



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29
APRIL 2015 IN THE ELDERS COMMUNITY BUILDING, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT
19.00hrs.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace, Bath, Blackburn, Taylor and Dickinson and Beattie.
Also present was the Clerk.

1.CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING:

Chairman welcomed everyone. The meeting was opened at 1900hrs.

2.TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Crossley and Webster.

3.LATE ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA: To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration. Details will be included in the minutes.

Planning Application P/15/01710, 6 Whitehouse Crescent, Great Preston, s/s front extension.

4.TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of Interest.

5.OPEN SESSION: Members of the public may raise any matters concerning the Parish.
As there were no members of the public present there was nothing to discuss.

6.To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **25 March 2015**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on **25 March 2015** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7.MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of **25 March 2015 – information only.**

8.VILLAGE HALL **To receive** report of Village Hall Management Committee(VHMC) meetings.

No meetings had been held during April.

The car park was re-surfaced on Monday 27 April.

Cllr Wallace proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Barh for obtaining the scalplings, thanks also conveyed to Phil Smith for levelling the scalplings out.

An e mail thanking LCC highways for the goodwill gesture has been sent by the chairman.

9.ESTATES AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

9:1) Glencoe.

a) **To receive** reports : There was nothing to report.

9:2) St. Aidans.

a)**To receive** playground report on damaged equipment.

The rotating dish is badly damaged,a new bearing assembly is needed.

The dish and bearing assembly has been removed and for health and safety reasons.

Cllr Wallace obtained quotation from Sutcliffe play, manufacturers of the equipment.

As the damage was caused by wear and tear we could not claim on the insurance.

ai) To consider payment of approximately £800 parts and labour, to replace bearing assembly on rotating dish and re instal, also to replace 2 adult swing seats, which are damaged.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to arrange for the work to be carried out.

b) To receive estimate to repair/replace Perimeter fence around the playing field area.

A estimate of £3500 has been received, to repair the fencing.

Further quotes to be obtained.

9:3) Little Preston

a) To receive reports

Update on resident involvement and siting of seat at Hall Road.

It was reported that the suggested site appears to be on a residents land.

Cllr Blackburn agreed to chase this up.

She informed the meeting that the Japanese Knotweed is growing again adjacent to public footpath GP2. This to be reported to Parks and Countryside.

Public Footpath GP7 Cllrs Blackburn, Crossley and Webster are still to arrange to walk the footpaths.

Tree lights at Christmas – residents on Goody Cross Lane to be consulted with regard to placing lights on nearby tree.

Cllr Blackburn reported that a resident of The Grove had complained about the poor bus service, also the lack of hanging baskets this year.

The Chairman explained that in 2012 the In Bloom group had made the decision to forego spring baskets and have double the number of baskets in summer instead, as they stay up for a longer period.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE AND BROADBAND SPEED

a) To receive updates.

Broadband –

An irate resident has forwarded an email of exchanges with Councillor Dobson regarding negative responses to the problem of slow broadband speed in Great Preston.

11. SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) To receive Trustees report.

Cllr Wallace attended meeting with Parish Cllr Smith of Swillington Parish Council and Ward Cllr Andrea McKenna and a member of LCC legal department.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS –

a)To receive reports of continuing efforts to improve safety on Whitehouse Lane.

Nothing to report.

b) To consider 20mph zone on Berry Lane. **Nothing to report.**

13. TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

a) 11/01713 Kensington Place (Hollinhurst). Update.

Building work is virtually completed.

b) 10/01412Biffa Site. Revised Application layout from 79 houses to 76.

Site buildings are now demolished, clearance work is ongoing.

Complaint received regarding noise and dust, from resident of Queens Close/Court.

This has been forwarded to Taylor Wimpey. A check on working hours may be done.

c) 14/07355/OT/E Land and premises, Preston Lane, WF10 2HN. In spite of the objections submitted, this has been approved.

d) Wind Turbine, Brecks Farm. No further information to date.

e) 2015 Site Allocations Update

An email has been received from Alison Payne, member of Kippax Parish Council inviting members to meet with other local Parish Councils to discuss and review the implications of LCC Site Allocation housing proposals, possibly Tues 19 or Wednesday 20 May. The Chairman will attend.

f)P/15/01710, 6 Whitehouse Crescent, Great Preston, s/s front extension. The chairman agreed to include the application as a late item. Comments were required to be submitted before next meeting.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

a)To consider letter received from Great Preston Football Club for a donation towards holding a charity event on 3rd May.

RESOLVED: After discussion it was proposed and agreed that a £50 donation be given to the club.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive reports of meetings and Spring Judging.

Meeting held on Wednesday 1 April 2015.

Spring judging took place on Friday 17 April.

Prior to the judging lunch was served by members of In Bloom.

The route included Wildflower meadow, Village Hall Gardens, Bowers Row, Glencoe, Preston Corner and Little Preston.

The judges seemed impressed with the Wildflower meadow, Village Hall Gardens, Preston Corner etc.

A horticultural grant of £500 was applied for and granted by LCC, in the form of a credit note, to be spent at Red Hall Nurseries.

ai) To recommend payment of £17.03 for judges lunch.

RESOLVED: Payment was proposed and unanimously agreed upon.

Thanks were conveyed to Mrs Winn and Mrs Cooke for preparing the lunch.

aii) To recommend Annual grant of £850 for the floral displays for Summer 2015 and Spring 2016.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed payment be made

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report. There was nothing to report.

c) St. Aidans Country Park. To receive report from meetings.

There was nothing to report.

d) Wild flower Meadow. To receive progress report. 800 wildflower plugs have been planted

di) To recommend payment of £120 for the planting of 800 wild flower plugs.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed payment be made.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

ei) To recommend payment of £150.68 to purchase aluminium plaque with the wording 'Preston Corner' for placing on one of the stones at the corner.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make this payment.

eii) Cllr Wallace proposed another plaque may be obtained in memory of Mrs Marjorie Goldthorpe, to be placed on another of the stones.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to consult the In Bloom group and the family before any decisions were taken

f) Public Rights of Way. To receive report on condition of footpaths.

There was nothing to report other than the poor condition of Fleakingley Lane which had been mentioned at the Annual Parish meeting.

g) Community Litter Pick. To receive report.

Village clean-up took place on Sunday 29 March 2015 and despite the weather around 50 parishioners of all ages turned out.

The Chairman said a group from the new housing development at Bowers Row had turned out and cleared Hollinhurst Wood along Queen Street and the linesway at the rear of the new estate. The group were keen to continue in the future.

The volunteers were supported by LCC Localities teams who were thanked for their efforts.

A compliment was submitted via LCC web site

Refreshments were supplied and were enjoyed by all. Ladies were thanked for providing them.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

There was nothing to report.

16) FINANCE: April

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks Salary for April and expenses.

Salary April 2015 £ 160.00

Expenses.

Postage 1.26

In Bloom Group, judges lunch 17.03

Community litter pick refreshments 46.21

Total £ 224.50

b) Other cheques:

3 x Interpretation boards £2925.00* + £585.00 vat (reclaimable) £3510.00

Interpretation board graphics £1200.00* + £240.00 vat (reclaimable) £1440.00

Wildflower meadow payment 3 £1158.05 + £231.61 vat (reclaimable) £1389.66

Planting 800 wildflower plugs £ 120.00

16:1 Income April 2015.

3 Interpretation boards, grant payments £2925* + £1200* £4125.00

Wildflower meadow, grant payment 3 £1158.05

£5283.05

16:2 To receive record of Debit Card purchases.

Hi Viz jackets and litter grabbers £ 86.74

17) PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk to inform meeting.

a) CPRE Fieldwork, Spring 2015 edition.

b) Rural Action Yorkshire, Country Air, Spring 2015 edition.

c) CPRE Countryside Voice.

d) YLCA White Rose update.

e) Letter of thanks received from Mrs Betty Starmer, for the card and flowers sent to her after she had an accident.

18. TRAINING COURSES AND MEETINGS.

To receive Information for 2014/15 YLCA training courses.

Garforth and Swillington Forum will take place on May 26 at Bowers Mission Hall from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm

To receive reports Police contact point meetings. Crime figures.
There was no Police presence at the recent Coffee morning held in the Elders Community centre.

19. MATTERS TO REPORT: (formerly Any Other Business).

Parish Elections. To receive information from Elections Office.
Confirmation of uncontested election at Great and Little Preston Parish Council received from the Returning Officer. Notices will be posted after May 7 informing electors of three vacancies. These positions can be filled by co option.

Web site:

Due to Cllr Webster not standing for re election, no elected member could administer the site. It was agreed that the future control of the Parish Council website should be discussed Agenda Item.

Agenda Item for May:

Further to Annual Parish Meeting it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting that details of any future project may be added to open session section of future Agendas for public input.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Please note: To comply with legislation in election year the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday MAY 20 commencing at **6 pm**. This will be followed by the monthly meeting**

Meeting closed at 21.05 hrs.

Signed

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