

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
30TH MARCH 2011, IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT
6.30 p.m.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Crossley, Hall, Tetley and Webster. Also present were parishioners Mrs. Janet Firth, Mr Christopher and Mrs Susan Midgley, Mr. Morris Kemp and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Bath.

2. Open Session:

Parishioners Mrs Firth, Mr and Mrs Midgley and Mr Kemp were present to express their concerns about the work being done in Peasecroft Wood.

They feel that some of the trees being felled are healthy and other, more spindly trees are being left.

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would make further enquiries as to whether the work being done meets with Forestry Commission requirements.

The parishioners were thanked for attending and left the meeting at this point.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and were signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

4x4.2 Picnic Area – The work done has made the area more family friendly. Very few cars are being parked in the lay-byes other than by dog walkers.

Electronic signs – Cllr Tetley has spoken to Cllr Mark Dobson, who states that the money would be available in April to contribute to half of the cost.

After discussion the majority agreed to go ahead with this project.

Cricket Ground – Ann Dickenson, secretary of the Cricket Club, informed the Clerk that she has received an Email from Nigel Natress of Knight Franks, stating the site has been sold, subject to contract.

Infant School building – Cllr Tetley has Emailed the owner, Mr. Muller, re. the state of the outside of the building and has received a reply from Mr Muller, stating that he is in discussion with the local Authority regarding his obligations to the upkeep of the building. He stated that removal of the graffiti may have to be repeated which may cause damage to the bricks. He also stated that it may be a number of years before he is ready to refurbish the building.

Cllr Tetley has sent a copy of the Email to Cllr Dobson.

27x4.14 Glencoe Estate – nothing to report.

18x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – nothing to report.

10x4.2 Dangerous footpaths and overhanging trees at Fleakingley Lane near to Little Preston – Cllr Hall has received an Email from Victoria Nunns of LCC, who states that this will be looked at in the new financial year.

Cllr Webster stated that a resident is willing to deal with the trees, permission to be given in writing.

4x4.15 Missing signs at Goody Cross – Cllr Webster has received no reply in spite of sending various Emails to LCC.

3x4.14 Trustee on Committee of Parochial Building at Swillington – Cllr Hall to contact Cllr Dobson re. this matter.

Playground at Glencoe – steep step into the play area – Clerk to contact Tracy Johnson.
Signs and footpaths on the Lines – nothing to report, due to it being the end of LCC financial year.

4.14 Notice board at St Aidans – now sited and concreted into place by Mr J. Winn and Mr. K. Bolton.

15 Re. complaint about Rats – Clerk to reply to Mrs Scott, stating that no other residents, including Allotment holders, have complained about this matter.

5. Village Hall:

New sign has been purchased by the Management Committee and has been erected by Mr. Brian Hemingway.

Porch Roof – a coping stone is cracked and damaged, which could be dangerous. Quotes for repair to be obtained.

Piano – Mr and Mrs Hemingway have been informed of the possibility of a piano being available. Cllr Crossley and Mrs Gwenne Cooke are to look into this matter.

6. Trust Deed/Constitution:

This to be discussed at the next Management Committee meeting.

7. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – Spring Judging to take place on Thursday 31st March. Two members of the ‘In Bloom’ Group will accompany the judges on the route.

Village Clean-up was held on Sunday 27th March and was very well attended by approximately 25 people.

Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards in the Village Hall.

Letter received from LCC re. Children’s design a poster competition, plus leaflets for notice boards (see 13m)

b. Peasecroft Wood – a number of residents had complained about the number of trees being cut down.

Clerk spoke to Sven McLean of Groundwork, who is doing the work.

He stated that he is willing to attend Parish Council meeting, to explain what he is doing, he also stated that he would be happy to conduct a site visit with any interested residents.

c. St Aidans Playground – It had been reported to the Clerk that a tree has blown down onto the playing field area. To be inspected.

d. Litter – The village is looking really good at the moment, due to the Village Clean-up. Cllr Webster reported that an Armchair has been left on Hall Road, near to the stone barn and has been reported continually to LCC since January, nothing has been done about it. Cllr Dobson to be contacted.

It was also reported that dog fouling at the bottom of Hall Road, leading to Swillington is really bad. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Webster should contact Swillington Parish Council and Cllr Dobson re. this matter.

e. St Aidans Opencast – Cllr Tetley is to attend the next meeting.

8. Local Elections:

Parish/Town Council Elections are due to take place on Thursday 5th May.

Nomination packs for the above have been received and are to be returned by Monday 4th April (see 13a)

Nomination papers were filled in by Parish Councillors present, Clerk to return them to LCC.

Cllr Bath due to return from China at the weekend, Clerk to ask him to complete his and she will return them on Monday.

Notice of Election received, to be displayed on notice board until 5th May (see 13b)

9. Traffic:

Cllr Hall has Emailed LCC, Joanne Locks superior, has he has had no response from her to previous Emails sent by him.

10. Planning:

There had been no Planning applications.

11. Finance:

a. Clerks Salary for March and expenses from 24th February until 30th March 2011.

Salary	160.00	
Photocopying, stat. etc.	34.75	
Tel. rental and calls	39.68	Vat. 7.94
Postage stamps	1.23	
Travel expenses	1.54	
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	237.20	7.94
Plus vat.	7.94	

Total	£245.14	Agreed to pay.

b. YLCA Membership renewal. £383.00 Agreed to pay.

12. Newsletter:

Draft to prepared. Information to received from 'In Bloom,' Football Club and Cricket Club. Also Primary School and Allotment Society.

13. Correspondence:

a. LCC Legal Licensing and Reg. Election nomination forms (see 8)

b. – ditto - Notice for same (see 8)

c. HSBC Community A/C Statement.

d. HSBC Business Money Manager A/C Statement.

e. LCC Register of Electors, notice of Alteration.

f. CE Electric, Consultation event 1.4.11

g. Glasdon brochure.

h. Clerks and Councils Direct.

j. CPRE AGM 21.4.10 minutes of meeting. AGM 9.4.11, Annual report.

k. LCC Legal, Licensing and registration, statement of licensing policy – public consultation re. Sex Establishments.

l. St Gemma's Hospice, letter and newsletter.

m. LCC Parks and Countryside, letter and leaflets re. Children's design a poster competition (see 7a)

14. Reports of Meetings:

There had been no meetings to report upon.

15. Any other Business:

Cllr Crossley suggested letter to be sent to Mr James Winn, to thank him for all his work in the village, litter picking, tidying paths, grass cutting at the Hall etc.

Cllr Hall stated that there have been a few daytime fires at the Allotments. This to be looked into.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 8.06 p.m.

Chair.....

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