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## **JULY 2016 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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**Draft minutes of the meeting of Great and Little Preston Parish Council held in THE ELDERS COMMUNITY CENTRE, St Aidans Estate, at 1830hrs on WEDNESDAY 27 July 2016**

**Members Present:** Cllrs Bath, Crossley, Bentley, Blackburn and Hanson. Also present were the Clerk and three parishioners.

### **1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING.**

Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting.

### **2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Taylor, Nicholson and Dickinson.

**3. LATE ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA** - To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

### **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.

Two of the parishioners present enquired if there was anything further to report regarding their previous request for a seat on Whitehouse Lane - they were informed that enquiries were being made by Cllr Dickinson regarding source and price. A licence would be required from LCC. required.

They also reported that the ginnel from Berry Lane to St Aidans, which passes the Elders, is full of litter. The small sweeper has not been down there recently.

Another member of the public mentioned a wild life area has been created at Lock Lane, Castleford, near to the river and suggested the Parish Council may be able to do something similar in Great Preston. He was informed the Wildflower Meadow has been created, along with the area at the Village Hall.

**6 TO RECEIVE** the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **29 June 2016**  
Item 16 should read June, not May

**7 MATTERS ARISING** from the PCM minutes of 29 June 2016 – **information only.**

### **8. VILLAGE HALL**

**a) To receive** report of Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) meetings.

Loft ladders have now been ordered.

Information received from YLCA regarding National Village, Parish and Community Hall Network. This is to be passed on to the Committee

### **9. ESTATES and PLAYGROUNDS**

**9:1) Glencoe.** a) To receive reports

The new playground equipment is well used by local children

**9:2) St. Aidans. a) To receive** updates.

There was nothing to report.

**c) To receive updates on Post Box/Post Office Matters**

There was nothing to report.

**9:3) Little Preston. a)To receive** updates on issues.

Following contact by Cllr Blackburn LCC has cut back the overgrown hedgerow which was overhanging and impinging on the only paved footpath on Hall Road.

Cllr Blackburn reported that Japanese Notweed is still growing, LCC has been made aware and she is following this up.

## **10. COUNCIL WEBSITE and BROADBAND SPEED**

**a) To receive** updates.

Discussion took place - other Parishes have social media - do we need a social media policy for possibly setting up a Facebook group and 'policing' it?

At a recent seminar at NET chaired by LCC with other council members present, ideas were requested and Cllr Taylor brought up Broadband problems.

Production of a Newsletter was discussed, which could hopefully be launched on website/facebook, to promote interest in the Parish Council and the whole community - football, cricket, in bloom etc.

## **11.SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY**

**a) To receive** Trustees report.

There was nothing to report.

## **12)HIGHWAY MATTERS –**

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

It was reported that another accident has occurred on Whitehouse Lane.

**b) To receive update on** 20mph zone on Berry Lane.

LCC are still awaiting signs for 20 mph zone which are on order.

**c) Parking outside the Primary School**

There was nothing to report.

**d) To consider** Proposals for waiting restrictions in Great Preston - Hirst Street

There was nothing to report.

## **13) TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –**

**a) 10/01412 – 14/ 03823RM Biffa Site. To receive** update.

Building work is still ongoing

**b) 14/07355--15/02270RM 6 semis Preston Lane (Marshall's Coal Yard)**

There is one property left for sale.

Pavements to be completed.

It was reported that the section of fence at Hollinhurst Wood, opposite the houses, has still not been repaired by the builder.

**c) 2015 Site Allocations. To receive** reports.

There was nothing to report.

**d) 15/07030/FU/E Demolition of former post office building, and erect two houses with**

**detached block of two garages at former Post Office 10 St Aidans Road, Great Preston.  
16/04346 Application for one pair of semi det. dwellings at former Post Office and 1st  
floor flat - 10 St Aidans Road, Great Preston.**

No work has commenced on the site.

**e) 15/02818/DTM Appeal by Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd  
regarding proposed telecommunications structure to the rear of Great Preston Snooker  
and Social Club**

Awaiting decision on the matter.

#### **14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

**a) To recommend** - As there is no planned meeting in August, the Clerk, in consultation with two Councillors, pay any Invoices received during that period and respond to any urgent requests or repairs.

It was proposed and agreed that this should be done.

#### **b) Electoral review of Leeds - Start of Ward Patterns Consultation**

After discussion it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Hanson should read all the information, then report back to all Parish Councillors.

**17) To consider purchase of** Updated edition of publication 'Being a Good Employer' from YLCA

The cost is £2.20 per copy plus p&p

After discussion it was agreed not to purchase copies of the publication as Parish Council members could download this information from YLCA site as required.

#### **15) ENVIRONMENT**

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

No meetings have been held.

**i) Litter pick and Judging** - To **receive** reports of both events

The litter pick was very successful, the Parish is looking very tidy. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards in the Village Hall.

The visiting Judges seemed very pleased with the work done in the Parish and were served lunch afterwards in the Village Hall.

**b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive** report.

There was nothing to report.

**c) St. Aidans Country Park. To receive** reports

There were no further reports regarding the hand-over of the site.

**d) Wild flower Meadow.**

**i) To receive** progress report

Decision awaited regarding Tesco 'Bags for help' bid.

**ii) To consider** Maintenance of Wildflower Meadow, along with Parish Field on Preston Lane.

The cutting of both fields is required, enquiries to be made regarding possible contractors to do the necessary work if local farmer, Charles Hirst is unable to do it.

**e) Preston Corner. To receive** progress report.

The area at Preston Corner is looking good, after work done by In Bloom members.

**f) Public Rights of Way. To receive** report on the conditions of footpaths

The public footpath between Great and Little Preston was walked but was almost impassable in places.

It was agreed that another walk should be undertaken next year to determine if a walkable path is being left by the farmer and take any appropriate action required.

**g) Parish Field off-Preston Lane. To receive** reports.

This matter has already been discussed.

**h) Onshore Oil and Gas Licences. To receive** reports

No further information has been received regarding this matter.

**j) Littering, flytipping and dog fouling. To receive** reports

There was nothing to report.

**k) Christmas Lights, to consider** site on Whitehouse Lane,

After discussion it was agreed to obtain price of solar lights for a live tree.

**i) To receive** update on other lights

James Nundy informed Clerk that Outer East Community Committee has approved grant for tree lights at Great Preston (opposite the Cricket Ground)

He requested that the logo of the Committee should be attached to any posters regarding the switch-on, along with wording 'with a funding contribution from your local Councillors, via Outer East Community Committee.'

He also asked that a copy of the poster should be sent to them.

**15:1 Allotments To receive** reports.

There was nothing to report.

**16) FINANCE: JULY 2016**

To recommend payment of:-

**a) Clerks salary and expenses**

Salary July 2016	£160.00
Expenses	
Stationery Items - Computer Inks	£8.99
Postage stamps	0.64
Refreshments for events:	
Judging	£20.66
Litter Pick	<u>£50.62</u>
Total	£240.91

**b) IPI Six monthly inspection of Playground and equipment at**

St Aidans                      £50.00 + vat £10.00                      £60.00

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**16:2) To receive** record of Debit Card purchases.

There were no Debit Card transactions.

**17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk to inform meeting.

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct.
- b) Mark Burns-Williamson, Police and Crime Commissioner, Newsletter July 2016.
- c) Sandgate residents, important update.
- d) YLCA Locality - My Community Roundup.
- e) Outer East Community, questionnaire.
- f) LCC Electoral Register, monthly Alteration Notice.
- g) White Rose Update July 2016 (sent to Councillors)

**18. TRAINING COURSES and MEETINGS**

**To receive** Information for 2016 YLCA training courses.

Cllr Dickinson attended course 'Workplace Pensions' on 13 July 2016 and received a certificate of attendance. Overview printed off.

Cllr Taylor and the Clerk attended meeting at Net Building in Garforth. Various Ward Councillors and other LCC Council members including leader Cllr Judith Blake.

Cllr Taylor mentioned Broadband problems in Great Preston, to be looked into by Peter Mudge of LCC.

Introduction to Employment Law training course to be held 6 September.

**To receive** report Police contact point meetings. Crime figures

There was nothing to report other than an attempted break-in at property on Whitehouse Avenue.

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

It was proposed and agreed that a draft Parish Newsletter should be produced by Cllr Hanson, to be considered by members

**20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**      **28 September 2016**

**Meeting closed at 8.15 pm**

**Chair.....**

**Date.....**