

## ***Parbold Parish Council***

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th March 2020 in Parbold WI Hall.**

Present: Cllr Bithell (Vice Chairman), Cllr Blake, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Stopford.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Holland, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Schaffel and Cllr Carruthers. Cllr Butts and Cllr Quirk attendance excused due to ill health.

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

None declared.

#### **3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 7th February 2020**

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.**

David Massam, attended the meeting to introduce himself to the Councillors. He explained that the Old Post House will be converted into Independent Funeral Directors, Massam & Marshall, due to be opened 30th March 2020. He stressed their intention to be local, traditional, family funeral directors with firm links within the community. In time, there will be bereavement cafe for family members or any members of the community affected by this. There is no plan to store cars as these are hired in from a carriage master. However, there will be a private ambulance onsite and application will be made to restrict parking outside the shop front, with a white H bar. It is common for rail commuters to park here but it is a dropped kerb that they should not be parking across. Mr Massam intends to live onsite. A planning application for change of use of part of the building is anticipated but the overall status of the land is A1 permitting this use. He extended an invitation to Councillors to attend the opening and dedication of the new premises.

The recent decision by LCC Highways to withdraw their objection to the Landfill site had come as something of a shock. Whilst it is obvious to all that the sight lines for drivers are worse, and the mitigation to introduce rumble strips, and take sections of the embankment out cutting through the public footpath will all create a more hazardous situation, the highways authority now endorse the application. Members of the public present asked that the Parish Council complain immediately about this and point out why this increases concern about the proposal. There was concern around flooding and the attenuation ponds to the landfill. There are two ponds on either side of the road. Water goes down the culvert under the railway under the

canal and into the Douglas. Currently, there appears to be a blockage or the culvert is not large enough as in heavy rain it goes across the road and onto the railwayline.

## 5. Village Hall Issues:-

- **Any update on Main Hall Heating scheme**

The meeting noted receipt of a total of £21,774.18 representing £19,920 from the LEF grant funding and £1,854.19 from the PCA to meet overspend. A further £10,080 grant funding is expected on completion of the project. The project is progressing well, with all the major work completed.

## 6. Alder Lane Issues:

- **To notify Members that flooding problems delayed the schedule of matches and for the next few weeks midweek matches are permitted to catch up**

The meeting heard that due to inclement weather some weekend games could not be played and so there are some week day matches in order to catch up the fixture list.

## 7. Financial Matters:

- **To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented**

20022020	RBS	Bank charges	d.d.	£12.95
28022020	E A Broad	salary	s.o.	£818.63
28022020	NEST	Pension (£27.89 from parish, rest is employee contribution)		£94.83
06032020	Best Kept Village	Entry fee	2901	£30.00
06032020	Midstream (WL) Ltd	Groundwork Chapel Meadow	2902	£384.00*
06032020	Wrightington Windows	Cleaning at village hall	2903	£25.00
06032020	JW Moore & Co	Village Hall Heating Project	2904	£22,874.90*
06032020	JRB Environmental	Village Hall Consultant's fee	2905	£3,960.00*
06032020	ABC Power Systems Ltd	Induction loop system	2906	£446.40*
06032020	TFG Stage Technology Ltd	Moving lighting for heating	2907	£691.08*
06032020	Rigging Services	Scaffolding for heating system	2908	£561.00*
06032020	Yates Playgrounds	Play area inspections	2909	£139.20*
06032020	Parbold WI	Room hire	2910	£42.50
06032020	Barry Rawsthorne	Grass cutting February 2020	2911	£ 587.00

\*Contain VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

## 8. To note Planning and Planning Applications

The following consent requests were noted.

Application Number: 2020/0143/LBC

Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations to residential dwelling.

Location: Manor Cottage Miry Lane Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7TA

Application Number: 2020/0111/PNH

Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - Extension of dwellinghouse.

Location: 68 The Common Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7EA

#### **9. To confirm details for the Community Litter Pick**

Volunteers will meet at 10 am on Saturday 28th March 2020 at Parbold Village Hall. WLBC has been asked to provide bags and gloves and these will be collected by the clerk from the Robert Hodge Centre. The risk assessment was agreed. Some volunteers, undertaking the task as part of their Duke of Edinburgh work, have committed to longer service and already begun.

#### **10. To finalise the date of the May Annual General Meeting as Friday 1st May 2020**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 1st May 2020.

#### **11. To confirm article for PCA newsletter**

Parbold Parish Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 1st May 2020 in Parbold Women's Institute Hall at 7:30pm and residents are cordially invited to come along.

The Parish Council has had a busy year. The financial year ended with the conclusion of a joint project with the PCA to replace the heating in the village hall, following the successful application for grant funding to assist with the costs. Community Infrastructure Levy has been committed to renovating the two play areas, new play area surfacing, bins and benches have been installed at the village hall. A new tarmac pathway with drainage has been created at Burnside, and we hope to continue by replacing the swings and installing a new piece of equipment to replace the racing cars, removed last year. CCTV was installed at the village hall to protect the building. Community litterpicks last year were well attended and thank you to all those who volunteered. In the coming year attention will be given to combating antisocial behaviour, particularly youths gathering at the play areas, causing noise disturbance and damage after dark and unauthorised activities at Bramble Way car park.

Last year's Best Kept Village Competition was successful with encouraging judges' comments and commendations for Our Lady's Church grounds and the Old Post House. As we enter again this year please help to keep the area looking good, remembering to take litter home and clean up after your dog.

#### **12. To note progress of WLBC Local Plan & if appropriate, respond to Call for Sites consultation**

The meeting heard that the Local Plan revision process has begun again with a call for sites consultation, inviting anyone to suggest areas for development. Once the sites are published, the Parish Council will be invited to comment on their suitability.

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

Cllr Stopford - there are problems on the footpath at the top of Miry Lane going towards the Church. There is a stream that should go underneath the footpath but water is currently pouring over the footpath and eroding the path itself. Where it washes over with force it is collapsing the fence alongside. This is a well used footpath, frequently used by children walking from the school to the church on Parbold Hill. The clerk was asked to inform the LCC Public Rights of Way Officer so that it can be addressed. It may be that this requires pipe-work installing.

**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 consider renovation/replacement items at Burnside Play Area**

It was resolved to undertake the repairs suggested in the recent play area inspection. Also, to use the CIL funding to purchase new swings on the existing frames, and to obtain quotations for a roundabout to be installed where the racing cars used to be.

### **16. To consider quotations for running website service**

Deferred until the next meeting as quotations for a like product were awaited.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

*Cllr Brian Arnold*  
*Chairman*

*3rd April 2020*