



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25
MARCH 2015 IN THE ELDERS COMMUNITY BUILDING,
ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT 18.30hrs.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace, Crossley, Bath, Blackburn, Taylor and Dickinson.
Also present was the Clerk.
Also present were 4 local electors.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING:

Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked the residents for attending. The meeting was opened at 1830hrs.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Beattie and Webster.

3. LATE ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA: To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration. Details will be included in the minutes.
Wildflower Meadow payment, YLCA Membership.

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Dickinson declared an interest in agenda item 14b regarding Cricket Club

5. OPEN SESSION: Members of the public may raise any matters concerning the Parish.

Two local electors were present at the meeting to enquire about the possibility of replacing the seat at Little Preston which had been destroyed some time ago by a motor vehicle. This matter had been discussed in the past but nothing had progressed. The residents suggested a site for the seat at the junction with Hall Road and Goody Cross Lane. After discussion the Parish Council agreed in principal and would arrange a site visit with the residents. The chairman pointed out that the nearest residents would have to be consulted as there had been objections to the siting of seats in the past. The proposed site would also have to be approved by the highways department and licences obtained before any purchases could be made.

Two other local electors were present at the meeting to raise their concerns, after reading the published agenda, regarding the suggestion that the interpretation board at Preston Corner may have to be re sited. The electors were concerned that 10% of the precept may be used to move something which is already in an adequate position.

The chairman thanked them for the comments and said they would be taken into consideration when they members discussed the issue under agenda item 14a.

One elector also commented on fly tipping problems within the Parish, especially on Wood Lane and mentioned there is a web site with various options including a 'litter abatement' order. He agreed to forward the link to the site to the chairman.

They were all thanked for attending and left the meeting.

6.To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **25 February 2015**

RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on **25 February 2015** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7.MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of **25 February 2015 – information only.**

8.VILLAGE HALL To receive report of Village Hall Management Committee(VHMC)

meetings. Meeting held on Thursday 19 March 2015

Business Rates. Mr Clarke, Treasurer stated that Leeds City Council have informed him that the Business Rates for 2015/16 will once more be nil.

The Management Committee are willing to contribute towards improving the car park surface.

Cllr Bath is to make further enquiries regarding obtaining road scalplings

9.ESTATES AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

9:1) Glencoe.

a) **To receive** reports : There was nothing to report.

9:2) St. Aidans.

a)**To receive** reports:

A complaint has been received regarding the perimeter fence around the playing field area.

As there is a Covenant on the field stating the Parish Council are responsible for this it was agreed that a quote should be obtained for repairs.

9:3) Little Preston

a) **To receive** reports

There was nothing to report.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE AND BROADBAND SPEED

a) **To receive** updates.

Website – This is up to date.

Broadband –

Broadband speed information obtained, which ultimately states Great Preston will not be upgraded.

After discussion it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Taylor will follow the matter up on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) **To receive** Trustees report.

The next meeting is to be held on Friday 27 March.

Draft minutes of meetings available on the Parish Council Website/SEC page

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS –

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

No response, the matter to be followed up during next financial year.

b) **To consider** 20mph zone on Berry Lane. Nothing to report, this matter also to be followed up during the next financial year.

13. TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

a) 11/01713 Kensington Place (Hollinhurst). Update.
Work is nearly completed.

b) 10/038123/10/01412/03823 Biffa Site. Revised Application layout from 79 houses to 76. Reserve matters approved. Demolition has started.
There will only be three streets on the estate. Leeds City Council Street Naming and Numbering department have agreed the naming of the streets as:- Princess Street, named after one of the longest original rows of Bowers Row houses, Albert Court and Victoria Close, named after the Albert and Victoria Colliery which stood over the road (Queen Street) from the houses.

c) 14/07355/OT/E Land and premises, Preston Lane, WF10 2HN.
Revised plan received. The scheme is now for 3 blocks of semi detached houses. The drive access to 5 houses will be off Preston Lane and one off Brigshaw Lane.
RESOLVED:The Parish Council will object on the grounds of road safety due to the location of the access points on a very busy pedestrian section of Preston Lane and the school crossing.

d) Wind Turbine, Brecks Farm. Developers informed that the Parish Council will not be commenting until there is an elector response, if any, to a full planning application. The proposed turbine is in Swillington Parish but the nearest houses are in Great Preston.

e) 2015 Site Allocations Update

To consider second letter from Ward Members.
A second letter dated 26 February was received by selected residents regarding proposed housing at the end of St.Aidans Road. This letter was signed only by Cllr Dobson. The Parish Council did not receive a copy. Copy of the letter attached to the minutes.
There is nothing the Parish Council can do now until the final site allocation plan is published in the summer/autumn.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

a)To consider a residents complaint about the siting of Preston Corner information board.

To recommend:-

(ai) Leaving the board where it is, or –

(aii) Moving the board within the existing licensed area at a cost of £298.00 plus vat or –

(aiii) Moving the board away from Preston Corner to the junction of Whitehouse Lane/Crescent at a cost of £648.00 plus vat, SUBJECT TO SURVEY.

The clerk read out a letter complimenting the work done at Preston Corner and the interpretation boards placed there, the Village Hall Car Park area and in the Wildflower meadow, all of which give local and historical information. Favourable verbal comments have also been received regarding the work done.

RESOLVED: After discussion it was proposed and agreed unanimously to leave the board where it is presently sited.

b) To receive request from Cricket Club to sponsor playing shirts for the new mixed under 11 team. The cost will be approximately £164.

Since receiving the request it has been reported that Taylor Wimpey have agreed to pay for the shirts.

Other items required by the team are protection gear:- 4 sets of pads, gloves, thigh pads and a box of 6 balls at a cost of approximately £137.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to sponsor these items.

Cllr Dickinson, as a member of the Cricket Club committee, did not take part in the discussion or vote on the proposal.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive reports

The Spring judging is to take place on Friday 17 April.

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report. There was nothing to report.

c) St. Aidans Country Park. To receive report from meetings. No meetings had been held. It was reported that a further email had been received stating Harworth Estates are no longer pursuing the possibility of erecting a solar panel farm as the land in question is owned by the Trust.

d) Wild flower Meadow. To receive progress report.

All work has now been completed, some of contract Invoices have been paid, awaiting payment of the balance of the Grant so that the contractors can be paid.

800 wildflower plugs had been received.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

Five large stones, which were part of the Hall, have been chosen ready for placing on the site. All residents whose homes overlook the area have been informed. Charles Hirst has kindly agreed to transport and position the stones on Monday 6 April.

RESOLVED: It was agreed the Parish Council would look into providing a PRESTON CORNER plaque for one of the stones.

f) Public Rights of Way. Nothing to report

g) Community Litter Pick.

Village clean-up to take place on Sunday 29 March, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

The Chairman stated a group from the new houses at Bowers Row had volunteered to clear Hollinhurst Wood along Queen Street, the new estate and the linesway at the rear. This group would meet at Bowers Row. Extra grabbers and Hi viz jackets would be required.

Application to the outer East Community Committee for a skip has been approved and will arrive prior to the Litter Pick and will be sited in the Village Hall car park.

Refreshments to be served afterwards in the Hall.

gi) To recommend the purchase of 15 Hi Viz waistcoats and 12 grabbers at a cost of £86.74.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to purchase these items.

gii) To recommend funding up to a maximum of £100 for volunteer refreshments.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed that these costs be met. The final amount would be shown on the April agenda.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

The promised H frame has still not been painted at the entrance to the allotment lane. The promised skip has still not been forthcoming.

16) FINANCE: March

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks Salary for March and expenses up to 19 March 2015

<u>Salary March 2015</u>	£160.00
<u>Expenses.</u>	
Stationery	<u>0.99</u>
TOTAL:	£160.99

b) Bloom Group, Village Hall Garden £ 60.00

c) Approved payments Wildflower Meadow
Grace Landscapes Payment 2 £3166.56 + £633.31VAT(reclaimable) £3799.87

d) Standing payment YLCA membership £ 387.00

e) Great Preston Cricket Cubs (Item 14b) (Section 137) £ 137.00

16.1 INCOME February/March 2015

Wild flower Meadow Grant Payment 1 Vat Refund	£2045.48
Wild flower Meadow Grant Payment 2	£3166.56
Misc. Vat Refunds	£ 188.00
TOTAL:	£5400.04

16:2 To receive record of Debit Card purchases.

No transactions had taken place.

17) PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk to inform meeting.

a) BT Payphones Planning Office, Information regarding possible uses for disused local telephone boxes.

b) Clerks and Councils Direct.

18. TRAINING COURSES AND MEETINGS.

To receive Information for 2014/15 YLCA training courses.

Cllr Wallace attended a workshop on Domestic abuse and Outer East Community Committee meeting.

To receive reports Police contact point meetings. Crime figures. No crimes to report
Cllr Wallace is to bring this item up at the next PACT meeting that actual crimes taking place are not being reported to the Parish Council.

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

a) Parish Elections To receive Councillors nomination and consent forms for re-election.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Will follow the Annual Parish meeting on 29 April 2015.
PLEASE NOTE THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING STARTS AT 6PM

21. CLOSE MEETING. Meeting closed at 20.00hrs.

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