

Parbold Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 2nd December 2022 in Parbold Village Hall, The Common, WN8 7DL

Present: Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bithell, Cllr Blake, Cllr Butts, Cllr Long, Cllr Schaffel.

3 members of the public in attendance.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies are accepted from Cllr Gill, Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Stopford, Cllr Holland, Cllr Bailey

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.

The Council was appraised of the summons issued by the EA to Maybrook and Peter O Dowd regarding Parbold Hill and Appley bridge West Quarry by a member of the Stop Parbold Landfill group. The cases will be heard at Wigan and Leigh Courts on 30/31 Jan 2023. There is no further action regarding permit applications for Parbold Hill.

4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 4th November 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

311022	WI meeting room – Liveseys meeting	BACS	£16.00
071122	Yates Playgrounds repair wet pour	BACS	£132.00
131122	Vision Link telemetry flood detection	D/D	£24.00
151122	O2 - CCTV	D/D	£23.60
151122	PCA room hire – PWG meeting	BACS	£17.00
161122	Glasdon – boundary sign	BACS	£838.59
161122	PCA donation for Christmas band	BACS	£50.00
221122	Clerk’s expenses – ink cartridge	BACS	£16.12
281122	B Joule salary	S/O	£794.68
021222	PCA room hire – PPC meeting	BACS	£34.00

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: 2022/1161/FUL

Proposal: Alterations and extensions to 93 Brandreth Drive, Parbold

Location: 93 Brandreth Drive, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HD

Comments: The Parish Council has no objection, subject only to the LPA officer checking the orientation against the OS map, and confirming that there would be no overshadowing or materially dominating effect upon the adjacent property No.95.

Application number: 2022/1024/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from youth club resource centre to Community Centre and café

Location: Coffee Etc, 3 Station Rd, Parbold, Wigan, WN8 7NU

Comments:

1. The submitted 'floor layout plan' is no such thing. It shows nothing but the outline of the existing building, with no indication of the interior layout.

2. The application site as indicated by the red line includes only the building and the rear 'courtyard'. The application site does not include the covered area in the front/side yard outside, where there are a number of benches available and frequently occupied for cafe use. The implication is therefore that the proposed afternoon music events would be held in the rear courtyard.

3. The rear courtyard is closely adjacent to the rear gardens of several houses in Burnside. It is inevitable that any music event held on cafe premises would be perfectly audible in those houses and gardens. This would inevitably be disturbing to residential occupiers and spoil the quiet enjoyment of their properties on a frequent and regular basis.

4. Any extension of existing activities involving the provision of alcohol would be likely to exacerbate any noise and disturbance, and would be a material change from the level of entertainment use currently carried out.

5. The use goes with the land. If planning permission were granted, the site could be sold on to a more commercially-minded operator who would be likely to have less regard for the amenities of local residents.

6. The application site lies between existing pub/café/shop uses, in the longest stretch of Station Road (including Mill Lane and The Common) in which such uses occur at intervals. The application would thus introduce a potentially disturbing use into the only stretch of this largely residential village street which does not currently contain such a use. The proposed use would encourage more roadside car parking and manoeuvring at unsocial hours, and would intensify activity and disturbance to a harmful degree.

7. To discuss the new website proposal

It was resolved to go ahead with the proposal to replace the current website with a new one that complies with accessibility regulations and is easier to navigate and update.

8. Village issues

- **To discuss the draft management plan of the woodland at Parbold Hall**

The relevant documents were circulated to Councillors and there were no further comments.

- **To discuss the request to hold a family event on the Friday prior to the 2023 Village Show**

It was resolved to agree in principal to the proposal to hold a family event on the evening prior to the village show. It had been suggested that this would be in the form of a children's disco from 6pm to 9pm, which would not cause late noise disturbance to residents.

- **To discuss the replacement of the seesaw on Burnside play area**

When the play equipment was inspected in August it was noted that there was some wear to the bearings of the seesaw. Further inspection revealed that there is little or no chance of it breaking or collapsing soon but it will only get worse in time. Replacing the bearings is not cost effective. It was agreed that further enquiries shall be made to establish a replacement cost. It was also suggested that a further play area in an open space may be an idea, as both of the current play areas are contained.

9. To set a date for budget meeting for Financial Year 2023-24

It was agreed to hold the finance meeting to set the budget and precept request on Friday 20th January. Further details will be confirmed at the next Parish Council meeting.

10. To discuss a response to the LCC Public Realms Agreement

There is currently a review of all aspects of the Public Realm Agreements held between Lancashire County Council and the 12 district councils. Details were circulated that asked whether the Parish Council have any concerns or suggestion about the present operation of the highways Public Realm

Agreement and particularly the relevant work functions as carried out by the county council or respective district council as indicated in the 'Who Does What' table. There was a suggestion that LCC and WLBC could co-ordinate road sweeping and cleaning of gullies, either one authority doing both or these tasks being done in a practicable order.

11. Alder Lane issues

- **To discuss the report of the meeting between the Parish Council and Parbold Wildlife Group**

The report from the meeting was discussed and the points therein noted. It was resolved to continue to financially support the Group and to adjust the 2023-24 budget accordingly.

12. Update on the land adjacent to The Heys

- **Offer of boulders to use on the site**

A kind offer of boulders was made to the Parish Council for the renovation of the land adjacent to The Heys. Unfortunately they were considered too big for such a small area but the Council thank the member of the public for their offer.

- **Proposal for schoolchildren to be involved in the planting and ongoing care of the garden**

It was agreed that this would be a good idea and enquiries will be made with the relevant schools as to the suitability of this project.

13. To finalise the Village Hall Management Agreement document

It was resolved to accept the draft document that had been circulated to the Parish Councillors, which states that the Council will now pay the heating maintenance costs of the village hall. In return the Council will have reasonable free use of the meeting room for Parish Council business.

This will be for 1 year initially, after which the situation will be formally reviewed.

At this point the meeting was closed (2040hrs), to allow comments from a member of the PCA. The comments, relating to the financial situation and future prospects of the PCA, were noted by the Parish Council and the member thanked for their input. The meeting was then reopened (2046hrs).

14. Update on Councillor raised issues:-

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

Standing Orders state that when it is intended to seek the supply of goods or services exceeding £10,000.00 a tender situation should apply. Therefore a consultant has been appointed to prepare and run the tender process on behalf of the Council.

15. Clerk's Report to recognise

The report was duly noted.

16.Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

- Cllr Blake informed the Council of the Mayor's initiative to create a Youth Mayor. Suggestions were sought for any young person whose high achievement in any area could be recognised in this way, who could be put forward for this initiative. This will close on 22nd December.
- The condition of the car park at the rear of Mill Leat is causing concern. It is thought to be WLBC land and Cllr Blake will take this issue forward to them.
- Cllr Long informed the Council that Brenda Entwistle has retired as a Lollipop Lady after many years of service to the children of Parbold. The Parish Council wish to thank her for her work and her care of the village's schoolchildren.

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.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2105hrs.

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Chairman

2nd December 2022

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