

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
27TH MARCH 2012 IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT 6.30
p.m.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Wallace, Tetley, Crossley, Bath, Webster and Liversidge.
Also present was parishioner Mrs Ann Dickinson and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Silvey, who is ill.

2. Open Session:

Mrs Ann Dickinson was present to discuss the Cricket ground.

She stated that the club owner seems reluctant to offer a longer lease to the Cricket club than three years.

She stated that CISWO can't understand why a longer lease is not being offered.

The Cricket club have contacted Cllr Mark Dobson for any help which he may be able to give.

Mrs Dickinson informed the Parish Council that the club are planning to place advertising boards around the field area to raise revenue as their funds are low and due to the Snooker club now offering food, this will affect their summer income as the Cricket club has done this in the past.

In the pavilion the showers need replacing as does the boiler and Mrs Dickinson asked the Parish Council if they could help in finding any funding sources.

The Parish Council informed her that they would look into this and give her any relevant information.

Mrs Dickinson 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:

2x4.2 Section 106 – nothing to report.

Cllr Wallace is monitoring the situation.

7x4.2 Hedge on Fleakingley Lane – nothing to report.

9x4.2 Electronic signs – Cllr Tetley is to try to contact Inspector Chris Jones, as he has tried several times but has had no response.

Infant School building – It was reported that door of the temporary classroom building at the rear of the property is wide open. Cllr Tetley stated that the Police have been informed of this.

Mr Mueller to be contacted.

37x4.14 Glencoe Estate – Meeting with Vicky Nunn of LCC has been arranged for Thursday 12th April, various sites in the village to be looked at and discussed.

33x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – the situation is still very bad. After discussion it was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Police re. Parish Councils concerns, also to speak to LCC Highways re. vehicles parking on the grass verges.

13x4. Signs/footpaths on the Lines – Cllr Wallace and Mr J. Winn are to inspect the signs to see what work is required.

7x4.14 Overhanging hedge on Hall Road – Owner of the field has not had the hedge cut yet. Cllr Webster to contact her again.

4x4.14 Queen Street – Cllr Wallace stated that Mrs Buer of LCC has not heard from the Land Registry yet.

He has had no response from Biffa yet and feels that this matter is in abeyance until building work commences.

2x4.13 Loose kerb stones at Hall Road – nothing to report. Cllr Webster has rung LCC again to remind them of the matter.

4.13 Beer cans – Cllr Liversidge has spoken to the perpetrator, who has promised this will not happen again. It was agreed to leave this item of future Agendas.

5. Village Hall:

Management meeting held on 13th March and it was reported that the remainder of the windows have been fitted with acrylic material to prevent damage and draughts.

Drought excluding screens to be ordered for the mezzanine area and the stage and vestry are to be fitted with fan curtain heaters to alleviate draught problems at that area of the building.

It was suggested by Parish Council that two pir lights should be placed at the rear of the building as a security measure.

Cllr Liversidge is in the process of obtaining price for security cameras for the building.

6. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – Judging will take place on Monday 16th April, all planting has been done by the ‘In Bloom’ group.

Parish Council to provide lunch to judges after the judging.

Village clean-up to take place on Sunday 15th April, notices for which are to be displayed on notice boards.

Clerk has obtained rubbish bags plus loan of litter pickers from LCC.

Awaiting decision on supply of skip.

LCC Parks and Countryside, letter plus posters for Design a poster competition (see 11f)

Plantscape, letter plus CD ‘jubilee plants’ (see 11g)

It was agreed that Cllr Mark Dobson should be contacted re litter pick of the parish prior to the judging.

b. Peasecroft Wood – To be inspected during the meeting with Victoria Nuns.

Cllr Wallace stated that the wood is not on the UDP as a woodland area and Bluebell wood.

He was given permission by the Parish Council to chase this matter up.

c. St Aidans Playground – It was reported that there is a problem with Graffiti and broken glass again. Cllr Crossley and the Clerk to inspect the area.

d. Litter – Liz Purt and Jim Winn of the ‘In Bloom’ group met with Chris Pierpoint of LCC and showed him round all the areas which need litter picks by LCC.

e. St Aidans Opencast – Cllr Wallace is to attend the next meeting which will be on 24th April.

A map with suggested names for the lakes and reed beds was distributed by Cllr Wallace, copies have also been sent to Allerton Bywater and Swillington Parish Councils, also to be sent to RSPB and Max Rathmell.

f. Village Burial site/Cemetery – Cllr Liversidge has had no response from LCC yet.

7. Traffic:

This matter already discussed .

8. Planning:

a.P12/00825/FU/HE Mr M. Saynor, s/s rear/side extension at 92 Whitehouse Lane, Great Preston. (see 11a) It was agreed that as the property is isolated, there would be no objections to the application.

b.P12/00770/FU/HE Mr J. Griffiths, removal of condition 1 of application H33/99/81, to allow conversion of integral garage to habitable living space, bay window to side, of 60 Hall Road, Preston Lodge, Little Preston (see 11b)

c. LCC Core strategy publication draft consultation period 28th February – 12th April 2012.

Access to the relevant documents - www.leeds.gov.uk/ldf, libraries and One stop centres or requesting a copy by post 0113 2478092

LCC are only asking for views about the ‘soundness’ of the plan. An independent inspector will examine the Core strategy against 3 tests of soundness which require the document to be i) justified, ii) Effective and iii)consistent with National Policy.

D, LCC Updated key cases for Garforth and Swillington – 12/00088/NCP3 untidy land at Queens Court – already discussed on item 4x4.14

9. Finance:

a. Clerks salary for March plus expenses from 1st March until 27th March 2012.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	0.00		
Tel. rental & calls	39.38	Vat.	7.88
Postage stamps	1.38		
Trav. Expenses	1.54		
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Plus Vat.	7.88		

Total £210.18 Agreed to pay.

b. Diamond Jubilee – sum to be agreed towards expenses for tea at the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd June 2012. Suggested £200 as Management Committee have agreed to give this amount towards the costs.

Woodland Trust – Oak trees, grown from acorns from a Royal estate, are available at a cost of £30 each. After discussion it was agreed to purchase one to be planted on the Jubilee occasion, public invited to help with this ceremony.

c. Section 137 - Garforth and District Crime Panel – request for donation (see 11m) It was agreed not to donate on this occasion.

d. Section 137 – Great Preston Cricket Club – After discussion Cllr Crossley proposed a donation of £150.00, seconded by Cllr Tetley, motion carried.

10. Diamond Jubilee:

Cllr Crossley has prepared posters inviting all residents to tea and scones in the Village Hall/ Grounds on Sunday 3rd June between 3.30 and 5.00 p.m.

Cllr Wallace reported that he had ordered 60 trees plus 1 oak, to be delivered during the first week of November.

Parish Council have ordered, if approved in October, 420 plus one oak, for delivery in November.

11 .Correspondence:

a. LCC Planning P12/00825/FU/HE (see 8a)

b. LCC Planning P12/00770/FU/HE (see 8b)

c. HSBC, Business Money Management A/C, Statement.

d. HSBC, Community A/C, Statement.

e. LCC, Reg. of Electors, monthly alteration notices x 2.

f. LCC Parks and Countryside, Design a poster (see 6a)

g. Plantscape, letter and CD (see 6a)

h. LCC Licensing and registration, letter re. statement of licensing policy – public consultation gambling act 2005. It was agreed to put this item on the Agenda for April meeting.

j. St Gemma’s, letter and poster re. Midnight Walk.

k. LCC Planning enforcement, updated key cases for Garforth and Swillington Ward (see 8d)

l. LCC Leeds core strategy publication draft consultation (see 8c)

m Garforth and District Crime prevention panel – donation request (see 9c)

12. Reports of Meetings:

There had been no meetings to report upon.

13. Any other Business:

Cllr Crossley suggested setting a date for the annual Village Walk, Sunday 20th May was agreed.

Geoff Haigh and Rosie Watts to be contacted for public footpath details.

It was agreed to meet at 2.00 p.m. at the Village Wheel near the stone Bungalow on Whitehouse Lane.

Cllr Webster reported that a resident of Little Preston, Mr Mick Jones, has complained that he is unable to get through a gate at the bottom of Fleakingley Lane in his mobility scooter.

Rosie Watts to be contacted.

Cllr Crossley mentioned the footpath from the bottom of Hall Road towards Swillington and suggested looking at this on the site visit.

Cllr Liversidge had been approached by a resident, who has been instructed by LCC to remove his dogs from his allotment. He is very unhappy about this.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 p.m.

Chair.....

Date.....

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2012 IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT 6.30 p.m.

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THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. OPEN SESSION.
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
5. VILLAGE HALL.
6. ENVIRONMENT: a. VILLAGES IN BLOOM, b. PEASECROFT WOOD, c. ST AIDANS PLAYGROUND, d. LITTER, e. ST AIDANS OPENCAST, f. VILLAGE BURIAL SITE/CEMETERY.
7. TRAFFIC.
8. PLANNING.
9. FINANCE.
10. DIAMOND JUBILEE.
11. PUBLIC CONSULTATION GAMBLING ACT 2005.
12. VILLAGE WALK.
13. REPORTS OF MEETINGS.
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.