

Parbold Parish Council

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MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 1st March 2024 in Parbold Village Hall, The Common, WN8 7DN

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

5 members of the public in attendance.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Blake 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 Parbold Community Association notified the Council that fundraising for the new village hall solar panel project was going well, with £3500 being raised so far. Cllr Blake was thanked for her help with the recent event at the village hall that raised £700.
- The representative also brought to the Council's attention the ongoing issue of the number of vehicles using the village hall car park on a daily basis and for long periods of time. Apparently prospective hall hirers have been put off by the lack of parking and the hall has therefore lost

potential future business. The representative asked the Council to consider how to regulate parking on the car park to ensure that it is available for village hall users.

4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 2nd February 2024

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

060224	Tree Check Ltd – grant survey	BACS	£720.00
150224	Vision Link	D/D	£24.00
190224	O2 CCTV	D/D	£26.76
230224	Office supplies - ink cartridges	BACS	£21.95
260224	Wrightington Windows – village hall	BACS	£20.00
280224	B Joule – salary	S/O	£868.34

Noted at the meeting:

060224	Bulbs and shrubs for The Heys planted area	BACS	£148.94
060224	HMRC – additional employee tax	BACS	£431.19

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: 2024/0093/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and private studio. Construction of new single dwelling house. Partial 2 stories and partial single storey, and replacement garage. Associated landscaping works.

Location: The Studio, Tanfield Nook, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire

The Parish Council offer no objection to this application.

7. Village issues

- **To receive an update on the solar panel project**

This item was moved to item 12, to be discussed *in camera*.

- **To consider further options for the Parbold Bottle signage**

Three options were presented to the Council, but it was resolved to liaise with The Douglas Lions before purchasing a sign to ensure that it will be compatible and situated in the best place for visitor information.

- **To consider the proposal for a small electrical recycling bin in the village**

The Waste team at WLBC have offered a recycling bank for small electrical items to be situated on the village hall car park. However, it was resolved to keep car parks in Parbold free of recycling banks when there are plenty of recycling options nearby.

- **To consider the programme proposal for the 2024 Parbold Village Show**

It was resolved to approve the proposals put forward by the village show committee to hold events over three days in July, which includes the music event on Sunday afternoon. These events are all family friendly and the committee are mindful to keep disruption to residents local to the venue to a minimum.

- **To consider whether to enter the 2024 Best Kept Village competition**

This year the Best Kept village competition will include biodiversity and nature conservation within the judging criteria. It was resolved to once again enter the competition and strive to improve the two main areas of judges' concern, which are litter and weeds in several places around the village.

8. Alder Lane issues

- **To consider the proposed groundworks contract for tender for 2024-25**

It was resolved to adopt the draft contract and this will now be used to advertise for a suitable contractor for the year 2024-25.

- **To review the licence for Shevington Sharks**

This item was moved to item 12, to be discussed *in camera*.

- **To consider the tree survey report from PWG, as part of the Grantscape project**

The Council were updated on the contents of the tree survey report commissioned by Parbold Wildlife Group as part of the Grantscape funded project.

The Chairman temporarily closed the meeting at 2010hrs so that further information could be sought from PWG representatives present at the meeting. The meeting was then reopened at 2020hrs and it was resolved to agree to the request to utilise a project manager to oversee the works, which are expected to start in the autumn.

- **Update on Councillor raised issues:**

- **To receive an update on the Railway hotel development**

The Chairman updated the meeting on the progress of the development. The apartments are now sold and the main building is being advertised for sale as an investment opportunity. The Co-Op have leased the building and are hoping to open in April.

- **Clerk's Report**

The report was duly noted.

- **Councillors' agenda items for future meetings**

- It was reported that there is a significant amount of rubbish at the side of the Morrison's shop on The Common, and parking on the pavements in that area is causing problems for pedestrians.
- The issue of leaves blocking gullies was raised. The clearing of leaves is the responsibility of WLBC and blocked gullies are covered by LCC, who have an app to determine which roads require clearing.
- Cllr Bailey reported that he had been contacted regarding very early deliveries to Morrisons disturbing neighbours, sometimes as early as 0530hrs.

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.

At this point the members of the public left the meeting.

12. The following items were discussed *in camera*

- There followed a discussion about the solar panel project, and specifically whether to agree to upgrade the existing solar panels at the same time. It was felt that the original panels may have degraded over time and as the efficiency of new panels has increased in recent years the renewal of the existing panels would increase output. It was resolved to upgrade the panels and the Clerk was instructed to formally notify the contractor.
- The amended draft licence was accepted by the Council and will be forwarded to the club for signing. It was also resolved to agree to the proposed grant from Sport England and the Clerk will liaise with the club to progress the application.

- It was resolved to request the PCA to delay to engage the architect for the proposed extension plans until the solar panel works are complete and the full cost of the project is known. It was also agreed to request a meeting with the PCA in order to discuss a plan for the coming financial year.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2050hrs.

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Chairman

1st March 2024

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