Cllr Bailey stressed the need to encourage residents to log any breaching of residential properties with LCC to help build an accurate picture of the flooding issues. Cllr Bailey also said the LCC will shortly be organising a drop in session for Parbold residents to discuss the concerns around flooding in the village.

#### **8. To consider a project for the 2025 WLBC Capital grant application round**

The next round of grant applications are due to be submitted by 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025. It was resolved to apply for funding for the speed device repair and installation.

#### **9. To consider rejoining the Lancashire Police Partnership scheme (LANPAC)**

The membership details had been circulated to Members and it was resolved not to rejoin the scheme, as over the last year activities did not appear to directly benefit the community of Parbold.

#### **10. Update on Councillor raised issues**

- **To receive an update on progress with the maintenance of the Station House**

Cllr Carruthers had reported to the Clerk prior to the meeting that she had made contact with the building's owner company. They will meet with Cllr Carruthers on site to discuss what is required to be done but ask for initial photographs before the meeting.

**11. Clerk’s Report**

The report was duly noted.

**12. Councillors’ agenda items for future meetings**

Cllr Long reported that the public footpath off The Common was overgrown and needs attention, this has been reported via Love Clean Streets.

Cllr Bailey gave an update on the issue of smart meters not working in the Parbold area. It appears to be a connectivity problem which renders the meters ineffective and Cllr Bailey is continuing to push for this to be resolved.

**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, if any.**

**13. To discuss any pre requisites for the upcoming budget prior to the Finance Committee meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Members were asked to consider any budgeting priorities or risks for the forthcoming financial year. The main issue highlighted was around the village hall extension proposal and the risk of unexpected or unplanned costs should this proposal go ahead.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2055hrs.

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Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025