

Parbold Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 7th June 2019 in Parbold WI Hall.

Present: Cllr Arnold, Cllr Bithell, Cllr Blake, Cllr Butts, Cllr Stopford, Cllr Schaffel and two members of the public (Ros Wess, Chris Burdett from Parbold Flood Action Group)

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Gill, Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Holland and Cllr Quirk.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 10th May 2019

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.

Ros Wess and Chris Burdett from Parbold Flood Action Group attended to explain their request for funding in the region of £2,000 for two way radios for the group to use in the event of emergency.

5. To hear update and request for funding for Flood Action Group

Resolution: To set aside £250 annually for donation to FAG to support their work.

6. Update on planned activities at Alder Lane Playing Fields for Saturday 13th July Village Festival Show and Sunday event on 14th July 2019

Detailed plans from Parbold Village Festival Committee and Parbold Unlimited had been circulated to all councillors. The meeting noted that the Chairman had informed Steve Morgan in an email that HGVs are not permitted on the playing fields because of the damage they cause to the playing surface.

Resolution: That the usual donation of £250 to the Festival Committee be considered after the event and with the full accounts available to councillors, because the last few years have required parish funds for clean up and re-instatement of ground.

7. Respond to the complaint of issuing of notices for inconsiderate parking

Resolution: That the response reiterate the parish council's commitment to supporting local residents who are affected by inconsiderate parking. The matter of parking remains the responsibility of LCC Highways (roadside parking) and the police (obstruction).

8. Alder Lane Issues:-

- **Update on Network Rail's proposals for Chapel Lane level crossing following receipt of groundwork report**

The meeting was generally uncomfortable about the report which did not address the issues expected and appeared irrelevant. The Clerk was asked to again write to Rosie Cooper MP raising the parish council's concerns. Also to directly ask Network Rail for a costs comparison between building a road and upgrading the level crossing to an unmanned barrier with recognition cameras.

- **Response to residents' concerns about parking issues and antisocial behaviour at the car park**

More incidents had been reported. The Chairman recounted watching a car drive on and, upon seeing him there, drove off again. An application to Grantscape for funding for a cctv system had been submitted. The Clerk was asked to enquire if money from the Police & Crime Commissioner's office might also be available. Quotations for a gate were pending. The Clerk had informed Inspector Adrian Jolley of the issues and the problem that telephone number 101 was taking too long to answer so residents were no longer bothering to report issues.

9. Village Hall Issues:-

- **Update on any general maintenance issues**

No update available at this time.

- **Consider problem of prolonged parking of cars**

A car had been parked for a number of days on the car park however, this car has now been removed.

10. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

070619	Parbold WI	Room hire 070619	2834	£32.50
070619	PCA	Room hire for meetings 230419	2835	£34.00
070619	Barry Rawsthorne	Grass cutting contract May 2019	2836	£548.00
070619	E A Broad	salary May 2019 (total£818.63) (£710.33 by standing order on 280519) plus £3 parking charges for meetings at WLBC offices	2838	111.30
230619	RBS	Bank charges	d.d.	£5.25

280619	E A Broad	salary June 2019	s.o.	£818.63
280619	NEST Pension (£27.89 from parish, rest is employee contribution)			£94.83
070619	Wrightington Windows village hall		2837	£25
030619	JS Contractors	Tarmac and white lining	2838	£2,109.60*

*contains VAT

Resolution: The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

11. Completion of Financial Audit forms 2018/19

Resolution: That the forms be signed for submission to the auditor.

12. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2019/0421/FUL Proposal: Proposed porch, single storey side and rear extension Location: 31 Broadmead, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7PB

Parish Council Response: Parbold Parish Council object to this proposal on the grounds of impact on the neighbouring property and for design reasons. The high brick wall, 4 metres in length along the mutual boundary of Number 31 with the attached semi at Number 33 and on the south-east of Number 33. Number 33 has a very small garden, and the extension would overshadow the garden and rear house wall for much of the day (to early-mid afternoon in winter). Also, the flat-roofed extension would be very extensive in total and would be out of proportion to the size and extent of the existing house at Number 31.

Application Number: 2019/0467/FUL Proposal: Single storey rear extension. Location: 12 The Common, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7DA

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

APPLICATION: LCC/2019/0028 PROPOSAL: PROPOSED LAND RESTORATION AND REGRADING WORKS USING INERT MATERIAL, ASSOCIATED HIGHWAY WORKS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY PUBLIC CAR PARK LOCATION: FORMER PARBOLD HILL QUARRY PARBOLD HILL PARBOLD GR: 350795 410488

A response to this will be formed administratively to meet the deadline. In general the main concerns were road traffic issues of lorries visiting the site and using the top of the hill for access and that any created car park be properly managed by the landowner as the Parish Council is not in a position to accept management of any further car parks. Antisocial behaviour on car parks being a primary problem in this rural area.

13. Consideration of proposal for a Neighbourhood Plan project

The matter was introduced but not discussed in depth. It was thought that the process of creating a neighbourhood development plan was time consuming but might help to direct future planning to address such issues as the flooding. It was resolved to invite Peter Hamilton to a future meeting to discuss how the process might work in Parbold.

14. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Blake: Issues raised by resident struggling with travelling around the village with a mobility scooter. Consider requesting LCC to install yellow lines around the shops at the bottom of Beacon Crossing. The development of a small shopping area is making access for emergency services to the assisted housing area difficult.

Cllr Butts: Reminder that not all of the potholes and uneven pavement has been addressed at The Common around the shops.

Cllr Stopford: Plants at the village hall damaged by the grounds-workers. Drainage above Parbold Academy. It was confirmed that there is no holding tank for flood water above the school so water goes into road-side drains. There is now concern that the capacity of these drains is not sufficient.

Cllr Schaffel - sends apologies for the July meeting.

There was general agreement to add the WLBC Bins Protocol or Strategy document to the next agenda.

15. LATE ITEM: Resolution: 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 (contracts for services and terms & conditions of employment), the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda

Resolved.

16. To discuss issues on The Common car park including potholes, re-tarmac, white lining and gardening the edges

The white lining will be completed over the weekend of 8th/9th June 2019.

Barry Rawsthorne will be reminded that the section behind the shops is part of the contract for keeping clear and asked to weed around the base of hedge and edging of the car park.

Parbold Deli has placed more bins on the car park (because they don't fit behind the shop) It was resolved to send a letter requesting removal of these from the parish land.

It was resolved to investigate the legal relationship between the shops and the parish as owners of the surrounding land to determine exactly what responsibility each has to one another.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30 pm.

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Chairman - Cllr Brian Arnold

5th July 2019