



**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE PRESTON PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2012, IN THE ELDERS
COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST AIDANS ESTATE, AT 1830hrs.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Crossley, Wallace and Bath. Also present was the Clerk.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING:

Meeting was declared open at 1830pm

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Silvey and Webster.

3. LATE ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA:

At the discretion of the Chair.

a). Precept It was unanimously agreed to re open discussions on setting of the precept due to information received since the Parishes' application was submitted. LCC had now altered the deadline from 31st January until 15th February.- see item 14b

b). Two letters received – see Item 14c

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS:

There were no declarations of interest.

5. OPEN SESSION:

As no members of the Parish were present at the meeting, there was nothing to discuss on this item.

6. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED NOVEMBER MEETING HELD ON 05 DECEMBER 2012:

The Minutes of meeting held on 5th December 2012 were confirmed as a true record.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 05 DECEMBER 2012 – information only.

9:1 Christmas Tree and lights, Chair confirmed the 'switch-on' event was very successful and well attended considering the terrible weather. Preston Players were complimented for their musical accompaniment for the Christmas Carols. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards at the New Inn. The event could be expanded in 2013.

8. VILLAGE HALL:

a) To receive report from management committee member.

Cllr Crossley, as Management Committee member reported that a new metal gate had been fitted at the entrance to the car park. She also reported that the light over the door entrance at the Hall is not working.

b) Regarding the exterior flood lighting – The chairman asked why had the overheating flood light cable not been investigated as promised by the Village Hall Committee, when the annual electrical testing was done?

This problem was first reported and minuted in October and again in November. As this was an obvious fire risk, why was no action taken?

Obviously lessons had not been learned after the debacle of the roof damage.

Cllr Bath offered to inspect the cable and it was agreed to accept his offer to look into the problem.

RESOLVEDThe Clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with Village Hall Committee.

9. ESTATES AND PLAYGROUNDS:

9:1) Glencoe.

a) 500 daffodils have been planted along the edge of Sheffield Beck by the Parish Council.

No complaints had been received from any residents on any matters.

b) To consider Grit bin request at entrance to the estate.

It was reported that a 200 litre bin would cost £119.00 (**see 9:2b**)

9:2) St Aidans.

a)To receive playground maintenance report.

The Clerk had done the inspection for December and January as Cllr Crossley was unable to do this due to illness. She reported that the equipment and the playground were still in good order.

b) To consider request for grit bins at the bottom of Church Road and the low-end of Valley Drive. LCC highways dept operate a points system to determine which streets qualify for grit bins. Neither Glencoe or the St, Aidans streets met the criteria.

RESOLVED. It was agreed the Parish Council purchase 2 bins for St Aidans and 1 bin for Glencoe at a cost of £357.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE:

a) Cllr Webster has updated the site and all 2012 minutes were available to the public.

Agendas will shortly appear with their respective months.

11. SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY:

a) To receive report of meeting with Swillington Educational Charity.

The Parish Council's Nominated Trustee attended meetings in December and January, (minutes attached in Parish Council minute book) Also in January assisted filling 2 skips with rubbish left in the buildings.

There had been two enquiries with regard to buying the property and land. The interested parties were asked to put their offers in writing.

All options will be covered and legal advice sought before final decision is made. Land and buildings are vested in the official custodian of the Charity Commission.

Next meeting 6th February.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS:

a) To receive report of any incidents at the Primary School.

There were no incidents to report on.

b) Village Signs

To receive update with regard to positioning of last village sign and licensing.

Cllr Wallace contacted site manager of Taylor Wimpey and arranged for last sign to be sited at Hollinhurst. The sign on Whitehouse Lane will be moved at the same time.

c) To receive update on flooding of Wood Lane and Astley Lane fence.

Severe flooding on Wood Lane once again reported. Gully's blocked and flow off from farmland owned by Hirst's and Verity's bypassing drainage ditch. Highways to be contacted again and invited to a site meeting.

Plans showing ownership of land were available for the meeting.

The same farmers were responsible for the Astley Lane fences.

13. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:

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

No reply had been received from Vicky Nunns of Leeds City Council Parks and Countryside regarding meeting with Ward Members about S106 funding. To be followed up.

b) 10/01412 Biffa Site. Update.

Operations from Biffa site have been greatly reduced, but there is still no sign of development starting.

14. NEW AGENDA ITEMS:

a) To consider amending Public Liability and Street Furniture Insurance cover.

The Parish Council is not covered on its Insurance Policy for Street Furniture which includes Floral display tubs. Leeds City Council licensing require a minimum of £10M Public Liability cover. Parish Councils present policy is for £5M.

RESOLVEDThe members agreed that the Policy be upgraded to satisfy these requirements.

b) To recommend 2013/14 Precept. Members were issued with report of recent flurry of emails received regarding Parish and Town Council funding Precept from the Government, LCC and YLCA.

RESOLVEDAfter consideration the Parish Council unanimously agreed to keep the application as is at £8500. Due to Leeds City Council reducing the Tax Base this would mean an increase of £1.51p per year for a band D householder approximately 3p per week. A grant of £1070 had been awarded to the Parish as part of the Governments Council Tax relief scheme. It was agreed to hold this money back until 2014/15 due to the uncertainty of future precept capping and no guarantees of future funding.

c) To receive two letters from residents regarding the fence at cottage on Preston Corner/Lane.

After discussion Parish Council unanimously agreed with the content of the letters, Leeds City Council to be contacted regarding this matter.

15. ENVIRONMENT:

a) **In Bloom. To receive** report of meetings with committee.

Map produced by In Bloom members, to be printed onto tea towels for sale to raise funds for In Bloom.

Letter produced and sent to residents of properties whose rear gardens border the main road on Whitehouse Lane, regarding the condition of the hawthorn hedge which is in a poor state of repair. Residents concerned are asked to comment on this matter by 15th February.

b) **Peasecroft Wood.**

There was nothing to report on this Item.

c) **To consider replacement seat at Little Preston.**

It was agreed to defer buying a replacement seat until Item 14a (Insurance Cover) is resolved.

16. FINANCE:

16.1 TO RECOMMEND PAYMENT OF –

Clerks salary for December and January, plus expenses from 29th November 2012 until 30th January 2013.

Salary (2 months)	320.00
Photocopying, stationery, etc.	0.00
Telephone calls	0.00
Postage stamps.	7.22
Travel expenses.	<u>1.54</u>
Total	£328.76

b) CPRE Membership renewal. £29.00

16.2 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO DATE

HSBC Statements. Balance as at 13 th January.	Community A/C	£ 437.90
	Business Money Manager A/C	<u>£3226.84</u>
	Total Bank Balance	£3664.74
Less unpresented cheques: £115.00 and £60.00 Total £175.00		<u>£ 175.00</u>
	Total	£3489.74

PROJECTED OUTGOINGS

Items to be paid before end of financial year:

Clerks salary Dec/Jan	£ 320.00	
Clerks salary Feb/March	320.00	
Village Sign payment.	411.43	
CPRE Membership	29.00	
YLCA Membership. Approx.	395.00	
CISWO Car park rental. Approx.	<u>250.00</u>	
Total	£1725.43	
Funds available to 31 st March 2013		Less <u>£1725.43</u> £1764.31

17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) CPRE Fieldwork Brochure.
- b). Clerks and Councils Direct leaflet.
- c) Glasdon brochure.

18. TRAINING COURSES – To receive feedback from courses attended and requests to attend future events.

The Chairman attended Session 2 of Scrutiny Board Review at Leeds Civic Centre on December 12th.

He was booked on New Standards Regime Training Course Code of Conduct, but this was cancelled. No further ones planned, but all course material available to members on request.

The Chairman is attending the following:

January 31st Parish and Town Councils forum. Leeds.

February 1st Yorkshire and Humberside. Localism in Action, York.

February 7th Chairmanship, York.

To recommend a delegate for a course in York on Wednesday, 20 February 2013

RESOLVED. It was agreed the Clerk should attend the training session.

19. MATTERS TO REPORT (formerly Any other Business)

Email received from Cllr Andrew Tetley, who tendered his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect.

Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Tetley for his loyal service to the Parish Council.

Newsletter. Cllr Crossley to do article on Village Postmistress

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 27TH FEBRUARY 2013

ANY ITEM FOR AGENDA TO BE WITH THE CLERK 7 CLEAR DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

Meeting closed at 20.10 pm

Chair

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