

# Parbold Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 4th November 2022 in Parbold Village Hall, The Common, WN8 7DL**

Present: Cllr Gill, Cllr Blake, Cllr Holland, Cllr Stopford, Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Long, Cllr Schaffel.

2 members of the public in attendance.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman it was resolved to elect Cllr Gill to Chair this meeting.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bithell and 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.**

A member of the public made a request for support for this year's "Carols around the Christmas Tree". The Parish Council had donated £100 previously that had not been used due to the Covid outbreak and now due to increasing prices another £50 was requested toward the cost of the band.

It was also requested that support be given to plans for a celebration of the King and Queen Consort's coronation in the village in May 2023.

#### 4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

051022	Wrightington Windows – Village Hall	BACS	£20.00
131022	Vision Link telemetry flood detection	D/D	£24.00
151022	O2 - CCTV	D/D	£23.60
251022	Laurence Davis – land at The Heys	BACS	£900.00
280922	B Joule salary	S/O	£722.45
311022	Brian Shackley – IT Services	BACS	£120.00
311022	Laurence Davis – October groundworks	BACS	£883.50
011122	Clerk’s expenses – gloves/ink/mileage	BACS	£80.81
041122	PCA room hire	BACS	£34.00
041122	Royal British Legion donation	BACS	£120.00
041122	B Joule pay award – back pay from 010422	BACS	£384.00

Signatories – please note that following authorisation at this meeting the requests for BACS payment will mirror this list.

#### 6. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2022/1016/FUL

Proposal: Proposed extensions and alterations to 2 Park Close, Parbold

Location: Woodside, 2 Park Close, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HP

Comments: No objection but consideration to be given to the prevention of overshadowing of neighbouring properties.

**7. To appraise the council of CIL funding and consider projects it might support**

The amount of £401.96 has been received in the form of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in relation to the Railway development. CIL receipts must be used on the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure to support the development of the area, or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on that area.

It was suggested that could be used to refurbish the land adjacent to The Heys, Parbold as an accessible green space. It was also suggested that it could be put toward a replacement seesaw for the Burnside play area as the current one is starting to show signs of wear. Costings will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

**8. Village issues**

- **To discuss ideas for the King's and Queen Consort's Coronation in May 2023**

The PCA would like to run an event similar to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and are looking for support as before. It was resolved to provide financial support in a similar vein to that provided for the Jubilee event. Further details will be agreed nearer the time.

- **To discuss the half page advertisement in the "Parbold at Christmas" brochure**

It was resolved to include news in the brochure as in previous years.

**9. To discuss a request to support this year's Christmas Carol concert**

Last year £100 was donated by the PC towards the Christmas Carol concert. This was not used at the time and it was agreed to roll it over to this year. The PCA requested a further £50 due to rising costs and it was resolved to support this.

## **10. Alder Lane issues**

- **Retrospective agreement for extra grass cutting**

The current contract for grass cutting of the Alder Lane playing fields allows for 6 cuttings a year. However, both last year and this year the grass has continued to grow well into autumn and has required a further cut in order to be used by local clubs. It was resolved to leave the contract as it is and if another cut is required again next year it will be decided then. This extra cut was undertaken prior to the meeting and has been agreed retrospectively.

- **Capital Grant project to renew paths**

The next meeting of the Parbold Wildlife Group is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and Councillors will be attending the meeting so that a work plan for the capital grant work can be agreed.

## **11. Update on the land adjacent to The Heys**

This area has now been cleared and it has been agreed to rotovate it and lay a membrane to prevent weed growth. Cllrs Arnold and Holland are overseeing the replanting of this area and it has been suggested that local school children can be involved in the planting and care of this green space. Enquiries will be made as to the feasibility of this and will be reported to the next meeting.

A resident of The Heys enquired about the ownership of this piece of land. The Parish Council can confirm that ownership was legally transferred from the previous owner to the council and will remain as a public space.

## **12. Update on Councillor raised issues:-**

- **Potholes in parking spaces outside The Common shops**

Quotes have been received to resurface a strip across the front of the Common shops car park, where the surface has eroded the most. However,

it was agreed that this would not be cost effective and the better solution would be to completely resurface the whole area including the entrance, exit and to fill in the small holes at the rear of the shops. It was resolved to employ the services of a civil engineering company to undertake a survey with a view to going out to tender for the work.

- Cllr Blake informed the Council of a task group that has been set up, with the intention of creating a number of community orchards across the borough. At this point there does not appear to be a suitable area within the parish boundary for this project.
- Correspondence was received concerning the issues of malfunctioning condensers at Morrisons on The Common. As they are currently sited on the flat roof they can apparently be affected by heavy rain and flooding, which then means that the refrigerated units in the shop are taken out of action. Within the correspondence there was a question of whether the Parish Council had originally objected to the siting of the condensers at the side of the building on the piece of land currently rented by Morrisons from the Council. There was no recollection of this being the case.

### **13. Clerk's Report**

The report was duly noted

### **14. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings**

- The Parish Council had received ideas for the area adjacent to the Heys, which has been cleared and rotovated in readiness for replanting. It is proposed to make enquiries with local schools to see if children can be involved in the design and planting of the area, and it's long term care going forward.

**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.**

**15. To note and approve the recent national pay award in relation to the Clerk's salary**

Councillors noted the correspondence from NALC confirming the agreement of the pay award and new rate of pay, along with an uplift in expense rates and annual leave hours. The hourly rate calculation differs slightly from the SLCC version, which is the one used by this Parish Council. It was resolved to formally adopt the new agreement and agree the back pay due to the Clerk.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2040hrs.

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Chairman

4<sup>th</sup> November 2022