

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Friday 4th February 2011 at Parbold Women's Institute.

Cllr Mrs Wess sat in the public gallery and spoke, as a member of the public, on behalf of Jimmy Kelly who had phoned her, very upset about Alder Lane and Bramble Way. The Council had been promising him for twenty-five years; he has had to put up with the landfill and all the disruption from the footballers and now the rugby players. The infrastructure should be sorted as a matter of urgency and before everything else. Up to fourteen cars come with the ramblers, sometime in the middle of the week. If there isn't enough room, because there are already dog walkers there (who really ought to be walking their dogs and not getting in to a car, parking up and then, walking the dog), they park outside the houses.

Mr Kelly requested that the rugby go on the front field and the football on the new field because, with rugby they throw the ball, with football they kick the ball, but there have been broken windows. Going back to when Parma were on the site, we very often did get complaints. There is considerable noise related to this. The Parish Council need to look at these things. As regards the car park the council is still responsible for insurance, and cars with a low chassis can be damaged driving across the potholes. The potholes are so deep a child could fall and hurt themselves.

David Gelder noted that the local facilities offering community space had increased over recent times but that this space was actually under-used. With regard to this then, did the Parish Council have a view of how they would wish to see community space used?

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council were the owners and landlords of the Village Hall but had no control over any other halls or public space in the village.

Mr Gelder was concerned that the PCA had a "Parish Council imposed constitution" which prescribed certain restriction on the use of the hall which reduced their opportunity to expand usage.

Councillors responded that the landlord/tenant relationship was all that existed, accompanied by a management agreement, but no restrictive practices were imposed and the constitution adopted by the PCA was all their own making. If anything was found to be restrictive, the Parish Council would be most happy to discuss and review with the PCA. Cllr Bithell continued that he had made enquiries about the PCA widening their remit to include some management of the Alder Lane site but that this had not met with approval as the PCA had their hands full with the village hall.

Cllr Bithell suggested that for the Parish Council to serve the entire community, any strong opinion would be partisan and could create a problem, so would be better if the Parish Council worked further on communication and co-operation.

Cllr Mrs Wess commented that the previous Parish Chairman, Michael Hammond knew as much about the Alder Lane development as any other Parish Council and was also PCA Treasurer so there was always a joined up approach towards development and both groups were fully aware of that. It had always been the case that the PCA did not want to take on the further responsibilities of an Alder Lane development but were content with running the Parish Village Hall.

Cllr Bithell raised the issue that a resident had contacted him to tell him that they had received a letter from Rosie Cooper thanking them for responding to John Blanchard's petition, however they had not actually signed the petition.

Cllr Mrs Wess commented that Mr Blanchard told her that everyone who put their name to the petition did so willingly, and as he had a lot more to lose by falsifying the petition, she believed him.

Joan Sanders asked if any parish council members should be declaring an interest in the agreement with Shevington Sharks? The Chairman responded that it is a personal issue to declare interests that rests with the Councillor concerned, but that it was clear looking around the table that no-one had an undeclared interest or the faintest idea what she was implying.

Present: Cllr Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Bithell (Vice Chairman), Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs HARRY, Cllr Mrs Middleton & Cllr Mrs Wess.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Rance and Cllr Mrs Raju.

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 and WLBC Standards Board.

Cllr Mrs Blake – personal interest in items relating to her position as a member of West Lancashire Borough Council.

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

3. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held 7th January 2011

Resolution (88/10): The minutes were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Butts, seconded by Cllr Bithell, seven in favour, one abstention.

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

None.

5. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

290111	E A Broad	Salary (January 2011)	s.o.	£ 660.74
290111	Sherwoods	Grass cutting contract	s.o.	£105.95*
280111	David Secrett	Cleaning/gardening	s.o.	£128.00

200111	Yates Playgrounds	Replace cheque damaged in post	2104	£686.20*
040211	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI for January 2011	2105	£88.39
040211	Parbold WI	Room hire 070111	2106	£20.00
040211	LCC	Filling potholes on the car park	2107	£822.50*
040211	Fields in trust	annual membership	2108	£35.00
040211	Eurooffice	Printer ink 3 black @ £16.33 each, 1 cyan, 1 magenta, 1 yellow @ £7.16 each. HP 920 XL	2109	£84.55*
040211	Yates Playgrounds	Playground inspections	2110	69.60*
040211	Sherwoods	Grass cutting contract VAT increase	2111	6.75*

***contains VAT**

Resolution (89/10): That the accounts be ratified and authorised for payment. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Butts, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harrhy, all in favour.

6. Village Hall Matters:

- **To receive notes of the PCA/PPC Liaison meeting – 12th January 2011**

The meeting notes were accepted. All improvements are done and paid for. This has been a major investment and all are very proud and congratulate those who have brought this project forward. The loss of revenue however is a concern and the PCA have put the Parish Council on notice of it.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the PCA and ask if they need support and if so, exactly what the specifics are as to what that might entail.

- **To respond to PCA's request to polish the flooring in the main hall**

The Parish Council needs to see the details of exactly what the cleaner is proposing before considering this request. There was concern expressed about performers wearing stiletto heels on the floor; also, concern that polishing the floor may create a slip hazard and sealing may trap moisture beneath worsening the problem.

7. Alder Lane:

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

Item moved to end of meeting as contracts would be discussed.

- **To determine next action to progress field drainage of old pitch**

Resolution: (90/10): That the Clerk apply for the Section 106 monies from WLBC to contribute towards the costs of a new drainage system at Alder Lane. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Bithell, all in favour.

- **To consider the Whitemoss Community Amenities Grant scheme**

Resolution: (91/10): That the Parish Council apply to Whitemoss Community Amenities Grant for £10,000 towards the costs of a new drainage system at Alder Lane field. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Bithell, all in favour.

- **To decide whether to commit parish council funds to meet those offered by the Wildlife Trust to erect two gates at Chapel Lane entrances to the fields**

Resolution: (92/10): That the Forever Meadows project complete the work on one field gate with kissing gate at the Chapel Lane Level Crossing entrance to Chapel Meadow with financial assistance of up to £250 from the Parish Council. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Harray, all in favour.

- **To decide whether to nominate Alder Lane Playing Fields as a Queen Elizabeth II fields**

The Scheme was introduced to the Council for consideration. The Clerk was requested to write to West Lancashire Borough Council to clarify the position as to whether the Borough would consent to such a nomination and bring the issue back to a future meeting.

- **To decide date for public meeting for those interested in using Alder Lane**

The meeting is to be held during the week commencing 28th February 2011, exact date to be determined administratively. Posters to be provided to the Pear Tree and Library for display. A specific invitation and application form to be sent to those who had already expressed an interest.

Brian Arnold commented that Wigan Athletic Football in the Community had no plans to use the field this year.

Resolution (93 /10): It was resolved that up to £250 be spent to purchase road planings for the car park to attempt to fill the potholes on a temporary basis. Proposed by Cllr Bithell, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all in favour.

8. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Application Number: 2010/1443/ADV

Proposal: Display of non-illuminated fascia sign on front elevation.

Location: 12 & 14 Station Road, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7NU,

Application Number: 2011/0006/FUL

First floor extension over garage at side including balcony at front. Single storey side extension and extension to front porch. Replacement conservatory at rear.

Location: 46 The Common Parbold Wigan

There is also an amendment, relating to tree removal, to the following application

Application Number: 2010/1211/FUL

Proposal: Two storey extension to provide an additional ten bedrooms and single storey day room extension. New car park and alterations to existing vehicular/pedestrian access.

Location: Brandreth Lodge Nursing Home, Stoney Lane, Parbold, WN8 7NF

Grid Ref: SD 349308 411554

Application Number: 2011/0063/FUL

Proposal: Two storey side extension. Single storey rear extension.

Location: 91 Fairhurst Drive, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7DP

The planning applications were noted with no objections made.

9. To revise asset register, risk management policy and register

Resolution (94/10): That the documents be accepted by the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman. It was agreed to update the asset register during April and put this on the May agenda so that this annual review can be conducted at a more appropriate time. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Bithell, all in favour.

10. To select a member to go forward as nominee for the three tier forum

Resolution (95/10): Cllr Mrs Harray was nominated to go forward to the vote at the next LALC Area Committee meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Wess, seconded by Cllr Bailey, all in favour.

11. To decide how to mark next year's Royal Wedding on 29th April 2011

The meeting decided against arranging an event.

12. To determine production of the Parish Plan – (Cllr Mrs Wess)

Following some alterations, the draft was approved to move onto the next stage.

13. To decide whether to move monthly meetings back to village hall (Cllr Mrs Butts)

The Parish Council must follow principles of best value and at the present time the Parbold WI Hall is more cost-effective than the Village Hall so for the time-being, the meetings will continue to be held in Parbold WI.

14. To determine representation at forthcoming meetings

No forthcoming meetings.

15. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Mrs Wess – update on land registration of the village hall.

Cllr Bithell – discussion over opportunities for village space – consideration of the various halls, properties, buildings, etc.

16. Resolution (96/10): 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 by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Bithell, all in favour.

17. To determine next action in regard to Main Hall Flooring

The Chairman reported having contacted Trading Standards and been told that it was an entirely inappropriate route as it was not for those in contractual situations, such as this.

Resolution (97/10): As the Parish Council appear to have exhausted all avenues here and are unaware of any further action that can be taken, action will now be discontinued on seeking legal redress regarding the main hall flooring. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Arnold, Cllr Mrs Blake for (4 members), abstentions from Cllr Mrs Harrhy, Cllr Mrs Wess and Cllr Mrs Middleton (3 members). Named, recorded vote requested by Cllr Mrs Wess.

Deferred Items:

7. Alder Lane:

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

Resolution (98/10): The Parish Council resolved that they were happy to select the DAB Design board, but to leave the final consideration to the Clerk in consultation with Jon Hickling, so long as costs did not exceed the £1,500 budget. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Middleton, all in favour.

- **To determine next action to progress field drainage of old pitch**

Resolution (99/10): That the Parish Council select J L Hill contractors to undertake the drainage of the Alder Lane Playing Field, subject to further discussion, detailing after-care, level of guarantee, acceptance of a retention sum and production of a map detailing where the drains will go. Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harrhy, seven in favour, one abstention.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.

Chairman – Cllr R M Bailey

Clerk – Mrs E-A Broad

Date