

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30 pm on Friday 4th November 2011 at Parbold Women's Institute.

Present: Cllr Arnold (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs Butts, Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Houlgrave, Cllr Mrs Middleton, Cllr Mrs Raju and Cllr Mrs Wess.

In the absence of the Parish Council Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr Brian Arnold chaired this meeting.

Before the meeting commenced the Vice-Chairman led a two-minute silence in respect of members of the armed forces killed in battle. He then invited questions and comments from members of the public present. There were no comments or questions.

Del Ellis from ARROW gave a brief presentation explaining the need for funding to support their campaign against landfill in the area. The Chairman thanked Mr Ellis for coming along to explain it so clearly.

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bailey, Cllr Bithell and Cllr Stapleton.

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 Mrs Blake – personal interest in matters pertaining to WLBC of which she is a member

Cllr Mrs Houlgrave – personal interest in matters pertaining to WLBC of which she is a member

Cllr Mrs Middleton – personal interest in matters pertaining to Parbold Wildlife Group and Chapel Lane Meadow

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

Cllr Mrs Wess pointed out that the main Remembrance Sunday ceremony, attended by local dignitaries, was to be held at Christ Church and not at Our Lady's as Cllr Bithell had said at the last meeting. For this reason, Cllr Arnold will present the wreath at Christ Church, Douglas-in-Parbold and Cllr Mrs Blake will present the wreath at Our Lady & all Saint Church.

Resolution (49/11): The minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Middleton, seconded by Cllr Wess, five in favour, two abstentions (had not attended the meeting).

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

In the last week, a letter had been received by most Councillors requesting a letter of support for SELRAP – an action group campaigning for the opening of the railway line from Colne to Skipton. The meeting agreed.

Also, Parbold Cubs have requested use Alder Lane football pitch on around ten Saturday mornings. The Clerk was asked to obtain the exact dates and bring this as an agenda item at

the next meeting. Permission for regular use must be considered carefully so as not to exclude anyone else using the field.

5. Alder Lane:

- **Update on Football Pitch (Pitch 1) Drainage**

Three quotes for installation of the goalposts were considered, with the lowest quotation accepted.

Resolution (50/11): It was resolved to make final payment to Jim Hill Ltd. Proposed by Cllr Arnold, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts

For: Cllr Mrs Middleton, Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Mrs Houlgrave

Abstention – Cllr Mrs Raju, Cllr Mrs Wess

Named, recorded vote requested by Cllr Mrs Raju

- **Update regarding car park maintenance**

Cllr Arnold explained that the road planings were on site, Bullens equipment was offered free-of-charge, but the roller for flattening was chargeable. Bullens' driver was a volunteer with Shevington Sharks so available to assist but a few more volunteers would be needed. The Council has to check whether the activity has full insurance before agreeing.

Resolution (51/11): That up to £300 be spent (provided insurance covers the activity) on filling the potholes on Bramble way Car Park with the road planings. Proposed by Cllr Arnold, seconded by Cllr Mrs Raju, all in favour.

6. To ratify accounts and authorise payment of accounts presented

281011	E A Broad	Salary (October 2011)	s.o.	£ 660.74
281011	Sherwoods	Grass cutting contract	s.o.	£110.90*
281011	David Secrett	Cleaning & Gardening services	s.o.	£128.00
041111	Argus Security	Annual security alarm checks	2171	£120.00*
041111	Yates Playgrounds	Inspections for play areas	2172	£69.60*
041111	SLCC	Annual subscription	2173	£77.15
041111	Inland Revenue	Tax & NI for October	2174	£88.39
041111	Parbold WI	room hire	2175	£20.00
041111	E A Broad	stamps	2176	£11.00
041111	Chris Horridge	Bramble Way pathway gardening	2177	£360.00
041111	Clean Tec Ltd	Supply & fit drainpipe at Village hall	2178	£90.48
041111	Clean Tec Ltd	Supply & fit new lights at VH	2179	£70.00

041111	Jim Hill Ltd	Drainage of football field	2180	£3,196.47*
041111	Shelley Signs	Interpretation Board	2181	£804.00*
041111	Waterworths	Erection of board	2182	£192.00*
041111	Eurooffice	Printer ink and paper	2183	130.17*

*contain VAT

Note: SLCC subscription total is £135 divided (dependent on number of hours worked for each council) so that Lathom South pays £33.75, Dalton £24.10 and Parbold £77.15)

Resolution (52/2011): That the accounts be ratified and authorised for payment. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Butts, seconded by Cllr Mrs Blake, five in favour, two abstentions.

7. To finalise date for Finance Committee to meet and discuss budget for 2012-2013

Subject to room availability the meeting will be held on Friday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

8. To note Planning and Planning Applications

Cllr Mrs Houlgrave and Cllr Mrs Blake declared an interest as members on West Lancashire Borough Council

Application Number: 2011/0565/COU

Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling and refurbishment/extension to existing dwelling.

Location: West Barn & Bungalow, Chorley Road, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7AN,

Application Number: 2011/0566/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Conversion of barn to dwelling and refurbishment/extension to existing dwelling.

Location: West Barn & Bungalow, Chorley Road, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7AN,

Parbold Parish Council Response: The Parish Council wishes to take a pragmatic approach and accept that this is a dilapidated building in need of attention. It is disconcerting that the applicants appear only to complete wildlife surveys when absolutely pushed into it and the Parish would be more encouraged if such essential surveys had been done at an earlier stage. For these reasons and the concern for various species of wildlife affected, the proposal can only be supported if mitigation can be put in place to show that it complies with all the applicable regulations for development in a conservation area and greenbelt. The applicants must accept the recommendations of English Heritage and any obligations supporting policy EN5.

Application Number: 2011/1050/COU

Proposal: Change of use from hotel, restaurant/manager's flat to single dwelling house, construction of replacement single storey extension to front/side, new entrance canopy at

side, erection of detached garage and conversion of outbuilding to ancillary accommodation. (Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 2008/0991/COU).

Location: Lindley Hotel, Lancaster Lane, Parbold, Lancashire, WN8 7HS,

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

Application Number: 2011/0760/FUL

Proposal: Re-siting of 3 existing outdoor air conditioning condensers from the roof into the rear yard area.

Location: McColls, 17 The Common, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7HA,

Parbold Parish Council Response: The Parish Council strongly objects to this proposal. Firstly, the development is described as in a rear yard area but is in fact to the side of the shop, not to the rear, and as such outside the building line of the shop. Secondly, the land is not owned by McColls but is in fact Parbold Parish Council land, used for the specific purpose of bin storage for which rent is payable to Parbold Parish Council by TM Retail. Thirdly, the enclosure cannot house air conditioning units as to do so would (i) breach the terms of their licence for land use here (ii) remove space put aside for bin storage, meaning the bins would be stored elsewhere and as there is no other land, this would be on the pavement around the shop (iii) create a hazard – there have been instances of youths entering this yard, should it house an air conditioning unit this could lead to a dangerous situation and (iv) create a noise nuisance for those living at 1 Tan House Lane as the air conditioning unit would back onto their fence and be positioned directly underneath bedroom windows.

The Clerk was instructed to write to TM Retail making it clear that the Parish Council do not permit a move of the air conditioning unit into the enclosed section of land.

Application Number: 2011/1120/FUL

Proposal: Erection of new dwelling.

Location: Greenslates, Tanfield Nook, Parbold, Wigan, Lancashire, WN8 7DQ

Parbold Parish Council Response: The Parish Council objects to the large size of this development. Support for this proposal would risk setting a precedent for garden development which causes a problem with the infrastructure of the village. As this proposal is accessible to the road there is a possibility it would become a separate entity in time.

9. Update from Network Rail on the status of the timings at ‘level crossing’

The meeting noted the response that seasonal changes meant the barriers were down for a longer period of time and that because this is a safety issue, there was little could be done about it.

10. To consider the purchase of a policy of insurance that covers the Parish Council for legal costs, should action later be required, against contractors - Cllr Mrs Raju

Cllr Mrs Raju agreed to bring further information on this issue to the finance meeting.

11. To acknowledge response from LCC regarding the cracks visible on canal bridge 38

Cllr Mrs Blake reminded the meeting that she had gone to considerable lengths to raise this issue at LCC and with British Waterways and she would continue to do so.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Andrew Burrows explaining that the slab on top is now slanted with the underneath looking most unstable indeed. The orange netting had been up for at least two years and the Parish did not consider it acceptable that a public road that is an entrance to the village remained unrepaired, whose-ever responsibility the bridge actually is. The Clerk to ask if it is possible that LCC repair the bridge and invoice British Waterways.

12. Traffic problems at the Stocks Junction of Alder Lane and Mill Lane – Cllr Mrs Wess

The Clerk confirmed that this issue had been notified to the Parish Council representative, Cllr Margaret Sumner for inclusion on an agenda for the 3 Tier Forum.

13. Speed Camera at Parbold Hill – Cllr Bailey

Item deferred in the absence of Cllr Bailey

14. LCC request for comment on 20 mph speed limits

The Clerk was asked to respond that the Parish Council preferred the money for this venture be used for real traffic calming measures, rather than erection of signs that the PACT meeting has been told are unenforceable as they will have only a recommended 20mph limit rather than prohibited speed limit. It was noted that some un-adopted roads, with very little traffic movement were included on the list for reduction to 20mph, which seemed pointless.

15. Update on the problem of geese on Parbold canal

Cllr Mrs Middleton confirmed that a new home for the geese had been found in Dalton and the Wildlife Officer will be making arrangements to move them.

16. To consider an appeal for funding from ARROW (Action to Reduce and Recycle Our Waste) Whitemoss Appeal

Resolution (53/11): Cllr Mrs Wess proposed a Section 137 grant of £200 be donated to ARROW - Whitemoss Appeal, seconded Cllr Mrs Butts, all in favour. The following account was ratified:

041111	ARROW Whitemoss Section 137 grant	2184	£200.00
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17. To determine representation at forthcoming meetings

No forthcoming meetings noted.

18. Councillors' agenda items for future meetings

Cllr Mrs Raju – insurance, bring to finance, recommendation if taken forward,

Cllr Mrs Wess – following the play area inspections, can quotes please be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Cllr Mrs Middleton – with reference to application to WLBC Capital Grant scheme, will the council consider buying a Speed Indicator Device (SPID- Smiley face design)

Cllr Mrs Butts – due to darker evenings, dog fouling has increased; can this issue be highlighted in the PCA newsletter.

Cllr Mrs Blake confirmed that she will follow up Bridge 38 with British Waterways and Lancashire County Council.

19. Resolution (54/11): 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 Arnold, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wess, all in favour.

20. Ratification of £100 for village hall reward

Resolution (55/11): A £50 cheque be payable to Cllr Bailey, to reimburse him for money already issued and a £50 cheque payable to the witness be issued. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Houlgrave, seconded by Cllr Mrs Butts,

FOR: Cllr Mrs Blake, Cllr Arnold

AGAINST: Cllr Mrs Wess, Cllr Mrs Middleton, Cllr Mrs Raju

21. To consider Grass Cutting tenders received

The meeting short-listed the tender applications to three contractors and the Clerk was instructed to obtain further details from them and return with responses for the next meeting. The three remaining contractors must be asked what equipment they would use for mowing the slope on Parbold Hill and the football fields. References for each must also be provided for the next meeting.

Chairman – Cllr R M Bailey

Clerk - Mrs E-A Broad

Date