



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012, IN THE ELDERS COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST AIDANS ESTATE, AT 1900hrs**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Wallace, Tetley, Silvey, Crossley and Liversidge.

Also present were the Clerk and parishioners – Brian and Pauling Hemingway, Gwendoline Prince, Freda Clarke and member of the public, Mrs Karen Whitaker.

### **1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received from Cllr Webster and Cllr Bath.

### **2. LATE ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA** – at the discretion of the Chair;

There were no late items to discuss.

### **3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr Wallace declared his interest regarding Item 14b, as he is a resident of Whitehouse Avenue.

### **4. OPEN SESSION:**

Mrs Karen Whitaker was present to discuss the field which she rents from LCC, behind the Primary School and adjacent to the Parish Field.

She has recently fenced off the field to keep her horses and informed the Parish Council that the fence has been cut and a section removed. She has informed LCC and has also reported the matter to the Police.

She asked if Parish Council could do anything and was told that this has also been done to the fence of the field owned by the Parish Council in the past.

The Parish Council are not able to help at this time. Letter to be sent to Mrs Whitaker confirming this.

### **5. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012.**

Minutes of meeting agreed and were signed by the Chair.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012** - information only.

Nothing to report.

### **7. VILLAGE HALL:**

**a.** To receive update on Village Hall security from Cllr Liversidge.

Mr Phil Coates inspected the outside of the building with a view of providing a quotation for security cameras, this will follow.

It was reported that a telephone line is still in the Hall, proposed to check to see if it is still working.

**b.** To receive update on buildings Insurance, which runs out on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Cllr Liversidge has checked other companies and confirms that the Parish Council should remain with AON. **RESOLVED** agreed to pay renewal quote

**8. PLAYGROUNDS.** To receive update – Inspections and maintenance.

- a. **Glencoe** – the area is not too bad, the grass has been cut by LCC and a litter pick has taken place.
- b. **St Aidans** –Victoria Nunns has contacted Martin Wright, who will update on repairs needed and inspection checks.

**9. COUNCIL WEBSITE** – to receive update on problems.

As Cllr Webster not present it was not possible to do so.

**10. DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

- a. To receive update on arrangements – Cllr Crossley reported that all arrangements were now in place regarding food, entertainment etc.
- b. To recommend provision of souvenir programmes, Royal Oak Sapling and commemorative plaque – It was confirmed that programmes are ready, the plaque is ready and the bed has been prepared prior to planting of the Sapling.

**11. HIGHWAY MATTERS:**

- a. To receive a verbal report of meeting with Highways officer with respect to parking outside school, speeding and vehicle speed activated illuminated signs.

Cllr Wallace met with Traffic Manager East, Chris Proctor and they monitored the situation at Brigshaw/Preston Lane junction, Junior School entrance and Garden Centre areas. They found that double yellow lines and zig zags were totally ignored, cars were parked on the bend outside the Garden centre and past the War Memorial making it a blind overtake. Cllr Wallace told Mr Proctor earlier comments that having this problem for thirty minutes twice a day is not acceptable.

They spoke with the two crossing attendants and observed the problems at the bus stop opposite Brigshaw lane – this is very busy at finishing time, extra double decker buses pick up there and there is very little waiting room in the shelter or on the footpath for the kids. One girl has already been injured and there have been several near misses.

They also looked at the speeding problem eastbound on Astley Lane/Queen Street.

Chris was informed of the new developments on Queen Street and the increase in traffic that will ensue.

Chris agreed Vehicle Activated Speed signs would be an option.

He will pass on his observations to his Manager and promised to report back.

Ward Cllrs are aware of this matter.

Cllr Crossley suggested creating fliers, to be placed on car windscreens.

- b. To recommend purchase of 7 village signs 5 for Great Preston and 2 for Little Preston.

Cllr Wallace stated that some may fit onto existing street furniture.

Approximate total cost £2520. **RESOLVED** – after discussion it was agreed to go ahead with ordering the signs.

- c. To receive verbal update on flooding problems at junction of Wood Lane/Astley Lane – Flood Risk Management assessing the problem and will report. Astley Lane fences unknown landowner – Cllr Wallace to contact Coal Authority.

**12. TO CONSIDER PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. **11/01713** Kensington Place (Hollinhurst) Lack of information due to the plans going to Allerton Bywater Parish Council.

Start of building is imminent.

Allerton Bywater Church newsletter stated that the road would be closed from May 21<sup>st</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

It was agreed that Email be sent to all Ward Cllrs.

- b. **10/01412** Biffa site update – 79 houses are to be built on this site, clearing work has begun at the rear.

- c. **P12/01678/FU/HE** Mr Andrew Woolford, Conservatory to rear of 1 Hall Road, Little Preston. Objection from next door neighbour.

It was reported that an objection had been sent to LCC by the next door neighbour, after discussion the Parish Council agreed to inspect the property. Cllr Silvey and Liversidge will do so.

**d.** Untidy land at the back of Queens Court – Awaiting report of meeting between Planning enforcement Officer Mrs Bauer and Barwick Builders.

### **13. NEW AGENDA ITEMS:**

**a.** To consider request to purchase a plot of Parish Land. Resolved - after discussion it was agreed that Parish land should not be sold.

**b.** To consider complaint from horse owner with respect to notice to vacate the Parish Field behind the Primary School.

Telephone message had been sent to the Clerk from the horse owner, it was agreed that a further letter should be sent to Ms Midgley.

**c.** To consider clerks response to verbal complaints either personal or telephone.

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would respond with advice to put complaint in writing and will be discussed at the next meeting.

**d.** To consider request from Swillington Educational Charity regarding Trustees of Parochial Building – After discussion it was agreed to contact Mrs Wheeler to arrange a meeting to obtain more information, also to contact Cllr Tom Murray re. this matter.

### **14. ENVIRONMENT:**

**a.** To receive verbal report from meeting with In Bloom committee.

Cllr Wallace attended an In Bloom meeting and discussed Peasecroft Wood

**b. Peasecroft Wood.** To consider information pack and letter for residents of Whitehouse Avenue (odd numbers) – Booklet and letter to be produced and sent to all residents backing onto the wood.

**c.** To receive report of Annual Parish public right of way walk – Cllr Crossley reported that the walk was attended by 10 Parishioners and was most enjoyable, although one of the paths was wired so was unable to be walked. Picnic at the area on Whitehouse Lane was held halfway through the walk.

**d.** To consider replacement seat at Little Preston – After discussion it was agreed to obtain price for replacement. Brochure to be obtained.

Mrs Prince left the meeting at this point and was thanked for attending.

### **15. FINANCE:** to authorise payment of.

**a.** Clerks salary and expenses declared at the meeting.

Clerks salary for May and expenses from 26<sup>th</sup> April until 30<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	0.00		
Telephone calls	0.60	Vat.	0.12
Postage stamps	0.46		
Travel exp	1.54		
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Total	£162.72	Agreed to pay.	

**b.** Village Hall buildings insurance cost depending on 6(b) Renewal cost £1648.17

As discussed under Item 6b, it was agreed that this should be renewed. Agreed to pay.

**c.** Rural Action Yorkshire, Membership renewal £35.00 Agreed to pay.

**d.** £25 for 50 Souvenir programmes of the Jubilee event, £30 for the purchase of one Royal Oak sapling and commemorative plaque for base of Royal Oak £47.50, total £102.50, Agreed to pay. Plants for bed at the base of the tree were bought at a discounted price from Woodend Nurseries by an anonymous donator.

**16. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. HSBC Business Money Manager A/C Statement £13,551.81
- b. HSBC Community A/C Statement. £0.00
- c. HSBC Letter re. request for transfer of funds, Clerk to contact HSBC.
- d. LCC Reg. of Electors, monthly alteration notice.
- e. Rural Action Yorkshire, Country Air newsletter.
- f. Clerks and Councils Direct.
- g. CPRE, Fieldwork, Spring 2012.
- h. YLCA Model Code of Conduct, template Code of Conduct.

**17. MATTERS TO REPORT:** (formerly Any Other Business) To raise matters for discussion without decision or agenda items for next meeting.

Letters to the Clerk. To be looked into, as an Agenda item for next meeting.

**18.                    DATE OF NEXT MEETING:27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 18.30HRS.**

**Items for agenda must be with the Clerk 7 clear days before the meeting.**

Parishioners were thanked for their attendance at the meeting.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 20.50hrs

Chair.....

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