

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Parbold Women's Institute.**

Members of the public were invited to ask questions of the Council. John Blanchard introduced himself as the spokesperson for the proposed Parbold Cricket Club and presented the Clerk with two large envelopes; one containing a petition in support of a Parbold Cricket Club and another labelled "Concept for re-forming a cricket club". He complained that the new field was in full use by Shevington Sharks rugby club and he maintained that rugby was not a "Parbold" sport, whereas cricket was.

He confirmed that the cricket season runs from April to September but that the cricket square would have to be maintained out of season and cannot be played on by other sports.

**Present:** Cllr Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Bithell (Vice Chairman), Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Harray, Cllr Mrs Middleton, Cllr Rance & Cllr Mrs Raju.

**1. To record apologies for absence**

None

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr Mrs Butts - personal interest in village hall matters as Parish Council appointed observer to the PCA General Committee

Cllr Bailey – personal interest in any items relating to his position as a member of West Lancashire Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Peter Lathom's Charity Board of Trustees, Richard Durning Trust and WLBC Standards Board.

Cllr Rance – personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to Parbold Youth Club & The Pear Tree.

Cllr Mrs Raju – personal and prejudicial interest in Alder Lane traffic problems.

Cllr Mrs Middleton – personal interest in matters pertaining to her membership of Parbold Wildlife Group

Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Wess declared a personal, prejudicial interest in concessionary travel.

**3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 3rd December 2010**

**Resolution (81/10):** The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Bithell, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts, eight in favour, two abstentions (not present at the last meeting)

**4. Any Item of Urgent Business at the discretion of the Chairman**

**The Chairman introduced two items:**

**LCC Notification of termination of grass cutting arrangements:**

**Resolution (82/10):** Following discussion about the termination of the current arrangement the Clerk was instructed to submit an Expression of Interest in delegation of the service to the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts, all in favour.

## Consultation on Concessionary travel:

**Resolution (83/10):** Some instruction was given and completion of the form was delegated to the Clerk. It was agreed to submit a complaint that this consultation had arrived too late to be debated in full and with insufficient information attached. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wess, seconded by Cllr Mrs Raju, all in favour.

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

291210	E A Broad	Salary (December 2010)	s.o.	£ 660.74
291210	Sherwoods	Grass cutting contract	s.o.	£105.95*
311210	David Secrett	Cleaning/gardening	s.o.	£128.00
070111	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI for December 2010	2102	£88.39
070111	Parbold WI	Room hire 031210	2103	£20.00

**Resolution (84/10):** That the accounts be ratified and authorised for payment. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts, all in favour.

## 6. Village Hall Matters:

The Clerk distributed the agenda for the next liaison meeting with the PCA, booked for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Cllr Bithell updated the meeting that nothing was happening in short term regarding the Music Society's intention to upgrade to a Steinway because the instrument being considered had a crack in sound board.

## 7. Alder Lane:

- **To note progress of creating an interpretation board at Chapel Lane Meadow**

No progress since last meeting.

- **To receive update on gates at Chapel Lane entrances to the fields**

A possible reduction in Forever Meadows funding brings uncertainty on this project. The matter will be returned to next month.

- **To receive update on progress of field drainage of old pitch**

The quotations obtained were distributed. Cllr Arnold confirmed that he had met with two more companies who would also provide quotations and that he had met on site with Jimmy Kelly who had been most helpful in pointing out the route of the drains. This will be revisited next month.

- **To determine the structure for dealing with applications for use of the fields**

The draft form was accepted as a useful base for dealing with applications.

Cllr Arnold told the meeting that the Stocks Tavern were hoping to use the site for Pub football league from the summer and that David Powell wants to start training in May 2011.

It was agreed to publicise the fields in both the PCA and parish newsletter, invite expressions of interest, use the application form and a covering letter, offering help with the application process and hold a public meeting in March. The hope is that formal proposals will be considered and answered in April.

Current users and interested parties include: Parbold Cricket Club, The Stocks Tavern, Mawdesley Tennis Club, Cubs football group, Shevington Sharks ARLA, David Powell's Football Club & Wigan Anglers.

- **To consider additional fence posts or similar near the leachate tank and at Chapel Lane (Cllr Mrs Wess)**

Cllr Mrs Wess suggested that wooden posts be put alongside the leachate tank and the Chapel Lane exit from the fields, to prevent 4 by 4's and quad bikes driving along the footpath. It was agreed to await the outcome of the Forever Meadows project first but to keep this idea under review.

- **To consider car parking arrangements at Bramble Way (Cllr Mrs Raju)**

The Clerk confirmed that she had put the Wigan Anglers and Shevington Sharks in touch with one another so that fixtures could be correlated to avoid the clash in the autumn.

The meeting agreed that whoever is using the land has the responsibility for marshalling car parking.

Although the car park is in a poor state of repair, the work that had been done by Shevington Sharks in removing surrounding overgrowth had almost doubled the size of the useable space.

## **8. To note Planning and Planning Applications**

Last month the Clerk was instructed to complain that Councillors had found the Public Access system too difficult to use and to ask for paper copies of all applications. The response from John Harrison was copied to all Councillors, with the explanation that e-communication and use of the WLBC Public Access system would continue and paper copies were no longer held.

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12 & 14 Station Road Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7NU

Proposal: Conservation Area Consent - Change of use of no. 12 Station Road from residential to commercial. Single storey rear extension and alterations to 12 and 14 Station Road.

The above application has been granted as it was determined it is within permitted development, so planning permission is not necessary.

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Brismar Tanfield Nook Parbold Wigan Lancashire WN8 7DQ

Extensions and alterations to existing bungalow, including raising the height of the existing roof, to create a two storey dwelling house.

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

#### **9 To decide how to mark next year's Royal Wedding on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

This matter was discussed and will be revisited at the next meeting.

#### **10 To note LCC response in regard to improvements of Alder Lane traffic lights**

Councillors agreed that there had been a definite improvement but that there was still a problem with drivers being too impatient and jumping the lights and a camera would probably deter this.

#### **11 To approve WLBC Capital Funding application**

**Resolution (85/10): It was resolved to apply for 20% funding of a total spend of up to £35,000 towards draining of the football pitch. Parish funds to match the grant and the Clerk to investigate any possible lottery funding contribution. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Bithell, all in favour.**

#### **12 To determine matters in regard to standing orders and delegation(Cllr Mrs Wess)**

Cllr Mrs Wess referred to Item 45 of the Parish Council's Standing Orders which states: *"All business discussed at committee level must be reported to the full Council in order that they may make any necessary decisions"*, maintaining that she considers the actions of the working party working on the licence for field use at Alder Lane breached this order.

Those who had attended the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010, agreed that this business had been discussed in full meeting and all in attendance were fully aware and agreed that the licence was to be granted for a year. Only the detail of the licence was delegated to the Clerk and named Councillors, which was entirely legal and not in conflict with Item 45 of the Standing Orders.

#### **13 To consider proposal to move monthly meetings back to village hall (Cllr Mrs Butts)**

The Clerk was instructed to find out the cost and availability of the small hall at the village hall and return to this item next month.

#### **14 To consider the proposal that any group requesting funding be asked to provide names and addresses of six Parbold residents who support their proposal in order to ensure that the Parish Council are funding projects supported by Parbold residents. (Cllr Bithell)**

**Resolution (86/10): That any group requesting funding be asked to provide names and addresses of six Parbold residents who support their proposal in order to ensure that the Parish Council are funding projects supported by Parbold residents. Proposed by Cllr Bithell, seconded by Cllr Bailey**

**For – 6 – Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Middleton, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Bithell**

**Against – 3 – Cllr Mrs Raju, Cllr Mrs Wess and Cllr Rance**

**One abstention – Cllr Mrs Harrhy**

**Named, recorded vote requested by Cllr Mrs Raju**

**15 To determine any action required in relation to recent snow and gritting:**

- **-general advice (including suggestions from residents)**

The meeting considered an e-mail from a local resident and the Clerk was asked to respond thanking him for his suggestions. The Clerk was asked to see if it is possible to incorporate some of these ideas in newsletters.

- **-in relation to A5209, (Cllr Mrs Wess & Cllr Mrs Raju)**

The Clerk was instructed to write to Lancashire County Council to complain about insufficient gritting on the A5209 and A59. Also, to ask if these two roads had been reclassified as secondary priority routes, why are they continually used by lorries coming off the M6 motorway? And why the decision had been made that gritting would no longer be undertaken at night-time?

**16 To determine representation at forthcoming meetings**

Cllr Mrs Raju and Cllr Mrs Wess – unable to attend the next LALC area committee meeting.

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

Cllr Mrs Wess – parish plan

Cllr Arnold – drainage of the front field at Alder Lane Playing Fields

**18 Resolution (87/10): 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 (terms & conditions of employment), the public and the press leave the meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda**

**Proposed Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Bithell, all in favour.**

**19 To determine next action in regard to Main Hall Flooring**

The Clerk explained that she did not understand what the Council wished her to say to Trading Standards with regard to Denovo Design Ltd.

The Chairman agreed to look at the Trading Standards website and see whether a reporting Denovo Design Ltd to Trading Standards was the most appropriate action.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10 pm.

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**Chairman – Cllr R M Bailey**

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**Clerk – Mrs E-A Broad**

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