

# ***Parbold Parish Council***

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## **MINUTES**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th September 2019 in Parbold WI Hall.**

**Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Blake, Cllr Gill, Cllr Holland, Cllr Stopford, Cllr Quirk, and 3 members of the public.**

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

Apologies were accepted from **Cllr Bithell (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Butts and Cllr Carruthers.**

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

None declared.

### **3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2019**

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

### **4. Public Participation: The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters of concern or interest as notified to the Chairman.**

- a) Village Show:
  - i) A representative of the Street Festival advised that accounts could not be completed for this year's event as awaiting Parish Council cheque. There was discussion regarding both the clean-up (the amount of litter and costs of tidy-up), and the preparation (grass cutting, work to maintain the pitches, etc).
  - ii) A request was made for the Clerk to provide a letter outlining the principles of "getting things done in a timely manner".
- b) Village Hall Garage: The meeting was advised that Village Show/Festival equipment was kept in the garage, and that monies raised on the Sunday amounting to approximately £1,500, had been ring-fenced to put towards the provision of a replacement store. There was discussion regarding how progress could be expedited between all parties involved, ie Street Festival, Parbold Unlimited, Parbold Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council.
- c) Flooding: A resident expressed satisfaction regarding Community led Vision Link who had brought peace of mind to residents of Broadmead Estate. She advised that while EA is good for the river the initiative had been excellent for monitoring brooks.
- d) Underpass: A member of the public raised the issue of the flooded underpass. Concern was expressed regarding the method of cleaning out a blocked gully which

was said to be ineffective. There was concern regarding the location of the blockage and whether or not plans were in place for Network Rail to remedy the problem.

**5. Issues of odour control problems at Hoscar Sewage Works (Wigan Waste Water Treatment Centre) and organisation of on-site meeting**

It was resolved that Councillors will meet on site on Monday 30th September 2019. It was noted that there were 20 complaints during July and that most had arisen due to a specific issue.

**6. Update on Application LCC/2019/0028 - Parbold Hill car park development and restoration of Parbold Quarry, former-landfill**

- a) It was noted that at the WLBC planning committee meeting yesterday evening, 6 neighbouring authorities had submitted complaints regarding the development, and that the committee had supported residents' objections.
- b) Concern was expressed regarding leachates that may be toxic but had not yet been identified.
- c) Cllr Quirk raised the issue of funding support for Stop Parbold Hill Landfill group. The Chairman reminded the meeting that all requests for funding must be supported by a copy of the group's accounts and evidence of local support. Checks will be made to determine whether or not funding can legally be provided.

**7. Problem of flooding of railway subway beneath the Station Road**

The meeting heard that a resident in Fairhurst Drive had a garden manhole that raised when the underpass was flooded. It was agreed to investigate this further and, if this was the case, ask C J Lyons to complete a report in to the issue and continue lobbying National Rail to address this problem. Rosie Cooper MP had also been contacted.

**8. Village Hall Issues:-**

- a) **Issues of antisocial behaviour at Play Area:** The Chairman advised that he had checked the CCTV and found clear evidence of anti-social behaviour. It was resolved that for a period of time, in order to minimise the problem, the gate should be locked each evening. However, this raised a serious risk to life for users of the hall as it is a designated fire emergency exit. Inspector Adrian Jolly had been informed and agreed to allocate a case officer.
- b) **Consider action to be taken at the rear of the Village Hall, including the storage garage:** It was acknowledged that the garage and surrounding area was in a state of disrepair. It was noted that a proposal to replace the garage with a container would involve the agreement of several parties. It was resolved to meet in the first instance with the Village Hall Committee, in order to take the project forward.
- c) **Heating in main hall:** It was noted that the Chairman, Vice Chairman & Clerk will attend a meeting with PCA to discuss the financial arrangements supporting the project for heating the main large hall.

**9. To ratify payment of £240 per year to Parbold Flood Action Group to assist with cost of community-led telemetry equipment and an addition £50 to cover shortfall from last donation**

It was resolved to issue at cheque for £290 representing £50 donation towards communication equipment and £240 towards maintenance of the telemetry equipment.

**10. To receive play area inspections and authorise any action required: Members had received advance copies of the reports for play areas at Burnside and Parbold Village Hall**

The reports were noted.

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

040819	J S Contractors	balance of payment	2850	£200.00*
040819	Brian Shackley	Assistance with the PC Website	2851	£100.00
040819	WLBC	Non-contested election fee	2852	£266.50
040819	Village Festival Committee	Donation	2853	£250.00
050819	Wrightington Windows	cleaning village hall windows	2854	£25.00
050819	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting contract	2855	£1,130.00
080819	Argus Fire & Safety	Fire equipment annual check	2856	£132.00*
080819	Yates Playgrounds	Cleaning play equipment (birds)	2857	£168.00*
160819	Goldseal Tradeline	Fixing 'stays' to door at VH	2858	£150.00*
160819	Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA annual inspections	2859	£164.40*
190819	RBS	Bank charges	d.d.	£6.65
280819	E A Broad	salary August 2019	s.o.	£818.63
280819	NEST	Pension (£27.89 from parish, rest is employee contribution)		£94.83
060919	T Reddington	Stand-in Clerk for meeting 060919	2860	£40.23
060919	Parbold WI	Room hire	2861	£32.50
060919	Wrightington Windows	Cleaning windows at village hall	2862	£25.00
060919	Parbold FAG	Towards their costs of telemetry	2863	£290.00

\*contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

## 12. To note Planning and Planning Applications

**Application Number: 2019/0800/FUL**

Location: 40 Fairhurst Drive, Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7DJ

Proposal; Single storey rear extension

Parish Council Response: No objection

**Application Number: 2019/0784/FUL**

Location: Friars Wood Lancaster Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7HQ

Proposal; Single storey rear extension

Parish Council Response: No objection

**Application Number: 2017/0763/FUL**

Location: Railway Hotel 1 Station Road Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7NU

Proposal: Residential development to include four self-contained apartments with associated car parking and external works

Parish Council Response: It was resolved that objection be made that if allowed, the development will exacerbate risk of flooding to neighbouring properties arising from water from the railway which has not been addressed. Mitigation measures will not be sufficient to cope with the increased rate for flow from the property.

## 13. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Members requested agenda items as follows:

Cllr Blake: To consider how a request to LCC for yellow lines on the little road off the Common might be expedited, and to consider how shop advertising signs might be replaced with more considerably placed signage at the same location

Cllr Gill: To consider ways to reduce speed of traffic through the village

Cllr Quirk: To consider donations for Carol Service, Christmas Lights and Christmas Tree

Cllr Stopford: To review drainage for Parbold School.

To consider the street festival and Parbulele

## 14. Resolution: Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it was 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.

**15. Discussion of issues following Parbold Village Festival Show, including the Sunday event**

It was noted that both Saturday and Sunday were well managed and well attended.

**16. Grounds Maintenance**

- a) It was noted that the owner of a piece of untidy land had been located, and it was resolved that a letter be forwarded to him requesting he fund maintenance of the site.
- b) **To determine a budget for additional grounds maintenance areas.** This item was deferred for additional information regarding costs

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

*Cllr Brian Arnold*  
*Chairman*

*4th October 2019*