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JUNE 2016 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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 29 June 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Taylor, Blackburn, Dickinson, Hanson, Crossley and Bentley.
Also present was the Clerk.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman welcomed those present at 6.30pm and opened the meeting.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bath and Nicholson.

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

16b) Booking place on training event for Cllr Dickinson.

16c) Easyspace, Domain fee

16d) Upkeep of Wildflower Meadow and Bin emptying.

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 May 2016**

Item 14 Change of Bus route Cllr Blackburn obtained original information re. change of route from the Internet, but after notice the bypass of Little Preston on Leeds to Castleford route she contacted Metro and Arriva and informed them of this. An apologetic letter was received and confirmation that the bus route had not been changed, although online advice still shows bypass of Little Preston on return from Leeds.

7 MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of 25 May 2016 – **information only.**

Item 7) Memorial to Marjorie Goldthorpe - After discussion it was proposed and agreed to request permission from LCC to place a memorial flower trough near to the wall near the notice board at the entrance to St Aidans estate.

8. VILLAGE HALL

a) To receive report of Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) meetings.
The damp patch on the wall - quotes to be requested for remedial work.

It was reported that overgrowth in the guttering needs dealing with as a matter of some urgency.

9. ESTATES and PLAYGROUNDS

9:1) Glencoe. a) To receive reports

There was nothing to report.

b) To receive further information re. Playground

The Playground is now completed and in use 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

Clerk contacted Marjorie Goldthorpe's family requesting address of department to write to regarding retention of existing Postbox.

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

Cllr Blackburn reported that the overgrown hedges and footpaths have been cleared by LCC. The Japanese Knotweed is beginning to grow again and she has reported this to LCC, but so far nothing has been done so she will contact them again.

A duvet has been dumped near to the junction of Goody Cross Lane and Whitehouse Lane.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE and BROADBAND SPEED

a) To receive updates. As Cllr Nicholson was not present there was nothing to report regarding Website matters.

Cllr Taylor stated that there was nothing to report regarding Broadband matters.

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

There was nothing to report.

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

Information received from LCC Highways, who state that the signs are in the process of being manufactured and they are awaiting a programme date when they will be introduced.

20 mph zone is now in place at Allerton Bywater.

c) Parking outside the Primary School

There was nothing to report.

d) To consider Proposals for waiting restrictions in Great Preston - Hirst Street
Letter received from LCC informing of 'no waiting at any time' areas on the street.

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 (Marshalls Coal Yard)

Only one house remaining for sale.

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.
No work has commenced yet.

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

Comments regarding this appeal to be received by 11 July 2016

f) To receive details of changes to notification process for planning applications from LCC. Email received from LCC stating Clerk to receive emails of all new applications with an electronic link to the documents relating to that application. This is instead of receiving paper copies of applications.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS

15a (i) Litter pick and In Bloom judging.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive report of meetings

Meeting held on 8 June 2016.

Amongst items discussed was the forthcoming visit between members of In Bloom and a number of year 6 pupils of the Primary School which will take place Monday 20 June. The project will include walking through St Aidans Wood to the Wildflower Meadow, identifying flowers, trees and sites for bird boxes and bug homes.

A tree is to be planted in the Wildflower meadow.

The visit has taken place and was enjoyed by all.

The purpose/significance of structures in the Village Hall garden are to be demonstrated.

Arrangements were made for a working morning by members to tidy Preston Corner site on 15 June. This has now taken place

Minutes of meeting attached.

i) Litter pick and Judging - To receive dates and **to consider** purchase and supply of refreshments for both events.

Litter pick to take place on Sunday 3 July from 9.30-11.00. Refreshments to be served afterwards in the Hall. Cllr Bentley has arranged for loan of grabbers, gloves, hi viz jackets etc. from LCC.

Bags to be picked up from the route by LCC workmen on the day.

It was proposed and agreed the sum of approximately £50 for refreshments.

Judging takes place on Wednesday 6 July from 11.15 - 12.45. Request that lunch be provided for the judges.

It was proposed and agreed the sum of approximately £20 for refreshments

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report.

'Woods for people' - UK-wide database of accessible woodland. The previous contact was Mr Ian Wallace, but due to his resignation a new contact is needed.

It was proposed and agreed that Cllr Bentley should take over this role.

c) St. Aidans Country Park. To receive reports

There was nothing to report.

d) Wild flower Meadow.

i) To receive progress report

An application for a grant for some of the work needed at the meadow has been completed and sent to 'Tesco Bags of help'.

Cllr Bentley completed and sent off the application and it was agreed by all that it was a great effort at such short notice.

Decision will be made around August.

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

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

Members of the In Bloom group met up and tidied the area, favourable comments received by residents.

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

Date for walk of the footpaths to be arranged as a matter of urgency.

g) Parish field off-Preston Lane. To receive reports

Nothing to report.

h) Onshore Oil and Gas Licences. To receive reports

There was nothing to report.

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

Cllr Bentley reported that various items have been tipped in several areas, hopefully to be removed on Sunday at the Litter Pick.

Fly tipping - Cllr Bentley reported on the fly-tipping incident along Fleakingley Lane in April 2016 - it seems doubtful whether the case will now go to prosecution, nevertheless it should prove a deterrent to any future such abuse

Dog fouling - Dog Warden walked areas with Cllr Bentley to discuss the problem, signs have been placed at the top of Fleakingley Lane.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

There was nothing to report.

k) Christmas Lights: To consider quotation received from LCC

Hire of 4 sets of LED Lights at Little Preston. The sum of £500 plus vat was quoted.

This was proposed and agreed.

The possibility of extra lights on Whitehouse Lane was discussed. It was proposed and agreed that a site visit be requested to look for an appropriate area.

16) FINANCE: MAY 2016

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks salary and expenses

Salary June 2016	£160.00
Expenses	
Stationery Items	3.49
Postage stamps	0.64
Total	£174.13
b) YLCA Training Event 'Sterling Trust Pensions Session' 13 July 2016, Cllr Dickinson to attend	£36.00
c) Easyspace Domain fee £18.16 + £3.63 vat	£21.79
d) Mr Winn - upkeep of Meadow/bin emptying etc.	£150.00

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

There were no transactions made.

17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to inform meeting.

- a) NALC Strategic Plan delivery (Sent to Cllrs)
- b) YLCA White Rose Update (Sent to Cllrs)
- c) Rural Action Yorkshire. Membership certificate and confirmation of renewal.
- d) YLCA Annual review 2015/16
- e) The Leeds Community Trust, request for a donation.
- f) LCC Register of Electors, monthly alteration notice.

18. TRAINING COURSES and MEETINGS

To receive Information for 2016 YLCA training courses.

Calender of training events received (sent to Cllrs)

Garforth and Swillington forum attended by Cllr Blackburn and Clerk on 26 May.

YLCA Branch meeting attended by Cllr Dickinson and Clerk on 7 June.

LBA Road link plans - hopefully by end of the year

Digital transparency fund - money available again this year.

Site allocations plan discussed.

Internal Audit Services to be set up.

LCC Workshop attended by Cllr Blackburn and the Clerk on 14 June. The topic was 'Making Leeds the best city to grow old in'

To receive report Police contact point meetings. Crime figures

There were no reports received.

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

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING **27 July 2016**

Meeting Closed at20.30pm.....

Signed.....

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