
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 1st April 2016 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 Stewart, Cllr Wess.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Schaffel, Cllr Murrin-Bailey

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 4th March 2016

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.

5. Follow up on Flooding Action Group

Cllr Wess reported that initial meetings were most successful with a Chairman and Secretary appointed. Steps are being taken to affiliate the group with the National flood Forum. Cllr Holland is invited to attend the next meeting.

6. To consider request for funding from Parbold Show (Festival) Committee

It was resolved to issue a grant of £250.00 under LGA Section 137 to Parbold Village Show (Festival) Committee to assist with their costs for the event.

7. Village Hall Issues

- **update on the heating system problems in the main hall**

Problems with the boiler switching off continue and there have been a number of complaints from the badminton club that the hall is too cold for their activities. When possible, the Chairman has attended the hall to switch it back on, and it has been evident that the system programming has been interfered with. The new programming system is being specially made and installation has been delayed until mid-April.

PCA have confirmed in writing that they will act as third party contributor to the Grantscape (Whitemoss) Scheme to support the parish council's application for funding towards a new heating system. The application is complete and the Clerk reported that Grantscape had some questions about this third party contribution, which have been referred to the PCA to respond.

- **update on fire doors**

The fitting date of the 12th April 2016 was noted.

- **update on windows**

The window company selected is liaising with the hall caretaker for a suitable date for installation.

8. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

290316	E A Broad	Salary (March 2016)	s.o.	£718.46
210316	PCA	Room hire	2571	£25.50
210316	Fire Equipment	Service on village hall	2572	£102.65
210316	Avalon Doors	Fire doors village hall - balance	2573	£7,566.00*
210316	Paul Scott	New guttering at village hall	2574	£208.77
010416	Parbold WI	Room hire (29/02/16)	2575	£30.00
010416	Design 4 Print	Letters for on parked vehicles	2576	£45.00
010416	Parbold Festival/Show	donation to support event	2577	£250.00

Balance of accounts as at 31st March 2016

Current account £33.91 Reserve account £100,228.69 Total: £100,262.60

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

9. To complete paperwork for audit of accounts 2015/6, including statement of annual governance.

The paperwork was agreed by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

10. To note Planning and Planning Applications

2016/0275/FUL

25 Lindley Drive Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7ED

Erection of single storey side extension, first floor extension and porch (resubmission of 2015/1011/FUL)

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this proposal.

Concerns were voiced about work done at 9a Tan House Lane before the planning application had been heard. However, reassurance was given that the work was all within permitted development rights.

11. Update following publication of the LCC budget resulting in a reduction in library services, with possible closure of Parbold Library and the 3a bus service

The Chairman closed to meeting to allow discussion with County Councillor David Westley

The revised 3a bus service will operate with two buses rather than the present three thereby making it affordable in terms of reduced subsidy. It will operate Monday to Saturday up to 7pm on the following route:

Appley Bridge, Roby Mill, Hall Green, Skelmersdale, Whalleys, NEWBURGH - Ash Brow, Alder Lane PARBOLD, Mill Lane, Station Road, The Common, Tan House Lane, Lancaster Lane, The Common, Station Road, Mill Lane, Alder Lane Ash Brow, NEWBURGH – Course Lane LATHOM – Lowry Hill Lane, Briars Lane, BURSCOUGH – Square Lane, Junction Lane, Liverpool Rd North BURSCOUGH BRIDGE.

LCC will now be providing £2m in Bus Subsidies and this has come from the £2m of revenue that, it was proposed, would support the impractical Parish Bus Scheme. This is the situation for one year only and will be revisited in the next budget. The pensioners' NOW card can still be used on the bus, the driver must record the card so that accurate record of use is maintained. The Parish Council ought to encourage people to use the bus service so that it is justified in keeping it.

The situation with regard to library closures will be clarified in June, when the closures will be announced. It is believed that Parbold Library is vulnerable to closure.

It was agreed that Parbold Parish Council approach LCC Estates to express interest in the future of the library and encourage the formation of a community group to run a library service if suitable volunteers can be found. Should the library close, lobbying for a mobile library service will commence. Cllr Westley agreed to liaise with Clerk and LCC Estates Management.

12. Items raised by Councillors:

- **Cllr Stewart - consider maintenance at the dry dock near Mill Leat and adjoining land**

It was resolved to write to the Canal & River Trust and ask if someone could come out and talk with us about the dry dock area and its maintenance requirements.

- **Cllr Stewart - proposal to address road safety issues**

Requested removal of this item from agenda whilst the ideas are explored further.

- **Cllr Stewart - proposal in change of Friday for meeting dates**

This matter was returned to as agreed at the December meeting. It was resolved, to retain the first Friday of the month for meetings, on Chairman's casting vote.

- **Cllr Wess - update on the celebration to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday**

All matters are in hand and tickets currently being distributed.

13. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Blake - reported receipt of a phone call from a Lancaster Lane resident complaining that there were a couple of cars parking on the bend. Whilst unable to verify this complaint, it was decided that all such parking should be reported to the police.

Cllr Butts - reported that the accounts had been received from the PCA but needed clarifying notes to be added. These will be distributed by the Clerk by email.

Cllr Wess - requested again that a reminder to clean gullies on private land be put into the PCA newsletter.

Cllr Arnold referred to Cllr Schaffel's comments of last meeting that cars were parking all day on The Common car park. It was agreed to survey again, ensure shop workers' vehicles were clearly marked with permission for all day parking and leaflet other vehicles left all day.

14. 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.

15. Update on Speed Indicator Devices for roadside

LCC has authorised seven possible sites for the placing of speed indicator devices. The Clerk will distribute these sites by email. Two sites already have posts erected; it will cost £250 per pole to install the other five.

2 Alder Lane A5209	westbound towards Burscough eastbound towards M6 (in pumping station ground)
2 Tan House Lane	eastbound at Tan House Close (PC must cut back trees) westbound between 16 & 18
2 The Common	southbound - use existing pole and plate northbound - Village Hall
Station Road	southbound - back o road sign no 32 o/s Regan & Hall Estate Agents (relocate existing plate from LC10 to new location which is on the other side of the road.

There is a training day with LCC on the 26th April 2016 in Burscough and the Chairman asked for Members who are volunteering to move the mobile SPIDS to attend this.

Ideally, the Council would like to purchase two solar panelled moveable devices and put the posts in. It was not known if mobile solar panelled devices are available.

The matter will be brought back to the next meeting for clarification.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm.

Chairman

6th May 2015