

Parbold Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 6th October 2023 in Parbold Village Hall, The Common, WN8 7DN

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Bailey, Cllr Butts, Cllr Schaffel., Cllr Carruthers, Cllr Long

1 member of the public in attendance.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr May, Cllr Gill, Cllr Stopford and Cllr Holland.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. 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.

No matters raised

4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 1st September 2023

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

5. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented or already paid

290823	David Hand – interpretation board	BACS	£95.00
150923	Vision Link	D/D	£24.00
190923	O2 CCTV	D/D	£26.76
190923	Mileage/Office sundries(cartridges/stamps)	BACS	£54.19
280923	B Joule – salary	S/O	£815.66
290923	Laurence Davis groundworks – September	BACS	£1767.00
300923	Bank Charges		£18.00
300923	T and V Wade – mowing	BACS	£720.00

Payments agreed at the meeting (see below):

071023	SLCC membership	BACS	£177.00
071023	Carols around the Tree donation	BACS	£150.00
071023	Royal British Legion donation	BACS	£120.00

Signatories – please note that following authorisation at this meeting the requests for BACS payment will mirror this list.

6. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application No: 2023/0788/FUL

Proposal: Change of use to existing outbuilding from staff/storage room to C1 guest boarding.

Location: Radiant Living, 12 - 14 Station Road, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire.

Response Deadline: 20 October 2023

Comments: The Parish Council resolved to remain neutral with regard to this application.

7. Village issues

- **To consider a request for financial support to the Carols around the Tree group**

A request was received asking for a donation of £150 towards the cost of the band who will be playing at this year's Carols around the Tree event. This year it will be held on Wednesday 6th December at 6.30pm outside the village hall as usual. It is expected that both village schools will take part, and is described as a great start to the festive season for the whole community. This event is run by volunteers who also provide refreshments. It was resolved to support this event with a donation of £150.

- **To consider a request from Parbold WI to repair or replace the fence between the WI hall and the car park alongside the shops**

A letter had been received from the W.I. which highlighted the condition of the wooden fence dividing the shops car park and the land belonging to the W.I. It was confirmed that the fence is the responsibility of the Parish Council and it was resolved to obtain quotes for the repair of the fence.

- **To consider support for Remembrance Sunday**

It was resolved to once again support the Royal British Legion with a donation of £120 as a charitable donation.

- **To consider the arrangements for the Christmas tree and lights for the village**

The Parish Council are pleased to provide a Christmas tree for the village this year. As this has previously been supplied and organised by other groups it was resolved to source a suitable tree locally and provide lighting, safety fencing and other requirements on behalf of the village.

- **To consider a request to use part of the Bramble Way car park for works units on behalf of the Canal and River Trust**

A civil engineering company are requesting use of the Bramble Way car park on behalf of the Canal and River Trust for a period of 15-20 weeks, to undertake renovation works on the canal paths. The Parish Council are keen to support this request but are mindful that the car park is used by sporting clubs at the weekend. The football and rugby clubs have the use by agreement with the PC and pay a licence fee. The

Chairman will liaise with WLBC regarding the possible use of the leachate compound adjacent to the car park.

- **To consider the renewal of the SLCC membership for the Clerk**
Renewal of the Clerk's annual SLCC membership is due on 1st November, at a cost of £177.00. The Clerk benefits from quarterly meetings with other Lancashire Clerks, advice and news and opportunities for training and development. It was resolved to continue with the subscription for another year.

8. Alder Lane issues

- **To receive an update on the progress of both the Capital grant and the Grantscape grant in relation to Chapel Meadow**
The capital grant work is due to start this month, although the wet weather may hamper the path renovations; it is preferable to minimise any damage to the grass adjacent to the paths.
Final details have been submitted to Grantscape prior to the contract being agreed. Once in place the work can begin on the meadow.

9. Update on Councillor raised issues:

- The 2 village noticeboards have been updated with Councillors details.

10. Clerk's Report

The report was duly noted. The Clerk also informed members that the company that monitor and service the playgrounds on behalf of the Parish Council have assessed the playgrounds following the ROSPA report and will monitor the equipment accordingly.

11. Councillors’ agenda items for future meetings

- It was requested that an update on the Railway-side house on The Common is included on next month’s Agenda. After many months of trying to have the Arch Company improve the condition and safety of the house very little has been done.
- The amount of weeds present on the thoroughfares of the village was raised, with a request to contact WLBC to establish if and when weed spraying will be undertaken.
- Once again the underpass at the Station Road level crossing has been flooded. It was requested that Network Rail be contacted. Ashley Dalton MP has contacted the Environment Agency regarding the flooding problem in Parbold, to highlight this issue again and try to move it forward.

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.

12. To consider the breakdown of heating costs for the Village Hall

There is still some confusion over what essential servicing is required for the heating system. It was resolved to arrange another meeting with the current heating engineers and Councillors to gain a full understanding and create an effective servicing plan going forward.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2040hrs.

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Chairman

6th October 2023