

Parbold Parish Council

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Under the provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020, and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this Meeting of the Parish Council took place at **7.30 pm on Friday 5th March 2021** by Zoom conferencing (meeting ID 864 6278 1978 Passcode: 705253).

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

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

None, all present.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To co-opt Member to fill Casual Vacancy and hear declaration of acceptance of office

Robert Long was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Declaration of acceptance of office was read out and signed.

4. Public Participation:

Any item raised by a member of the public via email will be discussed at this point.

- **Complaint that there is unauthorised advertising in the village, creating street clutter that spoils the village**

Under the current difficult circumstances for the hospitality sector, formal complaint from the Parish Council will not be pursued. Residents are advised to exercise their right to complain directly to LCC Highways and WLBC as the Planning Authority if they so wish.

The Meeting heard that the owner of 39 Lindley Drive was disappointed that, despite amending the application by reducing the height of extension, the Parish Council continued to object to the proposal. The objection was maintained because of the effect on the neighbouring property, which was still dominated by the proposal. However, the Planning

Authority approved the amended plans allowing the extension, which will assist the owner create a more workable layout for the prospective buyers.

5. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 5th February 2021

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and will be duly signed by the Chairman at the next opportunity.

6. To consider donation to Parbold Flood Action Group

It was resolved to issue £387.31 to assist the Parbold Flood Group with the costs of insurance for the group and for the running of the community led telemetry device in Dock Brook.

7. Alder Lane Issues:-

- **To note response about noisy equipment at the leachate tanks**

A response from WLBC is awaited. In the past the fencing was repaired by WLBC in the past. On two occasions fairly recently this has happened. It is understood that Environmental Health will respond when they are able. The matter will be reviewed next month.

- **CCTV:**

There were concerns that some of the system was not working to plan. It was agreed that the Clerk email the contractor to go through the snagging list. All agreed a police link would be immensely helpful.

- **Chapel Meadow - to note delay in scrub clearance work**

Midstream Garden Centre usually undertake scrub clearance at this time of year. Due to the coronavirus situation, this is delayed until September 2021. The budget to fund this will be carried over into the next financial year if needed.

- **Urgent Update:**

The Clerk informed the meeting of a recent letter from the Valuation Office Agency containing notice of alteration to an existing 2017 rating list entry, now reading as follows:-

Billing Authority:	West Lancashire	Description:	Playing Field and premises
Reference Number:	7306359011	Date of Alteration:	17 February 2021
Rateable value:	£1,525		
Address:	Parbold PC, Bramble Way, Parbold, Wigan, Lancs WN8 7HZ		

The previous entry had a rateable value of £930.

8. Village Hall Matters

- **Update Members following Zoom meeting with PCA**

Notes of the meeting were distributed prior to this meeting.

• **Consider financial assistance to PCA**

The meeting heard that in financial year 2019/20 village hall maintenance costs were £1,037.48 and in current year (2020/21) they are £1,252.16 to date. £2,000.00 is budgeted for village hall maintenance.

It was resolved to meet the following invoices:-

Attenuator fitting to heating system = £818 plus £163.60 VAT = total of £991.60 and the five year electrical service invoice is £ 1,328.60 = £1,108 plus £220.60 VAT

It was conceded that the Consultant Engineer should have anticipated the need for the attenuator as he was aware that the hall was for music recitals. There was discussion that the fans outside the building were rather noisy also. Parbold Community Association will pay the rewiring and repairs to the system.

The Chairman expressed concern and asked if the Parish Council as Landlords should be arranging these inspections and paying for them. However, organisation of site-visits rely on a key holder arranging this (ie PCA) and a designated person has responsibility for these inspections and that is a PCA member. It would be the designated person that the Fire Officer issues documentation to. The PCA are using association money, not public money, so are not bound by the same rules and requirement to obtain three quotations for work. The management of the hall is the remit of the PCA.

It was also agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the service on the heating for the small hall and corridor which is due shortly.

It was agreed to meet with the PCA again in April to keep in touch and perhaps ask if there is a service agreement that they have signed up to for the heating systems. The large hall one is due in the summer and perhaps the Parish Council can assist to help ensure the service provides value for money. Some Councillors noticed that the heating is still on late at night and the heating system can be heard clearly as there is little traffic noise at that time of night. Might it be possible to switch it off at night? It has an underlying humming noise and sounds like a low rumble.

9. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

180221	RBS	Bank charges	d.d.	£7.50
210221	O2	Contract for cctv Bramble Way	d.d.	£21.60*
270221	E A Broad	salary	s.o.	£906.85
280221	NEST Pension (£30.17 from parish, rest is employee contribution) £102.59			
050321	Wrightington Windows	Village Hall cleaning	2973	£20.00
050321	Barry Rawsthorne	Removal of shed at rear of hall includes £120 grass cutting contract £600 shed removal	2974	£1,280.00

£580 for rubbish removal - skips.

050321	Parbold Flood Action Group	Assistance with costs	2975	£387.31
050321	AXD Environmental Ltd	Attenuator for hall	2976	£981.60*
050321	AKR Electrical Services	5 year inspection V Hall	2977	£1,329.60*
050321	A P Pest Control	Mole removal playing fields	2978	£120.00

*contains VAT

A letter from O2 has been received notifying the price of tariff for cctv system at Bramble Way will increase with the 1.4% Retail Price Index rate of inflation from April 2021.

Councillors were reminded that there is a committed spend on a new laptop (up to £750) and new play equipment and painting/new surfacing at Burnside (detailed below) before 31st March 2021.

Paint all equipment	£ 1,900
Put wet pour under all old equipment at Burnside	£ 6,960
Install a new rotating swing see-saw with wet pour	£ 7,865
TOTAL	£ 16,725 plus VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

10. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2021/0149/FUL

Proposal: Remove existing hipped roof. Ground floor extension. New roof over, including raising of existing ridge height and new dormers to detached garage.

Location: Holly House 71A The Common Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7EA

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal – neutral. Parbold Parish Council would like to comment that the building use ought to be tied to the domestic use of the main building, so that it does not become a conversion into separate home at a later date.

11. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Bithell – please can we advertise another litter-pick in April. Some scouts are using it for the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh award. The main road needs doing desperately. The date to be either 10th or 17th April 2021 - 10am meet at the Village Hall with social distancing measures in place.

Cllr Blake – at the last meeting was asked to speak WLBC about Dock Brook and the complaint from a resident on the Burnside estate that a neighbour on West View had built a fence. Unfortunately the complainant had not left details and couldn't be traced to respond to.

Cllr Butts pointed out that the first Friday in April is Good Friday so all agreed that the next meeting will be on Friday 9th April 2021. Raised concerns about an enquiry regarding the strip of grass verge at Greenfield Avenue. In the past Tree Wardens had looked after the trees along here and there was an assumption, though no deeds that it was in fact parish land. The Clerk was asked to research maintaining the grass verge and trees and establishing ownership. The item will be listed on the next agenda.

Cllr Gill – there have been a number of residents lighting bonfires during this dry spell. Would it be possible, via the newsletter, to ask residents to be considerate and not burn garden rubbish when others have their washing out, or to be mindful of the wind direction and affect on others.

Cllr Holland – Regarding the email communication from the Environment Agency about landfill at Parbold Hill, please find out what further information the officer has and whether the parish council can be consulted on the particulars of the Environmental Permit. The matter to be on the next agenda.

12. 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, the public and the press, leave the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda. Any members of the public viewing the proceedings will now be removed from the Zoom meeting.

Item unnecessary, as no members of the public present.

13. Consider next action at the untidy land outside The Heys

It was noted that the library grounds have recently been attended to by LCC workmen but that the holly bushes still need cutting further back.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Cllr Brian Arnold
Chairman

9th April 2021