

THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY 2011
IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON AT 6.45 p.m.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Tetley, Liversidge, Webster, Bath, Wallace, Crossley and Hall.

Also present were parishioner Mrs Janet Moody, Local Councillor Mark Dobson and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies.

2. Open Session:

Parish Councillors were asked to sign Acceptance of Office forms and Members Code of Conduct Forms (if no change since previous form, no change to be written on document)

Mrs Moody attended to bring up various items – she gave thanks to LCC for making sure that the Travellers who had been at the Picnic Area moved on quickly.

Cllr Wallace mentioned that after the travelers had moved out the visible rubbish was removed by the Council workers, but stated that there is still an enormous amount still there, Cllr Dobson will look into this matter.

Cllr Dobson also stated that he has had many problems with these issues in other areas including Garforth.

He stated that he has had to go through the courts to remove the travelers, when the Police could have dealt with the matter easily as they have section 61 powers to remove travelers. Cllr Wallace stated that he had been to the site when there were only a few caravans, then later another 40 or so appeared and were not stopped by the Police.

He stated that while the travelers were there the number of pick-up trucks touring the streets collecting rubbish from peoples drives had increased.

Cllr Dobson suggested that the Parish Council should ask the Police why they do not use section 61 powers to remove travelers.

Mrs Moody stated that the hedge on Fleakingly Lane on the right hand side, beyond the wood, is very overgrown. Parish Council agreed to look into this matter.

She also mentioned the condition of Peasecroft Wood, Clerk stated that a site visit is to be arranged with Sven Mclean, Parish Councillors and interested parishioners, to discuss this.

Mrs Moody commented on the state of the fences along the road at Astley Lane – there are a number of gaps where cars have gone through. Parish Council to make enquiries as to whose land this is.

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:

4.2 Concerns re. Peasecroft Wood – Clerk has Emailed Sven McLean to arrange a site visit, awaiting reply.

3x4.2 Picnic Area – since last meeting there have been problems at the site. Travelers broke the lock on the gate and entered the area, staying for a number of days until Cllr Dobson obtained warrant to remove them.

Re. joint picnic – it was agreed that this should be put on hold in view of the recent situation at the Picnic area.

Electronic signs – Cllr Dobson was included in the discussion and it was agreed that the Police and LCC Highways should be contacted re. this matter, with a view to putting up ordinary signs.

Cricket ground – Cllr Dobson stated that he is to meet with members of the Cricket Club to discuss the ground.

It was reported that the sale of the site is going through and the buyer is hoping to open the building up in August as a snooker hall.

Infant school building – Cllr Tetley has not had any response from Mr Mueller.

Cllr Dobson has spoken to LCC Environmental Health re. this matter and if there are any Environmental health issues the Council has the power to deal with them, then bill the owner for any costs incurred.

It was agreed that an Email be sent to Mr Mueller, to inform him of this and that if the property becomes unsafe, someone may be injured. Another option is that the building could be demolished until he decided what he is to do with the land.

He is to be asked if he is aware that National non-domestic rates apply to the building.

Cllr Dobson offered the 50/50 arrangement for Christmas 2011 lights in the village.

29x4.14 Glencoe Estate – nothing to report.

20x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – nothing to report. Road markings which had been planned have not yet been put in place.

12x4.2 Dangerous footpaths and overhanging trees at Fleakingley Lane near to Little Preston – Mick Jones has cleared some of the deal wood.

Re. other larger trees, Cllr Webster is to contact LCC.

6x4.15 Missing signs at Goody Cross – These have now been replaced. Cllr Webster was thanked for his efforts in this matter.

5.4.14 Trustee on committee of Parochial Building at Swillington – Cllr Hall has not been able to contact the Secretary yet.

Playground at Glencoe – Clerk has spoken to Tracy Johnson of LCC Parks and Countryside, who has agreed to come and inspect the area.

Signs and footpaths on the Lines – Nothing to report. Victoria Nunns of LCC stated that she is dealing with this matter.

2x4.15 Complaint about rats – Clerk to write to Mrs Scott.

4.15 Letter of thanks to Mr J. Winn – Clerk to write to him on behalf of the Parish Council.

Daytime fires at the Allotments – nothing to report.

5. Village Hall:

Management meeting held on 28th April. One of the items discussed was loose coping stone on the roof of porch. This is to be dealt with urgently.

6. Trust Deed/Constitution:

Constitution was agreed by committee and signed by Chair and Secretary.

7.Environment:

- a. Villages in Bloom – Spring comments from the Judges have been received, but there is no indication of possible result status.
- b. Peasecroft Wood – Letter received from Hartley and Worstenhome, stating that they hold land certificate and pre-registration deeds relating to Peasecroft wood (see 12a) It was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain documents to keep with all others held.
- c. St Aidans Playground – to be inspected. Cllr Liversidge will try to remove the graffiti on the play equipment.
- d. Litter – It was reported there is quite a lot of litter in the hedgerows again, the recent bad winds haven't helped the situation.
- e. St Aidans Opencast – Opening has been put back, due to the fishing rights being affected by flooding.

8.Traffic:

This item has already been discussed.

9.Planning:

- a.P11/01482/FU/HE Mr Charles Hirst, s/s rear extension at 98 Whitehouse Lane (see 12b)
- b.P11/01713/RM/E 120 houses with landscaping on Land South of Queen Street, Woodend, Allerton Bywater, Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd (see 12c) Agreed Cllr Wallace contact LCC with Parish Councils concerns in this matter.
- c. P11/01867/FU/E Det. Sub-station at Queen Street, Allerton Bywater, Taylor Wimpey (see 12d)

10. Finance:

- a. Clerks Salary for May and expenses from 28th April until 25th May 2011.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	0.00		
Telephone Calls.	0.45	Vat.	0.09
Postage stamps	0.41		
Trav. Expenses.	1.54		
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	162.40		0.09
Plus Vat.	0.09		

Total	£162.49	Agreed to pay.	

- b. AON Insurance Renewal. £1593.99, Cllr Liversidge has made several enquiries, but was unable to find a more competitive quote.

11. Newsletter:

Cllr Wallace has produced a draft of historical information on Great Preston. He also obtained information from the Football Club.

12. Correspondence:

- a. Hartley and Worstenholme, letter re. Peasecroft Wood (see 7b)

- b. LCC Planning P11/01482/FU/HE (see 9a)
- c. – ditto - P11/01713/RM/E (see 9b)
- d. – ditto - P11/01867/FU/E (see 9c)
- e. HSBC Business Money Manager A/C Statement.
- f. HSBC Community A/C Statement.
- g. LCC Reg. of Electors, notice of Alteration.
- h. LCC licensing and registration, letter re. statement of licensing policy – large casino section, public consultation.
- j. Glasdon leaflets
- k. Rural Action Yorkshire, Country Air, Issue 119
- l. Clerks and Councils Direct.
- m. Caird Bardon, Grantscape, letter and leaflets re. grants available.
- n. CPRE Countryside Voice, plus members guide 2011.
- o. YLCA Leeds branch, Annual meeting Agenda plus minutes of meetings held 22nd January and 15th February 2011.
- p. LCC, Garforth and Swillington Priority Key Case List, Planning Compliance.
- q. Minutes of Parish and Town Council Forum Meeting held 24.1.11
- r. Info. re. Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

13. Reports of Meetings:

There had been no meetings to report upon.

14. Any other Business:

Cllr Crossley mentioned that the public footpath on Whitehouse Lane is overgrown.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

Chair.....

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