

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2012 IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT 6.30pm.

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Members present:

Cllrs Wallace, Crossley, Tetley, Bath and Silvey.

Also present were PCSO'S Vicky Harrison and Adam Hick and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Webster and Liversidge.

2. Open Session:

PCSO'S Vicky Harrison and Adam Hick attended the meeting to inform the Parish Council of anything happening in the Parish.

Parking at the Primary School was mentioned – Parish Council informed that PCSO'S are not now allowed to issue parking tickets so the situation is difficult for them, as parking attendants do not come into the village very often. For information re. this matter Martin Hackett of LCC Parking can be contacted on 0113 3950275.

Regarding the empty School building – they were asked if they could patrol around the building and grounds occasionally and agreed to do so.

The Parish Council were informed that crime in the village is low at the moment, apart from the theft of five hanging baskets at Little Preston and the break-in at a container at Woodend Garden Centre.

The two PCSO'S left the meeting at this point and were thanked for attending.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

4x4.14 Mrs Buer should read Mrs Bauer.

10 60 trees should read 60 trees for School.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

2 Cricket Ground – Mrs Dickinson gave thanks to the Parish Council for the donation to the Cricket Club.

3x4.2 Section 106 – Parish Meeting held with Parks and Countryside. Attended by Bob Bradley and Vicky Nuns of LCC Parks and Countryside and Cllrs Wallace, Crossley, Silvey and the Clerk. Various areas looked at – Astley Lane, the area at Queens Court, Hollinhurst Wood, Peasecroft Wood, Fleakingley Lane. Also St Aidans Playground.

Further to the meeting a map of footpaths has been received from Vicky Nuns.

She informed Cllr Wallace that she is to see Chris Bolam on Thursday 26th April to discuss the various matters.

Fleakingley Lane/Coach Road between Great Preston and Swillington, enquiring re. a possible Heritage trail with interpretive and information boards.

Broken fence on Astley Lane – Highways responsibility. Cllr Wallace has Emailed Cllr Mark Dobson who has passed the message on to the relevant department.

Cllr Wallace has contacted them.

Footpath sign between Astley Lane/Fleakingley Lane junction very dangerous and was pointed out on visit and reported to LCC since.

8x4.2 Hedge on Fleakingley Lane – covered during the Parish Visit.

Cllr Wallace to contact Bob Bradley.

10x4.2 Electronic signs – Cllr Tetley has tried to contact Inspector Chris Jones, but has had no response yet.

Cllr Wallace has obtained a new sign draft from Stephen Wray of LCC. 6 signs possibly required. To be on May Agenda to discuss.

Cllr Silvey is to contact Martin Hackett for a site visit re. speeding/parking issues.

Infant School building – Temporary classroom at rear of property, door swinging open. Cllr Tetley to inform Mr Mueller.

38x4.14 Glencoe Estate – discussed at the Meeting with Bob Bradley and Vicky Nunns, possible renewal of play equipment.

34x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – already discussed.

14x4 Signs/footpaths on the Lines – Mr J Winn has done some re-painting of the sign at the Old Station site, he has yet to varnish the carved out area of the sign.

8x4.14 Overhanging hedge on Hall Road – nothing to report as Cllr Webster not present.

5x4.14 Queen Street – Cllr Wallace reported on flooding at the junction of Wood Lane/Astley Lane.

Cllr Bath believes there is no drainage down the hill from Astley. Cllr Wallace has contacted Local Cllrs and was passed on to Flood Risk Management (Mr Bleakley), Streetscene Manager (Graham Hollings) and South and East Leeds Locality Manager (Tom Smith)

Cllr Wallace stated that there has been some progress on Biffa/CPL site – Ward Cllrs have approved access and layout plan which has gone back to the Developers.

Hollinhurst site – some workmen on site today.

3x4.13 Loose kerb stones at Hall Road – nothing to report as Cllr Webster not present.

13 Gate at bottom of Fleakingley Lane – mentioned to Vicky Nunns at site visit.

Dogs on Allotments – enquiries made and LCC had requested the removal of dogs as the allotment holder in question has several dogs and residents whose homes back onto the Allotments had complained to LCC due to loud barking at night.

5. Village Hall:

Draught excluding screens have been purchased and are to be fitted as soon as possible.

Re. security cameras – Cllr Liversidge not present so nothing to report.

Security lights – Cllr Bath stated that he is to have some 50w LED floodlights fitted and when complete Parish Council to inspect to see if they would be suitable for the Hall.

Insurance to be discussed with the Management Committee.

6. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – judging took place on Monday 16th April. 2 judges attended and were driven by Richard Gill. Liz Purt and James Winn of In Bloom group accompanied the judges, lunch provided afterwards in the Village Hall.

Clean-up held on Sunday 15th April and was attended by approximately 20 people.

Pie and peas provided afterwards in the Hall.

Reported that a litter pick had taken place by LCC prior to the Clean-up.

Cllr Webster had reported that 5 hanging baskets had been stolen from lamp posts at Little Preston. Clerk informed Richard Gill.

Cllr Crossley stated that resident, Mrs Pauline Hemingway had been round the village prior to the judging and had painted black the metal bands on most of the tubs.

Cllr Crossley to thank her on behalf of the Parish Council.

b. Peasecroft Wood – see Any other Business.

c. St Aidans Playground – photographs of swings passed onto construction manager Martin Wright for costing for replacement, also Martin to contact Parish Council re. a service agreement for the playground.

d. Litter – Cllr Webster had contacted LCC on several occasions re. litter picking and was informed that this would eventually be phased out.

Litter pick sticks – after discussion it was agreed that Clerk should obtain prices to purchase some for Parish use.

e. St Aidans Opencast – Meeting held on Tuesday 24th April. Cllr Wallace attended.

Naming of ponds still under discussion, some of the footpaths still on-going.

Mr and Mrs Cartwright from Swillington Organic farm/fishing lakes attended to give their perspective on problems between them and UK Coal, which is still on-going after 15 years. Next meeting to be held on 17th July.

f. Village Burial site/Cemetary – Cllr Liversige dealing with this.

7. Traffic:

Already discussed.

8. Planning:

Plan for extension at property on Whitehouse Avenue – approved by LCC.

9. Finance:

a. Clerks Salary for April, plus expenses from 28th March until 27th April 2012.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	46.31	Vat.	1.23
Telephone calls.	1.50		0.30
Postage stamps	0.00		
Travel expenses	1.54		
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	209.35		1.53
Plus Vat.	1.53		

Total £210.88 Agreed to pay.

b. Oak Tree Plant – to be on Agenda of next meeting, Cllr Wallace has paid for it already.

c. Woodend Nurseries – plants for tubs and borders in Village. £264.78 Agreed to pay.

d. Allianz(Aon) – Insurance policy renewal invitation due 1st June 2012.

£1648.17 to be looked at before renewal.

e. LCC Remittance advice of BACS payment of Precept £8500

f. Letter received from Zurich Municipal Insurance, asking if they can quote for Parish Council Insurance. To be considered.

Re application for small grant ‘well being’ towards the cost of Christmas lights in the Village - Cllr Wallace informed Parish Council the application was refused. Clerk and Cllr Crossley to visit One stop office and letters to be sent to Ward Cllrs.

10. Diamond Jubilee:

Posters have been placed on notice boards and in the Post Office Window.

Marjorie has been taking names in the Post Office, Betty Shakespeare has taken approximately 16 names at the 50/50 club.

It was agreed to send a get well card to Marjorie at the Post Office, who is in hospital. LCC to be sent an Email re. releasing of restrictions for Jubilee Celebrations at the Village Hall as Parish Council are given to understand that other venues have had some lenience given for this day.

11. Public Consultation-Gambling Act 2005:

It was reported that an On-line form is available for any individual objections or comments.

12. Village Walk:

The walk is to take place on Sunday 20th May, Meet at the Village Wheel on Whitehouse Lane at 2.00 pm.

Cllr Wallace has obtained map of p.r.o.w. footpaths.

Posters to be produced and placed on notice boards.

12a. Correspondence:

a. HSBC Business Money Manager A/C Statement.

b. HSBC Community A/C Statement.

c. LCC Reg. of Electors, monthly alteration notice.

d. LCC Email from Tim Sanders re. support of local people affected by and living with dementia.

e. YLCA White Rose Update.

f. CPRE, Branch annual report, members guide 2012, Countryside Voice.

g. Glasdon brochure.

13. Reports of Meetings:

Meetings already reported upon.

14. Any other Business:

Field owned by LCC, adjacent to the Primary School and the Parish Field, to be rented out by LCC. Lady contacted Clerk as she is to fence the field prior to placing her horses in it. Cllr Wallace met her and discussed the matter, she has been persuaded to keep the stile near Hirst Street near the green gate, so that fencing will not be removed by any walkers.

Parish Field adjacent to LCC field and Primary School – Alison Midgley is to be sent a letter giving one month notice, to remove her horses from the field and to inform her that the field is not to be rented out again as it is to become a wild flower meadow/public amenity.

Cllr Webster received complaint from resident walking through Peasecroft Wood, who states that old fencing had been thrown into the wood from garden of a resident of Whitehouse Avenue and states there may be encroachment issues. Letter to be sent to all residents on that side of the Avenue.

Cllr Webster reported that the seat at Little Preston which had been provided by the Parish Council in memory of a Little Preston Parish Councillor who had given many years service and was destroyed by a car a few years ago, had never been replaced.

To be placed on May Agenda.

Cllr Crossley had been asked by a resident why Parish Council Accounts are not available. To be discussed at the next meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Chair.....

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