



**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
20th MAY 2015 IN THE ELDERS COMMUNITY BUILDING, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT
PRESTON, AT 18.30hrs.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Wallace, Crossley, Dickinson, Taylor and Blackburn.
Also present was the Clerk.

1.CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING:

Chairman welcomed everyone. The meeting was opened at 18.30hrs.

2.TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

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.
Item 16b, Rural Action Yorkshire, Subscription renewal £35

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

6.To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **29 April 2015**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on **29 April 2015** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7.MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of **29 April 2015 – information only.**

8.VILLAGE HALL **To receive** report of Village Hall Management Committee(VHMC) meetings.
No meetings had been held, the next meeting will be on Thursday 29 May 2015.

9.ESTATES AND PLAYGROUNDS:-

9:1) Glencoe.

a) To receive reports : A complaint had been received from a resident regarding weeds growing near to her property.

9:2) St. Aidans.

a)To receive update on replacing bearing assembly on the rotating dish and replacing 2 adult swing seats.

Cllr Wallace reported that the parts are on order from Sutcliffe Play and is awaiting a delivery date.

b) To receive updates on quotes to repair/replace Perimeter fence around the playing field area.

Further quotes to be obtained.

9:3) Little Preston

To receive updates on issues.

Regarding the seat – residents near to the proposed site are totally opposed to having a seat erected for various reasons:- Line of sight for vehicles exiting Hall Road onto Goody Cross Lane, obstruction of access to maintain the hedge, the possibility of use as a meeting point for local youths, along with the matter of the land in question being privately owned.

Resolved: After discussion it was unanimously agreed not to pursue the matter further and to inform the 2 residents from Little Preston who had originally requested the seat, of the decision.

Public Footpath GP7 Cllrs Blackburn, Crossley and Malcolm Webster are still to arrange to walk the footpaths.

Tree lights at Christmas – Cllr Blackburn stated resident who had allowed a tree to be sited in her garden in the past has no objection to lights being placed in the tree adjacent to the public footpath. The neighbour at the other side of the footpath does not object either.

It was agreed that LCC be approached to inspect the area to see if it is a suitable site.

Suggestions for other suitable sites to be brought to the next meeting.

Speed calming measures was an item raised by residents. This matter would have to be taken up with Highways, bearing in mind we are still awaiting the promised work on Whitehouse Lane/Goodycross Lane junction.

Grass cutting was an issue especially the area near to the entrance of Hall Road where the daffodils have been. Cllr Wallace reported that the contractors are under instruction not to cut verge grass with daffodils in until the last cut in June/first cut in July depending on the schedule. The height of the hedge on Hall Road alongside the paddocks on the right hand side was also an issue.

Although this is the responsibility of the private landowner, in the past Malcolm Webster had usually contacted LCC, who served an enforcement notice.

Japanese Knotweed – Cllr Blackburn reported that this has been cut down, but it was agreed the site should be carefully monitored for any further growth.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE AND BROADBAND SPEED

a) To receive updates.

The website is up to date.

Broadband –

There is nothing to report.

It was suggested that perhaps local businesses could put a case forward to BT.

Cllr Taylor is monitoring the situation.

11. SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) To receive Trustees report.

No meetings have been held, there is nothing to report.

There is no information from LCC and the Charity Commission available.

The next meeting will possibly be at the end of June.

12. HIGHWAY MATTERS –

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

Nothing to report.

b) To consider 20mph zone on Berry Lane.

A letter has been received from LCC Highways regarding proposals that are currently being prepared for the Proposed 20mph zone covering Great Preston and Allerton Bywater. A map of the proposed route was enclosed.

After discussion it was agreed to request site meeting with Chris Proctor to discuss the matter.

Wall at St Aidans

It was reported that LCC are investigating the matter.

13. TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

a) 11/01713 Kensington Place (Hollinhurst). Update.

Building work is being finished-off.

b) 10/01412 Biffa Site.

To receive update.

Cllr Wallace contacted Taylor Wimpey and LCC regarding the noise and dust along with the working hours, but the site is now virtually flattened and the dust problem has practically gone. He informed the complainant that he had passed on the complaints.

c) 14/07355/OT/E Land and premises, Preston Lane, WF10 2HN.

This is to be discussed with Chris Proctor at the site visit.

d) Wind Turbine, Brecks Farm.

To receive update.

Although planning application has been received by Swillington Parish Council as the site is within their Parish, the address is in Kippax, but it is closer to housing in Great Preston. It was reported that Kippax Parish Council have objected although Swillington has not. After discussion it was agreed by the Parish Council that there would be no objection.

e) 2015 Site Allocations Update

To consider meeting with other Parish Councils on May 29, after request was received from Kippax Parish Council for a meeting to collectively discuss and review the implications of the LCC Site Allocation housing proposals in our area of Outer South East Leeds.

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Wallace should attend the meeting.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

a) To consider complaint regarding parking on grass verge at 2 Queens Court.

After discussion it was agreed that the situation should be monitored and if it persists a letter should be sent to the resident.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. **To receive** report of meetings.

Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 2015.

Final arrangements were made for the fundraising event to be held on Saturday 16 May.

This was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mrs Brown of Little Preston, who helped at the event.

Arrangements were made for a working group to remove dead weeds etc on the Rose Hedge area of Whitehouse Lane.

This took place on Sunday 17 May and a number of In Bloom members met up to do the work.

It was agreed that 2 members of the group are to visit Red Hall nurseries with a view to ordering summer plants.

Judges report was received from Richard Gill, giving positive comments along with suggestions for improvement.

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report. Andy Fox, the gardener has inspected the area and reported that the Hymalaian Balsalm situation is getting really bad.

c) St. Aidans Country Park. To receive report from meetings.

No meetings had been held.

It was reported that cars are now parking on both sides of Astley Lane.

d) Wild flower Meadow. To receive progress report

The meadow will probably take 2/3 years to develop.

The grass will need cutting shortly.

Mr Winn is emptying the waste bins and it was agreed that he should be approached to do this regularly for a nominal sum.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

Planting is almost completed and the plaque is in place.

2 copies of the licence have been signed and returned to LCC.

A letter had been sent to the residents to inform them of the Parish Councils decision that the interpretation board should remain in its present position.

Memorial plaque for Mrs Marjorie Goldthorpe.

Further discussions are to take place.

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

There was nothing to report.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

The H sign has now been painted in the road near the entrance to the Allotments.

16) FINANCE: May 20 2015

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks Salary for May and expenses.

Salary May 2015

£ 160.00

Expenses.

Postage

4.41

Stationery. Analysis book, etc.

25.99

Sundries

11.58

Total

£ 201.98

b) Other cheques:

Parish Online 'Get Mapping', Annual subscription.

£28.00 plus £5.60 Vat (reclaimable)

£33.60

Good Councillors Guide 2015, 10 copies £23.80
Rural Action Yorkshire, subscription renewal. £35.00

16:2 To receive record of Debit Card purchases.

a) Location sign 'Preston Corner'

£125.57 plus £25.11 Vat (reclaimable) £150.68

Toolkit for repairs at Playground £24.94

17) PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk to inform meeting.

a) Letter of thanks received from In Bloom for £850 for planting.

b) Clerks and Councils Direct.

18. TRAINING COURSES AND MEETINGS.

To receive Information for 2014/15 YLCA training courses.

Meetings to consider

Garforth and Swillington Forum will take place on May 26 at Bowers Mission Hall from 6.00 pm until 7.30 pm

Outer East Leeds Community Workshop

'Improve our local environment'

This is to be held at Temple Newsham House on Tuesday 16 June, 5pm – 6.30pm

To receive reports Police contact point meetings. Crime figures.

There was no Police presence at the recent Coffee morning held in the Elders Community centre. No crime figures were available.

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

Parish Elections. To receive information from Elections Office.
Forms have been signed and will be returned to Electoral Office.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June 2015

Meeting closed at 19.40 hrs

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