

## ***Parbold Parish Council***

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 2nd November 2018  
in Parbold Women's Institute Hall.**

**Present: Cllr Arnold, Cllr Blake, Cllr Butts, Cllr Schaffel, Cllr Gill and three  
members of the public.**

Two minutes silence was observed as this meeting was the closest to Remembrance Sunday.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bithell, Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Holland, Cllr Stopford,

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

Cllrs Arnold, Butts and Gill declared an interest in Item 9 Christ Church.

### **3. To co-opt Member onto the council to fill casual vacancy**

It was resolved to co-opt Paul Quirk to fill the council vacancy. Declaration of acceptance of office was read out, witnessed and signed.

### **4. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5th October 2018**

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

### **5. 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.

Complaint was heard that the agenda was not posted on the website. It was explained that the website is maintained voluntarily by a resident who does not charge for updating it. The agenda must be posted three days before the meeting on the notice board but there is little time for it to be posted onto the website when it is written so close to the meeting date, in order to maintain relevance and ensure all items are on it.

### **6. To consider donation to assist Friends of Parbold Library publicise the group**

It was resolved to donate £50 by way of Section 137 grant to the Friends of Parbold Library.

### **7. To consider donation to assist Community Carol Group with costs of Christmas Carol concert around the tree**

Cllr Quirk declared an interest in this item and took no part in discussion or decision.

It was resolved to donate £200 by way of Section 137 grant to the Community Carol Group

**8. To consider donation to Parbold WI to assist with costs of lighting the village centre Christmas tree**

It was resolved to donate £50 to Parbold WI to assist with raised electricity cost over Christmas period, due to lighting the village Christmas tree, as in previous years.

**9. To consider donation to the cemetery group to assist with extension to cemetery at Christ Church Douglas-in-Parbold**

Item deferred to next meeting. Once interests were declared there were insufficient number to vote on this issue.

**10. To consider joining Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Item deferred to next meeting to all Councillors to consider cost and benefit of being members of the Association.

**11. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented**

211018	RBS	Bank charges	d.d	£5.00
281018	E A Broad	Salary for October 2018	s.o.	£710.33
280918	NEST	pension (£15.19 Parish contribution)	d.d.	£69.87
021118	Glasdon	Bench at The Common	2776	£ 651.32*
021118	J Stewart	Installation of bench	2777	£150.00
021118	Mallinsons	Resurface of football pitch	2778	£1,980.00*
021118	Parbold WI	Room hire	2779	£32.50
021118	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting	2780	£403.00
021118	SLCC	Membership fee	2781	£81.10

(Society of Local Council Clerks annual subscription costs £147 split as follows: Parbold £81.10, Lathom South £40.55, Dalton £25.35)

021118	Friends of Parbold Library	donation	2782	£ 50.00
021118	Community Carol Group	donation	2783	£ 200.00

Spoiled cheque 2784

021118          Parbold WI                                  contribution to electricity          2785    £ 50.00

\*contain VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

## **12. To consider next action for the grass verge outside The Heys**

It was agreed to tidy the area, removing ivy where possible and look at the shrubbery in spring to see if they are regenerating.

## **13. Alder Lane Issues:-**

- **To consider security issues on the car park**

It was resolved to obtain quotations for installing a gate to close the car park off occasionally to discourage anti-social behaviour and illegitimate use. The use of cctv will also be explored.

- **To consider removal of some trees along Bramble Way grass verge**

It was resolved to remove the over-hanging trees from the verges and to thin out the trees closer to the car-park. The clerk was asked to contact a local tree surgeon for advice and a comparative quote.

- **Receive report from meeting with Parbold Wildlife Group on 30th October 2018, if available**

The report from the meeting was distributed along with the report of the group's activities over the previous year. It was resolved to maintain the £850 cap on spending on the Meadow for the financial year 2019/2020.

- **Notification that Network Rail requested WLBC permission to survey land around the Chapel Lane level crossing**

A meeting had been arranged for Monday 19th November 2018. A representative of the PWG will be invited to attend, Parish Councillors and WLBC Estates Manager Rachel Kneale.

It was resolved to issue a flyer to properties on Bramble Way to explain the issues facing the Parish Council and ensure the residents are fully informed.

## **14. Village Hall Issues:-**

- **Set date for meeting with PCA Members**

Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 7.30pm at Parbold Village Hall.

- **Notify members of some general building maintenance issues, including the play area**

It was agreed to obtain quotation for resurfacing under the swings.

- **Consider upgrading door to storeroom to match existing fire doors**

It was resolved to replace the vulnerable louvre doors with a Strongdor supplied by Avalon doors to match the external fire doors already installed in the hall. As the only supplier of this type of door, comparative quotes would not be possible.

## **15. To note Planning and Planning Applications**

Ref. No: 2018/1028/FUL

Removal of 1No. External ATM and reinstatement of bottom sash window.  
Royal Bank Of Scotland Scarisbrick House 4 The Common Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7DB

Parbold Parish Council has no objection to this application.

The following application for approval of conditions was noted.

Ref. No: 2018/1061/CON

Approval of Details Reserved by Condition No. 3 of planning permission 2018/0436/FUL relating to landscaping and bank reinstatement scheme.  
Plot 3 Chapel Lane Parbold Lancashire

## **16. To discuss best kept village judges comments**

The following report was received:

Was overall impressed with all area and can say a lovely village with so much potential and contribution to village life. With a railway station and canal at its heart and open countryside I can see why this village can have so much to offer. The canal area of the village offers some lovely stop over point for the barge and ship faring community, and the canal trust play their parts in keeping it clean. Thought I did see litter and debris on the canal bank which was an eyesore and unsafe. The railway station could have done a lot to its own appearance but let itself down and the village, especially when one had to use the subway when the train was coming. All though you could see residence took great pride in the own dwelling it was the commercial and local authority that had let the side down. Weeds where everywhere, dirty road signs, excessive overgrow on paths and dusty and dirty build up of dirt which looks like it had a half-hearted attempt to road sweep. I felt more could have been done by commercial properties in the way of frontage ownership, floral displays and weeding, more so the main road and centre of the village.

### **Areas for Improvements:**

As mention the highways authority needs to take bigger responsibility, more so as some parts of this village where within a conservation area. Likewise commercial and residences can play their part. There were nine areas asked to note and which I paid particular attention too and scoring according to my findings. I would recommend, paying particular attention to the

Parish Council Notice Board. Without being too critical, its appearance was out of character for the area, wrong location, dirty, untidy, and the area and pavement was unloved! More could have been done to improve this area more so as it is in the centre of the village. Remove illegal road signs off the pavement. And ask about the railway company to invest improving the station area and subway.

**Outstanding Features:**

Our Lady and Saints RC Church was a real credit to the community, in design and appearance. The grounds were well maintained and much loved. A very peaceful area for anyone seeking spiritual thought and relaxation.

**The Village Map:**

I would say a score of (9) Nine. This is a fine example of how to do a map. A lot of thought and advice as gone in producing it and is a real credit.

2<sup>nd</sup> Judges Report

**Overall Impressions:**

Mainly good but not without weeds. We appreciate the unusual dry conditions and have given credit where plants have been cared for.

**Outstanding Features:**

There is a wide variety of interesting private shops and cafes all well maintained. Wayfarers excellent gardens and flowers apart from area outside the brewery.(cobwebs and leaves)

**Areas for Improvements:**

The garden areas round the memorial seat have had very little attention likewise the borders at Douglas Church. Path from car park to nursery full of weeds. Stocks pub had poor hanging baskets but better in beer garden.

Map satisfactory Photos good addition

Many aspects had already been addressed including cleaning the notice board and area around it, adding new bins and benches there and in the play areas.

**17. To confirm draft for newsletter**

The following draft was confirmed:-

The Lancashire Best Kept Village judges' report has been received and has encouraged your Parish Council to update some of the older equipment such as bins and benches on The Common and tidy up some of the more glaringly overgrown public areas. We want to thank all other residents who also responded to the request to keep the area outside their homes tidy. For your information the judges report quoted:

"Although you could see residents took great pride in the own dwellings, it was the commercial and local authority that had let the side down. Weeds were everywhere, dirty road signs, excessive overgrow on paths and dusty and dirty build up of dirt which looks like it had a half-hearted attempt to road sweep."

We shall endeavour to encourage WLBC and LCC Highways to do their part but we are aware that budgets are tight, so please help. If the area in front of your house is in need of a brush up, please join in or if you are not in a position to do so, let your parish council know and we will try to help. We are continuing a programme of improvement at the play areas and a special commemorative World War 1 bench will be installed at Jubilee Gardens in the near future.

We are receiving worrying complaints about young teenagers now congregating after dark in the village hall play area. The area is provided for young children's play during daylight hours. In this respect, those homes closest to the playground have enough noise and disturbance without the addition of older children making noise after dark. If your teenage children are out at night, please know where they are and do not allow them to be causing a nuisance to your neighbours. The local police have been made aware of this and community officers will visit when possible.

#### **18. Any issues arising from the West Lancashire Borough Council's Local Plan Preferred Options Paper**

Councillors were urged to look at the proposals now that the consultation period had opened and comment on an individual basis.

#### **19. Any issues arising from the consultation on Lancashire County Council's Mineral & Waste Policy**

The policy was noted with advice that those interested make comment. The meeting noted that there was no mention of fracking or disposal of fracking waste within the plan.

#### **20. Update on project to resurface the footpath between Parbold & Newburgh School**

Cllr Stopford, Cllr Arnold met with Newburgh Parish Council and are now at funding and groundwork consultation with local farmers and the Canal & River Trust. Councillors were reminded that a WLBC consultation on what they should spend CIL money on is running online and this project may be a good one to put forward to WLBC.

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

Cllr Schaffel - Can the Parish Council create a campaign to make Parbold a Plastic Free Village?

Cllr Arnold - Consider changing the day of meeting from a Friday.

Cllr Blake - confirmed that WLBC had been leaf clearing along Tan House Lane and Lancaster Lane. The dropped grid on Lancaster Lane had been cordoned off for nearly four weeks, so Cllr Blake would encourage LCC to expedite whatever repair was required, although it is understood that the grid is not LCC's responsibility. Cllr Blake would also

chase up repainting of the keep clear on Station Road at Mill Leat. As regards the complaint about lorries parking in the lay-by at Parbold Hill, it is not possible to prevent this happening. However, Cllr O'Toole has agreed to lobby for a 'no overnight parking' sign.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35 pm.

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*Chairman - Cllr Brian Arnold*

*7th December 2018*