

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
30th NOVEMBER 2011, IN THE ELDERS, ST AIDANS ESTATE, GREAT PRESTON, AT
6.30 p.m.

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Members Present:

Cllrs Tetley, Wallace, Crossley, Liversidge and Webster.

Also present were Local Councillor Mark Dobson and the Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Bath.

2. Open Session:

No parishioners were present but it was agreed to discuss Item 10 – Section 106 at this time as Cllr Dobson was present.

Cllr Wallace asked Cllr Dobson to expand on what could be done with Section 106 monies. Concerns were expressed re. the standard of building at Queens Court and the gross over-subscription of reception classes at Great Preston Primary School, where there have been 70 applications for 30 places this year.

Cllr Dobson explained that Education Leeds no longer existed. It has grossly miscalculated the need for places in Great Preston and Swillington.

It was agreed that Cllr Liversidge should write to the Headmistress of the Primary School to ask whether she would like the Parish Council to press for additional provision and also to ask about the Parish Council taking up the place on the Board of Governors allocated to it.

Cllr Dobson explained how Section 106 monies from Queens Court could be accessed and in what areas they could be used.

Section 106 monies come from the developer on completion or near-completion of the project.

It is expected that £150k will be available from the new Kensington Place development on land South of Queen Street, with a further amount when the Biffa site is re-developed.

Cllr Wallace raised the issue of bus timetables serving Queen Street and the inaccuracy of information supplied to the planners in the making of the planning application. An objection has already been submitted to the application via Public Access. The meeting discussed raising a complaint with WY Metro Chief Executive Kieran Preston. It was agreed that Cllr Wallace will do this.

Agreed Cllr Wallace delegated to monitor the new housing developments. Concerns were expressed about the lack of open space and green space in the developments, and also likely traffic problems resulting from the developments.

Cllr Dobson promised to try and obtain funding for supply of grit for Glencoe as a local resident has obtained a free grit bin.

The Parish Council was informed by Cllr Dobson that PACT meetings have stopped because the Police no longer seem interested in attending them.

Cllr Dobson, in his capacity of Executive member for the environment services, was asked if brown garden waste bins could be provided for the residents of Queens Court and Queens Close, Great Preston. He said this is in hand and the bins would be available in the spring of 2012. He will inform the residents by letter.

Cllr Dobson was thanked for his attendance and agreed to attend the January meeting.

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:

4x4.2 Hedge on Fleakingley Lane – nothing to report.

6x4.2 Electronic signs – It was suggested that Section 106 funding could be used for this purpose.

Cricket Ground – The Snooker club is now up and running.

Infant School Building – nothing to report.

34x4.14 Glencoe Estate – nothing to report, other than the grit bin which has already been discussed.

30x4.2 Parking outside the Primary School – No change or improvement. The situation has been made worse by the car park having been signposted as ‘staff only’.

Cllr Tetley is to contact Inspector Jones and ask for a site visit to discuss the matter.

17x4.2 Dangerous footpaths and overhanging trees at Fleakingley Lane – Little Preston end, Cllr Webster stated that Mick Jones has cut back a lot of the branches.

10x4 Signs and footpaths on the Lines – Cllr Wallace reported that the signs need cleaning and re-painting. To be dealt with in Spring.

7x4.14 Complaints about rats – it was agreed to leave this item off future agendas.

4x4.14 Public footpaths on Whitehouse Lane – Hedges have now been cut back, also those on Goody Cross Lane.

Complaint received about an overhanging hedge on Hall Road, Cllr Webster to take this up with the owner of the field.

2x4.13 Arriva Coaches – Route 168 appears to be running well and not missing. Monitoring to be continued

4.14 Location name for new Queen Street properties – All addresses on Queen Street will be Great Preston, not Woodlesford.

Signs saying ‘Queen Street, Bowers Row’ have been placed outside the Chapel and the prefabs.

Cllr Wallace is in contact with the developers re. the naming of the new housing.

5, Village Hall:

The builder has reported that all the damage is directly attributable to criminal damage and the theft of lead. A suitable Insurance claim is to be filed immediately.

The work has been completed.

6. Environment:

a. Villages in Bloom – nothing to report.

b. Peasecroft Wood – nothing to report.

c. St Aidans Playground – Cllrs Webster and Wallace have made the stanchion safe.

d. Litter – the bin from the Playground, which had been forcibly removed, damaging the stanchion, is now available to be re-housed elsewhere.

The fridge which was tipped on Goody Cross Lane was removed on 27th November.

Dog fouling – Three new bins have been installed on Fleakingley Lane, two in Swillington and one in Little Preston.

e. St Aidans Opencast – Meeting Tuesday 6th December at Allerton Bywater old school library, time unknown, possibly 7pm. Concerns over flood plain to be addressed. Cllr Wallace to attend.

7. Traffic:

Nothing to report.

8. Planning:

- a. P11/04673/FU/HE Mr and Mrs Hartley, s/s side and rear ext. and conservatory to rear, porch to front at Winsover, Goody Cross Lane. (see 11c)
- b. P11/04405/FU/HE Mr Paul Best, 3 storey, 5 bed house with attached garage on land off Hollinhurst (see 11d)

After discussion it was agreed not to oppose the development but to insist on the wood boundaries being preserved and protected, according to the current markings on the map.

9. Finance:

- a. Clerks salary for November and expenses from 27th October until 30th November 2011.

Salary	160.00		
Photocopying, stat. etc.	21.97		
Tel. calls	1.05	Vat.	0.21
Post. Stamps	0.92		
Trav. Expenses	1.54		
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Plus Vat.	0.21		

Total £185.69 Agreed to pay.

- b. Parish Precept return – form received, to be completed before 31st January 2012.
It was agreed not to apply for any increase given the current economic hardship and the freeze on Council Tax.
- c. Cllr Webster, cost of plants for tubs at Little Preston – cost £87, but Swillington Nurseries have donated £50, so balance of £37 only due. Agreed to pay.
Cheque signatories – It was agreed that Cllr Tetley is to be an additional signatory.

10. Section 106:

This item already discussed when Cllr Dobson present.

11. Correspondence:

- a. HSBC Business Money Management A/C Statement.
- b. HSBC Community A/C Statement.
- c. P11/04673/FU/HE LCC Planning (see 8a)
- d. P11/04405/FU/HE LCC Planning (see 8b)
- e. CPRE Countryside Voice.
- f. Rural Yorks, Country Air Magazine.
- g. Clerks and Councils Direct.
- h. St Gemma's Hospice, Newsletter.
- j. NHS letter plus copies of 2011/12 'Choose well' leaflet.

12. Reports of Meetings

There had been no meetings to report upon.

13. Any other Business:

Diamond Jubilee – The Woodland Trust have Community Tree Packs available (up to 420 trees) to create a hedge of approx. 120m or a square of 1 acre.

Primary School packs also available, to grow silver birch from seed. Cllr Liversidge to invite the Head teacher at the Primary School to contact Cllr Wallace on 0113 2867991 if she wants him to apply for packs, or re. Queen Street developments S106 Education monies.

Older residents – as part of the celebrations, Cllr Crossley proposed a party for older residents.

Cllr Liversidge proposed agenda item for next meeting, to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council either allocating land for a cemetery or encouraging a local landowner to open one as a commercial enterprise.

Cllr Webster has received a number of complaints re. loose kerb stones on Hall Road – he will contact LCC Highways.

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

Chair.....

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