

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
27TH APRIL 2011 IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT
6.30pm.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Crossley, Webster and Tetley along with the Clerk.

Also present were parishioners Mr Ian Wallace and Mr Neil Liversidge.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hall and Bath.

2. Open Session:

Mr Wallace and Mr Liversidge were present with a view to being Co-opted as Parish Councillors due to a number of vacancies.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr Wallace and Mr Liversidge be Co-opted.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

2. Concerns re. Peasecroft Wood – Sven McLean has given the Clerk his Email address, so that he can be invited to a Parish Council Meeting or to a site visit, to discuss the work he has done in the wood.

Clerk to Email him to arrange a site visit, possibly on a Monday. His address is

sven.mclean@groundwork

2x4.2 Picnic Area – It was agreed that it would be good to organize a Parish Picnic on the site, possibly in conjunction with Swillington Parish Council.

Electronic signs – Further discussion took place re. the possibility of using ‘Police check area’ signs before going down the ‘electronic signs’ route as there were mixed opinions on this matter. It was agreed to speak to Cllr Dobson about this.

Cricket Ground – Further information has been received re. the club building – Clerk informed by Cricket Club Secretary that it is to become a Snooker Club if the sale goes through.

Infant School building – Cllr Tetley has received an Email from Mr Meuller, who states that he is in the process of purchasing galvanized mesh for the outside of the building and he will also endeavor to have the graffiti cleaned off. Copy of Email had been sent to Cllr Dobson. After discussion it was agreed that LCC be contacted (Environment) as to what can be done to speed the work up.

28x4.14 Glencoe Estate – nothing to report.

19x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – nothing to report.

11x4.2 Dangerous footpaths and overhanging trees at Fleakingley Lane near to Little Preston – Cllr Webster has informed Mr Mick Jones that the Parish Council have given permission for him to remove the dead wood and fallen trees.

5x4.15 Missing signs at Goody Cross – Cllr Webster has rung LCC again and has been given another log number re. Goody Cross sign, the Whitehouse Lane sign is on order.

4x4.14 Trustee on committee of Parochial Building at Swillington – nothing to report as Cllr Hall not present.

Playground at Glencoe – steep step into the play area – Clerk to contact Tracy Johnson of Parks and Countryside.

Signs and footpaths on the Lines – nothing to report.

4.15 Complaint about rats – letter to be sent to Mrs Scott, stating that the Parish Council have made enquiries of residents and Allotment holders, who don't feel there is a problem.

15 Letter of thanks to Mr J. Winn for voluntary work in the village – It was agreed that letter should be sent to him.

Daytime fires at the Allotments – nothing to report.

5. Village Hall:

Management Committee meeting to be held on Thursday 28th April at 5.30 p.m.

6. Trust Deed/Constitution:

To be discussed at the Management Meeting.

7. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – Letter and posters received from Richard Gill re. Leeds in Bloom Photograph Competition 2011 (see 13a)

Email received from Martin Truscott, Transition Phase leader at Brigshaw High School, stating that some pupils were involved in pulling heads of daffodils at Little Preston. The Boys had been spoken to, parents informed and letter of apology sent. The School is keen that the boys give something back to the Community, suggestions required.

After discussion it was agreed that the 'In Bloom' Committee to be contacted so they can decide what the boys should do to help in the community.

b. Peasecroft Wood – already discussed.

c. St Aidans Playground – Clerk received phone call from resident whose house backs onto the play area. She reported that a large tree is blocking the light from her property (Mrs Potts of 35 Valley Drive tel. no. 07795 225817)

It was reported that there is paint on the slide and some graffiti on the equipment.

After discussion it was agreed that a site visit should take place to look into both matters.

Re. fallen tree reported at previous meeting – this has now been removed.

d. Litter – The situation is not too bad at the moment, although it is quite bad on Astley Lane, which comes under Swillington Parish.

Re dog fouling – Cllr Webster has contacted Cllr Dobson with a view to obtaining a dog bin. It had been suggested that Cllr Dobson, Swillington Parish Council and Great Preston Parish Council should purchase it between them. Awaiting comments from other parties.

e. St Aidans Opencast – Clerk to ask Mr Len Shakespeare when the date of the next meeting is.

8. Local Elections:

All nomination papers have been returned to LCC on time, as there is still a shortage of Parish Councillors it is not expected that there will be a Parish Council Election.

9. Traffic:

There was nothing further to report.

10. Planning:

- a. P11/01201/FU/HE S/storey rear extension; porch to front of 5 Station Cottages, Glencoe Gardens. Mr R. Starbuck (see 13b)
- b. LCC Updated key enforcement cases list for Garforth and Swillington (see 13f)

11. Finance:

- a. Clerks Salary for April and expenses from 31st March until 27th April 2011.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	1.27	Vat.	0.25
Telephone calls	0.30		0.06
Postage stamps	0.00		
Trav. Expenses	14.94		
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	176.51		0.31
Plus Vat	0.31		

Total £176.82 Agreed to pay.

- b. AON Insurance Renewal invitation £1593.99, due 1st June 2011. It was agreed that Cllr Liversidge should make some enquiries re. a better quote.
- c. Rural Action Yorkshire, membership renewal £35 agreed to pay.
- d. Woodend Nurseries, in Bloom plants for Village £329.35 Agreed to pay.
- e. P. Unwin, cost of refreshments for 'In Bloom' Judges £30.17, Agreed to pay.
- f. LCC Remittance Advice for Precept 2011/12, £8500 received into Parish Council Account by Bacs Payment.
- g. M. Webster, 2 years domain name rental and web hosting costs £120.77 Agreed to pay.

12. Newsletter:

Draft copy to be produced, Historical information re. the Parish to be included, Cllr Wallace has agreed to do this.

13. Correspondence:

- a. LCC Parks and Countryside re. Leeds in Bloom photo. Competition (see 7a)
- b. LCC Planning P11/01201/FU/HE (see 10a)
- c. HSBC Business Money Manager Account, Statement.
- d. HSBC Community Account, Statement.
- e. LCC Register of Electors, notice of alteration.
- f. LCC Updated key enforcement list (see 10b)
- g. Parish and Town Council Annual Forum, Minutes.
- h. LCC Asset Man. Strat. Unit, letter re. 2013 Rugby League World Cup, Leeds bid for Host City Status.
- j. Glasdon Brochure.
- k. YLCA White Rose Update, Info. re. Joint regional training conference Sept. 2011, Came and Company insurance leaflet, security leaflet.
- l. CPRE Fieldwork magazine.
- m. Email from Brigshaw Community College, re. boys damaging flowers at Little Preston (see 7a)

14. Reports of Meetings:

There had been no meetings to report upon.

15. Any other Business:

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

Chair.....

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