

# Parbold Parish Council

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Parbold Village Hall, Parbold Village Hall, 2 The Green, Parbold, Wigan WN8 7DN**

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

2 members of the public in attendance.

## MINUTES

### 1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from 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 issues raised.

### 4. To ratify as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> February

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

### 5. To discuss the Parbold Wildlife Group grant request

Parbold Wildlife Group receives an annual grant of £850.00 from the Parish Council, although it is understood that the budget this year stands at £1070 as some of last year's work was not undertaken due to Covid restrictions. The cost of this work was therefore carried over from last year.

£500.00 was spent on mowing in August 2021.

PWG reports that £480.00 was recently spent on groundworks (£576.00 inc. VAT). The meadow will need weed wiping in March, which is estimated to cost £120.00, although this may need to roll over to April depending upon the weather. PWG will have spent £1100.00 to date and it was resolved that the Parish Council will cover this cost.

## 6. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

210121	RBS	Bank charges	d.d.	£8.75
190222	O2	CCTV Bramble Way	d.d.	£21.90
210222	E Joule	expenses	3063	£37.23
280222	E Joule	Salary	d.d.	£720.29
040222	Midstream Chapel Meadow	groundworks	3062	£576.00

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

## 7. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2022/0081/ADV

Proposal: 2 no. illuminated signs, 1 illuminated, 10 no. signs, 6 no. banner frames, 1 no. totem, 2 no. one-way signs and 2 no. exit only signs.

Location: Railway Hotel, 1 Station Road, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7NU

Comments:

The Parish Council objects to this proposal, bearing in mind that under the advertisement legislation (Regulations) advertisements requiring consent can only be refused on grounds of visual amenity or highway safety. Therefore, this proposal should be rejected on visual amenity grounds.

There would be far too many signs in total, which would appear cluttered and confused. Too many of the signs would be illuminated. The amount of proposed illumination would have a severe impact upon the residential amenity of neighbouring occupiers in Broadmead, including residents of the approved block immediately behind the car park. If illumination is to be given consent, the hours of illumination should be limited, to be switched off as soon as the shop is closed for the night.

The cumulative area of the proposed 'banner' signs is excessive, and insufficient detail is given of what is actually proposed. The assumption is that the signs would be poster advertisements. If that is the case, the total impact would be garish and inappropriate for this

residential area, again with an impact upon residents of the approved new block behind the car park. Far too many of these signs are proposed.

Application Number: 2021/1430/FUL

Proposal: Replacement of existing detached garage.

Location: Motley Bank, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HQ

Comments: No objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2022/0155/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

Location: 12 Mill Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7NW

Comments: No objection to this proposal

Application Number: 2022/0189/FUL.

Proposal: Lunge pen, 21 Bradshaw Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7NQ

Comments: No objection to this proposal

Application Number: 2022/0123/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for increasing the height of a boundary fence along Croasdale Drive.

Location: The White House, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HQ

Comments: The Parish Council object to this proposal in its present form. The existing fence, of overlapping vertical boards, has been retained and a new fence, higher, darker in colour, and closeboarded, has been erected immediately behind it so as to project above the existing. The effect is clumsy and awkward and, because the length of fencing is extremely long, it is obtrusive in the Conservation Area. At the very least some effort should be made to remove green mould from the existing fence and to coat it so that it is the same colour as the existing. The contrast in style and colour, together with the disjointed appearance at the upper edge of the lower fence, together result in a visually poor development not worthy of the Conservation Area.

Application Number: 2022/0143/FUL

Proposal: Pitched roof to replace flat roof to existing front dormer and extension of rear dormer/pitched roof to replace flat roof

Location: 37 Lindley Drive, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7ED

Comments: No objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2022/0172/FUL

Proposal: Extension to and remodelling of existing conservatory

Location: The Coach House, Miry Lane, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7TA

Comments: No objection to this proposal.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1950hrs to allow discussion with a member of the public.

## **8. The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations:**

- **To discuss the support for community events**

A representative of the Parbold Community Association gave the Council an overview of plans to host an Afternoon Tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at the Village Hall and is intended to be free for all Parbold Residents. The Council resolved to support this event and the Clerk will liaise with the PCA to finalise details.

- **To discuss the new LCC policy for attaching bunting to lamp posts**

The draft requirements for the attachment of items (including bunting) onto lamp posts now introduces a number of new measures and a licence application form to be submitted 10 weeks prior to the event. However, the above event does not require any lamp post attachments and therefore no application is required.

- **To discuss the request for a road closure**

This item was deferred to later in the meeting where it can be discussed *in camera*.

The meeting was re-opened at 2000hrs.

## **9. To consider whether to enter the Best Kept Village 2022**

This year there is a slightly different way of allocating villages into Hamlet, Small, Medium and Large villages which will take account of both the population and the amenities (Church, School, Pub, Village Hall etc.). It was agreed that Parbold will be

entered into the competition again this year. Initial judging will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**10. To discuss the request from LCC Highways Dept to submit suggestions of small items of work to be included on an estimate price list**

Highways Dept. have had a number of requests from Parish and Town Councils about estimates for small items of work e.g. a bollard, a grit bin, a small road sign, with most requests being of a similar nature. To help with this they are proposing to provide an estimate price list of the most frequently requested items. These will be guide prices which can be confirmed at a later date.

There were no further suggestions forward from the Council.

**11. Update on Councillor raised issues:-**

- **The Parish council litter pick – agree details and ratify risk assessment**

The litter pick will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March and volunteers will meet at the Village Hall at 0930hrs. The Risk Assessment for this event has been reviewed and updated and clothing and equipment will be provided.

- **Parking on Greenfield Avenue during Vegan Fest**

The organisers of Vegan Fest were approached regarding the parking issues at previous events and advised to use cones to regulate parking, particularly on Greenfield Avenue. This appears to have worked as the parking at the most recent event was much improved and vehicles parked on one side of the road only.

**12. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings**

- Inconsiderate parking at the parade of shops, particularly around school times.
- Perimeter signs to the Parish. These need checking as at least one is missing and others need to be checked for accurate positioning.
- It was noticed that an apparently homeless person was begging outside the shops. This may be a one-off situation but the question was asked as to whether the Council has a policy regarding support and direction for this situation.
- There have been a number of power cuts and instances of lights flickering within the village, there appears to be an unstable supply at present. Enquiries will be made with ENW to establish what is causing this.
- Despite positive communication with the Arch Company who own the house next to the railway station, nothing appears to have improved with regard to its condition. Further requests will be made with the company, particularly as Parbold is entering the Best Kept Village competition this year.

**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.**

### **13. To discuss the request for funding from Parbold Flood Action Group**

The Treasurer of Parbold Flood Action Group has requested the following monies to be awarded to the Group:

1. £288.00 – this is the annual premium for the Vision Link cameras (12 x monthly payments of £24)
2. £99.31 – this is the annual premium for professional indemnity insurance

This comes to a total of £387.31 and it was resolved that the Parish Council would reimburse Parbold Flood Action Group with this amount. It was also agreed to thank Ros Wess and the Group for the tireless work and effort that they have put into combating flooding in the village.

### **14. To discuss the request for a road closure**

The representative from Third Way was unable to attend the meeting and had submitted a written request beforehand. It was explained that a road closure would help with the delivery of a re-enactment that was being planned, along with other entertainment. Before the Council can make a decision on whether to support an application to close the road more detail is required from the Organisers.

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

*Cllr Brian Arnold*  
*Chairman*

*4<sup>th</sup> March 2022*