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MAY 2016 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Draft minutes of the meeting of Great and Little Preston Parish Council held in THE ELDERS COMMUNITY CENTRE, St Aidans Estate, at 1830hrs on WEDNESDAY 25 May 2016

Members Present: Cllrs Bath, Dickinson, Blackburn and Nicholson.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bentley, Taylor, Hanson and Crossley.

3. LATE ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA - To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.

16b) Purchase of Laptop and Printer (Grant received from YLCA)

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

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

As no members of the public were present there was nothing to discuss.

6 TO RECEIVE the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **27 April 2016**

The minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 27 April 2016 were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

7 MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of 27 April 2016 – **information only.**

14) Memorial to Marjorie Goldthorpe - Cllr Dickinson has obtained information from LCC re. application to add the structure to the Highway, also the siting of a seat on Whitehouse Lane.

8. VILLAGE HALL

a) To receive report of Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) meetings.

Meeting held on Monday 23 May 2016.

Amongst items discussed was obtaining quote for loft ladder and the cleaning of the roof space inside the Hall.

9. ESTATES and PLAYGROUNDS

9:1) Glencoe. a) **To receive** reports

Email received from resident regarding area next to that which Parish Council had work done by Andy Fox (Plants and stones) She informed Parish Council that this area is full of weeds and asked if something could be done with it. The site is to be inspected.

b) To receive further information re. Playground Installation of the playground equipment is almost complete.

9:2) St. Aidans. a) To receive updates.

There was nothing to report.

c) To receive updates on Post Box/Post Office Matters

The family of Mrs Goldthorpe have requested integration of existing Post Box into the planned new buildings on the site, but have been refused permission by the Post Office.

It was agreed that Parish Council should make enquiries regarding the matter.

9:3) Little Preston. a)To receive updates on issues.

Japanese Knotweed has begun growing again and there are overhanging branches on Hall Road, adjacent to the fields. Cllr Blackburn has reported both these matters to LCC

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE and BROADBAND SPEED

a) To receive updates.

Cllr Nicholson has had discussion with Mr Webster regarding the website.

There was nothing to report regarding Broadband issues.

11.SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) To receive Trustees report.

The money has been transferred to Bank Account, so will begin to earn interest.

Eventually applications may be made for grants from the interest, but this will take some time to accrue.

12)HIGHWAY MATTERS –

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

b) To consider 20mph zone on Berry Lane.

c) Parking outside the Primary School

To receive information regarding site visit on 23 May 2016

Site visit held between Parish Council members and Nick Hunt of LCC Highways to discuss the above matters.

Regarding parking outside the School - Mr Hunt stated that as vehicles slowed down due to the congestion, historical evidence confirms that there was less chance of a serious accident. He stated that there was not a great deal LCC could do

Whitehouse Lane - Mr Hunt stated that plans to improve the vision splay at the junction of A642/Whitehouse Lane by making a paved area and removing the grass verge and some self-planting trees to improve the sight line.

Regarding bends in the road when approaching Goody Cross from the North a number of vehicles have ended up in the ditch, he appeared not to give much hope of anything substantial being done to improve this.

The drain outside 11 Queen Street has been covered over with tarmac by the builder, resident informed Parish Council. This was inspected also, Mr Hunt confirmed Highways would contact the builder to rectify this.

Various flooding issues were also discussed - the bottom of Wood Lane, half way down Wood Lane, the Public footpath alongside the North West Boundary of the new developments off Queen Street (ex Biffa site) which has become worse since new developments began.

13) TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

a) 10/01412 – 14/ 03823RM Biffa Site. To receive update.

Work is still ongoing.

b) 14/07355--15/02270RM 6 semis Preston Lane (Marshall's Coal Yard)

Work is nearly completed, only 2 houses now remaining for sale.

c) 2015 Site Allocations. To receive reports.

There was nothing to report.

d) 15/07030/FU/E Demolition of former post office building, and erect two houses with detached block of two garages at former Post Office 10 St Aidans Road, Great Preston.

Work may possibly commence in approximately 2 weeks

e) Further information regarding Pegasus group and public consultation for proposed telecommunications structure to the rear of Great Preston Snooker and Social Club

Letter received from Ward Councillors confirm Planning permission has been refused.

The applicant has right to appeal.

Enquiries to be made if this has happened.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS

a) To consider change of bus route of 168 Service

Cllr Blackburn was informed by bus driver of the above service that the return journey from Leeds to Castleford would be altered, no longer going through Little Preston.

She contacted Arriva, who have since apologised, stating that the bus route will not change.

b) To consider Christmas lights.

The lights are to be on the live tree at Little Preston as last year, additional new sites to be considered as agreed last year.

LCC to be contacted regarding funding for tree and lights at Great Preston.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive report of meetings

Summer planting is now taking place, ready for the Judging.

Some work is needed on the Rose hedge along Whitehouse Lane.

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report.

An email has been received from Mr Ian Wallace regarding principle contact relating to accessible woodland, a position he held until his resignation from the Parish Council.

'Woods for People' are preparing for the 2016 accessible woodland data exercise.

After discussion it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Bentley will take this over, Woods for people to be informed.

As agreed at the last meeting letters were produced and delivered to residents of Whitehouse Avenue whose gardens back onto Peasecroft Wood, regarding flytipping in this area.

c) St. Aidans Country Park. To receive reports

Due to poisonous algae being present in the water, a number of dogs are reported to have died as a result of swallowing water when swimming in the lake. Warning notices have been put up at the site.

d) Wild flower Meadow.

i) To receive progress report, plus report of site visit with Victoria Nunns.

Meeting took place between Victoria Nunns of LCC, Cllr Andrew Bentley, the Clerk and Mr Winn, member of In Bloom, to discuss the possibility of any funding which may be available to improve the entrance/hedges etc. Victoria hoped there may be some S106 monies available or other grants. Awaiting response from her.

ii) To consider Maintenance of Wildflower Meadow, along with Parish Field on Preston Lane.

Charles Hirst, local farmer is to be contacted regarding the cutting of the fields and hedges.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

There was nothing to report other than members of In Bloom to tidy the area, weeding, cutting of the small hedge etc.

f) Public Rights of Way. To receive report on the conditions of footpaths.

There was nothing to report.

g) Parish Field off-Preston Lane. To receive reports.

This matter already discussed under (dii)

h) Onshore Oil and Gas Licences. To receive reports

There was nothing to report, but the situation is to be closely monitored in view of recent events in North Yorkshire, where licenses have been given.

j) Littering, flytipping and dog fouling. To receive reports

Cllr Bentley is dealing with all environmental aspects. He reported that 1 case of fly tipping is going forward by LCC with a view to prosecution. Letters sent to some residents as discussed under Item 15b

Cllr Bentley is to meet up with LCC personnel and the area Dog Warden on 27 May to consider any appropriate measures to remind pet owners of their responsibilities and try to keep the meadow attractive to all visitors, especially children.

Regarding incidents of motor bikes and vehicles using Fleakingley Lane and bikes riding in the meadow - 2 motor cyclists have been dealt with by PCSO Andy Hurley.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

There was nothing to report.

16) FINANCE: MAY 2016

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks salary and expenses

Salary May 2016	£160.00
Expenses	
Stationery Items	<u>13.74</u>
Total	£173.74

b) Purchase of Lap top and Printer from Staples as a result of grant received from YLCA £401.64 plus £80.33 vat	Total	£481.97
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16:2) To receive record of Debit Card purchases.

There were no Debit Card transactions

17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to inform meeting.

- a) Glasdon brochure.
- b) Centenary Fields, brochure.
- c) Clerks and Councils Direct, May Issue.
- d) LCC Electoral Register, Monthly alterations notice.
- e) YLCA Communication No. 4 of new external audit regime for smaller authorities (sent to all Councillors)
- f) NALC 2016-18 National Salary Award (Sent to all Councillors)
- g) Tesco, email re. phase 2 of fundings (sent to Cllrs)

18. TRAINING COURSES and MEETINGS

To receive Information for 2016 YLCA training courses.

YLCA Leeds Branch Annual meeting, 7 June 2016. Cllr Dickinson and the Clerk to attend.

Garforth and Swillington Forum 26 May 2016. Cllr Blackburn and the Clerk to attend.

Outer Ease Community Forum, to be held Tues. 14 June in Garforth.

To receive report Police contact point meetings. Crime figures

There was nothing to report.

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

There was nothing to report.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 29 June 2016

Meeting closed at 20.00 hrs.

Chair.....

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