

# Parbold Parish Council

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## MINUTES

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 5th January 2024 in Parbold Village Hall, The Common, WN8 7DN**

Present: Cllr Arnold (Chairman), Cllr Gill (Vice Chairman), Cllr Butts, Cllr Bailey, Cllr Stopford, Cllr Long

2 members of the public in attendance.

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Blake, Cllr Holland and Cllr Carruthers.

### **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.**

- A representative from the PCA updated the Parish Council on the successful application of a previously discussed FEL grant and requested that the Parish Council provide the required match funding of £14,106 plus VAT. Members reminded the representative that there had been some concern over the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the project and it was suggested that a meeting with the preferred contractor may address the concerns and clear up any issues. This can then be considered at the next meeting.

**4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> December 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**

301123	Midstream ground works	BACS	£102.00
151223	Vision Link	D/D	£24.00
191223	O2 CCTV	D/D	£26.76
281223	B Joule – salary	S/O	£868.34

Noted at the meeting:

020124	Cobbs Brow Nurseries – Christmas Tree	BACS	£240.00
020124	J W Moore heating contractor	BACS	£374.40
020124	Equiphase web provider	BACS	£66.00
020124	B Joule - Ink cartridges	BACS	£22.22

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**

Reference:023/1045/FUL

Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission 2023/0488/FUL relating to approved plans and Materials.

Location: Stonewold, Tanfield Nook, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire.

Comments: The Parish Council resolved to support the comments submitted by LCC Highways, objecting to a second driveway.

## 7. Village issues

- **To discuss the recent playgrounds inspection report and any necessary repairs to be done**

The recent playground inspection report of both play areas had been circulated and it had highlighted several areas where maintenance and/or repair was recommended. It was resolved to obtain a quote from the Inspectors for a decision at the next meeting.

- **To further discuss appropriate signage for the Parbold Bottle**

The original idea of attaching a sign to the information board already situated at the top of Parbold Hill has proved to be unworkable, so a suitable separate sign is now being sourced which will be in keeping with the existing board and surround.

- **To consider arrangements for the disposal of the Christmas tree**

A volunteer had kindly offered to dispose of the tree and store the Christmas lights etc. until next year. It was resolved to accept this offer and to provide a suitable storage container for the lights.

- **To consider plans for 2024 Christmas lighting prior to the Budget meeting**

Festive lights have been purchased for the Christmas Tree but there were no lights on the streetlamps this year. The Parish Council had been offered the previously used street lighting strings, however it had been decided that the installation costs by the WLBC-sourced contractors made the cost prohibitive for the 2023 festive season.

It was resolved that Cllr Bailey would approach WLBC and the contractor for further details and ascertain the options available to the Parish Council for next Christmas.

## **8. Alder Lane issues**

- **To further discuss the proposal from Shevington Sharks ARLFC to apply for the football pitch improvement grant**

The questions raised during the last meeting had been sent to the representative of Shevington Sharks ARLFC and his response had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was resolved to progress through the initial stages of the proposition and the Chairman will contact the club to liaise further with them.

- **To discuss a possible extension for the capital grant work to the Chapel Meadow paths**

The selected contractor has been unable to undertake the work to the paths due to the prolonged inclement weather, resulting in flooding to parts of the path around the meadow. The contractor is still prepared to undertake the work at the price agreed last year. As the job is subject of a Capital grant and the deadline for completion of work is the end of March 2024 it was resolved to request an extension from WLBC in order to complete the work with minimal damage and disruption to the meadow.

## **9. Update on Councillor raised issues:**

- An update had been requested on the position of the Convent planning application. It was confirmed that the application was successful and permission has been given for the development.

## **10. To consider an application for the Capital scheme for 2024-25 and other available grants**

Consideration was given to the several grants that are currently available but there was no decision on a suitable project at this time.

## 11. Clerk's Report

The report was duly noted.

## 12. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

- The issues of blocked gullies and drains was raised and Cllr Bailey gave the current position of the LCC 2023 annual cycle of planned maintenance of drains and gullies. It was thought that plan had only been partially completed and perhaps on a reactive rather than proactive basis. Cllr Bailey will look into the position for discussion at the next meeting.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council noticeboard outside Morrisons on The Common had become unsightly and was not adequately displaying the Parish Council notices. There were adverts for commercial operations and events that were not based within the community, for which the noticeboard was not intended.
- Cllr Stopford has been working on a comprehensive report regarding the issues of flooding in Parbold and requested to update the Parish Council on the current situation at the next meeting.

**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.**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2110hrs.

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Chairman

5<sup>th</sup> January 2024