

Parbold Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Bithell (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blake, Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Gill, Cllr Holland, Cllr Schaffel, Cllr Stopford, Cllr Quirk.

1. To record apologies for absence

Cllr Butts attendance excused due to illness

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Stopford and Cllr Holland declared an interest in Item 11 - Standards Board nominees. Cllr Carruthers declared an interest in Item 12 - Planning application Number 2019/1281/FUL as a friend of the applicant.

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 1st November 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.

There was a matter of late information raised. Application Reference: LCC/2019/0028 Re-consultation on the application for Parbold Landfill following the receipt of amended information in support of the application, with just a fortnight deadline for response is unreasonable at this time of year.

5. Update following meeting at Hoscarr Sewage Works (Wigan Waste Water Treatment Centre) scheduled for 3rd December 2019.

Parbold Parish Council United Utilities meeting - 3rd December 2019

In attendance: Cllr Arnold, Cllr Quirk, Cllr Blake and the clerk.

Hosted by Claire Mallard - Asset Manager Wigan WWTC

Richard Fowler, United utilities, Jessica Betts - Production Manager, Kate Elliot - Environment Agency

Jill Antrobus - Senior Environmental Health Officer, WLBC, Gill Perkins - Environmental Health WLBC

The role of the Environment Agency is to issue permit and control of water quality leaving the site predominates, but it does cover a small section of land around the consolidation tanks too.

Environmental Health are involved in responding to complaints of odour by neighbours.

The presentation was given on power-point and will be distributed by Claire Mallard to the parish council following the meeting.

In 2019 there have been 33 complaints over 22 days, made by 11 individuals.
Between 20 - 26th May - 12 complaints. 4-13th July - 9 complaints (? that's only 21 of them)
WLBC reported 43 complaints in 2019 - discrepancy of 10.

The following statistics were then compiled:

YEAR	Number of complaints recorded by	
	United Utilities	WLBC
2018	154	156
2017	50	57
2016	120	85
2015	116	100
2014	40	199

The Environment Agency had no recorded complaints.

There are clearly discrepancies still over reporting.

We are encouraged to continue reporting on the gizmo system.

United Utilities will ensure that the gizmo complaints are passed to both Environment Agency and WLBC.

United Utilities will inform the parish council of any proactive or reactive maintenance that might give rise to an odour problem in the village. Maintenance is commonly done during January - March as the weather conditions usually mean odour problems reduced at this time. In warmer weather odour problems increase.

It is frustrating that every time new management are introduced they have no historical experience or briefing on the odour issues we've had with the plant. This particular new group claim not to have any information or minutes of previous meeting, in fact no idea what the shape of the meeting would be. It was encouraging that the Environment Agency (EA) sent a representative though disconcerting that they were not included in the notification process using the gizmo. On the whole this was a good meeting, forming a connection for future relations.

6. To consider a donation to Parbold Women's Institute

It was resolved to issue a £250 to the appeal for funding to support the Parbold WI Hall particularly in regard to repairs for electrical lighting.

7. To consider a donation to Parbold Unlimited to assist with costs of Christmas Street Lighting

It was resolved to issue a £400 donation to Parbold Unlimited to pay for the Christmas street lighting connection costs charged by LCC.

8. To consider issue of railway subway on Station Road flooding

Accountants David Whitehead confirmed that they had received a letter from Network Rail solicitors which they have forwarded to their solicitors to deal with, regarding access to drains on their land. It is therefore hoped that this is a significant step towards finally resolving the issue of flooding of the subway.

9. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

161119	B Rawsthorne	Grass cutting contract	2878	£465.00
211119	RBS	Bank charges	d.d.	£5.95
281119	E A Broad	salary November 2019	s.o.	£818.63
281119	NEST	Pension (£27.89 from parish, rest is employee contribution)		£94.83
061219	Chris Horridge	Annual fee cutting meadow footpath	2879	£235.00
061219	Wrightington Windows	Cleaning at village hall	2880	£25.00
061219	Parbold WI	Room hire	2881	£32.50
061219	JRB Environmental	Consultancy fee vh heating project	2882	£5,040.00*
061219	E A Broad	Meeting refreshments	2883	£25.69
061219	E A Broad	Set of inks for the printer	2884	£58.25
061219	Parbold WI	Donation to running hall	2885	£250.00
061219	Parbold Unltd	Donation towards Christmas lights	2886	£400.00
061219	Christ Church	For assistance in cemetery upkeep	2887	£250.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

10. To set date for a January budget meeting

Draft documents were distributed and the date of Tuesday 7th January set for a budget meeting.

11. To select two candidates from the list of nominees for the WLBC Standards Board Committee

Justin Stopford & Linda Webster were chosen from the list of nominees.

12. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number 2019/1149/FUL

Location: 51 Brandreth Drive Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7HB

Proposal First floor side extension; single storey extensions to front and rear; conversion of garage to living accommodation; canopy to front elevation and change of external materials from brickwork to render.

Parish Council response: The proposal for development to the south west of the existing build might result in overshadowing of the neighbouring property that is set back. However, this cannot be assessed from the street view so is a matter for the Planning Authority.

The following application was noted:

Ref. No: 2019/1153/LDP

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

Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness - Proposed replacement of existing steel framed single glazed windows and wooden doors with upvc double glazed units.

Application Number: 2019/1218/FUL

Location: 75 Brandreth Drive,

Proposal: Remove existing conservatory, construct 2 storey rear extension

Parish Council response: No objection

(Cllr Carruthers had declared an interest in this application and took no part in the decision).

Application Number: LCC/2019/0028

New information in support of the application was notified by LCC for comment with a deadline of a fortnight. It was resolved to delegate response to the Clerk in consultation with the Councillors in order to meet the deadline.

13. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Quirk - Asked if the police ever viewed the cctv from Parbold Village Hall and the clerk responded that they had not. Wants to return to the issue of the garage at the back of the village hall as Parbold Unlimited are offering to spend some money on refurbishing it for use.

Cllr Stopford - attended the meeting on 5th December 2019 at Parbold Village Hall to meet with the project manager for the heating project. The floor issue hadn't been insurmountable, though it is likely to cost an additional £991 which will be met from the contingency.

Cllr Blake: On the next agenda please can we consider the best way forward for Remembrance Day presentation of poppy wreaths. The wreaths issued for Parbold churches remain indoors and are in good condition for re-use. However, the manufacturer of these wreaths relies on the purchase price.

Cllr Arnold gave apologies for the next meeting on the 10th January 2020.

14. 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.

15. To review land ownership ensuring compliance with legislation

It was agreed to take this forward and pay £300 for research and advice to date. Once the information and data was compiled, the matter will be returned to for consideration as to the implications on rates and other issues.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.00 pm.

*Cllr Charles Bithell
Vice Chairman*

10th January 2020