

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
29TH FEBRUARY 2012, IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT
6.30 p.m.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Wallace, Tetley, Tetley, Webster, Crossley and Liversidge.

Also present was local resident Christing Silvey and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Bath.

Cllr Crossley had informed the Clerk that she would be delayed.

2. Open Session:

Mrs Silvey attended and informed the Parish Council that she would like to be considered for co-option onto the Parish Council.

This was nominated by Cllr Wallace and seconded by Cllr Webster, motion carried.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

Item 9b should read greatandlittlepreston-pc.org.uk

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

4.2 Section 106 – nothing to report other than Parish Council must keep aware of the situation re. any monies which may become available.

6x4.2 Hedge on Fleakingley Lane – nothing to report.

8x4.2 Electronic signs – in abeyance until meeting with Highways and Police to discuss this matter.

Infant School building – further to attempted break-in at the building, fence now repaired by the contractor working for the owner of the property.

36x4.14 Glencoe Estate – site meeting held at the car park/play area between Vicky Nunns of LCC, Cllr Wallace and the Clerk.

Two redundant sign posts were pointed out to Mrs Nunns and they were removed the next day. Re-surfacing of the Car park was discussed and a cost of £15,600 was quoted to tarmac the area or to cover with road scalplings £4,500.

Cllr Wallace informed Parish Council that grants are available – Green Leeds up to £5,000 – Grantscape up to £60,000 – Biffa £45,000 – Wren £60,000. Also smaller grants may be available.

Cllr Wallace agreed to download information.

Re. playground – S106 moneys could be applied for to renew the play equipment.

It was agreed that another site meeting should be arranged.

32x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – the situation is getting worse. Clerk had been informed that 2 car owners had been ticketed by Police, for parking on yellow lines.

Garden centre owner complained that cars are being parked on the grass verges, which will damage the grass. After discussion it was agreed to contact Highways to see if anything can be done about this matter.

19x4.2 Dangerous footpaths and overhanging trees at Fleakingley Lane – Cllr Webster stated that Mick Jones has just a little more work to do. It was agreed that this item should be left off Agenda until further notice.

12x4 Signs/footpaths on the lines – to be inspected.

6x4.14 Overhanging hedge on Hall Road – Cllr Webster has spoken to the owner of the field, who promised to get the work done.

3x4.14 Queen Street – Cllr Wallace is liaising with LCC enforcement officer, who is trying to find out who owns the strip of land behind Queens Court. She has applied to the Land Registry.

Cllr Wallace has written to Biffa asking for an update.

4.13 Loose kerb stones at Hall Road – Cllr Webster has chased this up with LCC.

13 Clerk received telephone call from Karen Whitaker re. parish field, before being able to write to her, so was able to tell her of the Parish Council's decision not to rent the field for grazing.

Beer cans – this to be dealt with by Cllr Liversidge.

5. Village Hall:

Further to several phone calls from Cllr Liversidge, the Insurance company finally sent cheque for repairs to roof at the Hall, builder has been paid.

6. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – 'In Bloom' meeting to take place on Thursday 1st March to discuss spring planting.

Bowers Mission – garden of remembrance – After discussion it was agreed to donate yearly towards the upkeep of the garden. £150 proposed by Cllr Wallace, seconded by Cllr Liversidge, motion carried.

b. Peasecroft Wood – Clerk contacted Sven McLean, who will meet with the Parish Council to discuss areas to be dealt with.

Meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

c. St Aidans Playground – Cllr Wallace stated that the two baby swings need repairing urgently.

After discussion it was agreed that he should contact LCC for a quote for the repairs, so that the work can be done.

It was also agreed to ask the Police to inspect this area regularly.

d. Litter – All areas are really bad. Cllr Webster rang LCC with a list of all areas litter pick is required.

He rang again after three weeks as nothing had been done. He has also Emailed Cllr Mark Dobson and is now waiting for reply.

e. St Aidans Opencast – letter, plus draft summary consultation document re. Lower Aire flood risk management strategy received.

Cllr Wallace attended liaison meeting on 21st February. Various matters discussed eg. Paths not accessible, gates locked, paths to be topped with red shale.

Bridges – LCC are asking if they can be adopted, instead of being signed over.

Bob Nicholson of British Coal authority has been appointed head of legacy unit for UK Coal.

Talks are on-going between LCC and RSPB, hopefully to open October.

The next meeting will be on 24th April.

