



NOVEMBER 2015 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE ELDERS COMMUNITY CENTRE, ST AIDANS ESTATE, at 1830hrs on WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2015

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

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING.

In the absence of Cllr Wallace Cllr Bath chaired the meeting and welcomed those present.

2.TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wallace

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

4.TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bath declared his Interest In boundary hedge between Parish Field and Nursery on Preston Lane.

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

Resident who had been present at previous meetings requested report on progress regarding letters to residents about the closure of the Post Office.

He was informed most of the letters had been delivered and when collected they are to be sent in one parcel to the Post Office along with an accompanying letter from the Parish Council. A copy of the letter to be sent to Ward Councillors.

The resident left the meeting at this point and was thanked for attending.

6 TO RECEIVE the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **25 October 2015**.

Item 16a Should include travel expenses of £6, missed off the list, but included in the total amount.

The remainder of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Acting Chair.

7 MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of **25 October 2015 – information only**.

14a Remembrance Day Service. This was very well attended by approximately 40 people and wreaths were laid by representatives of the Police, Garforth Lions and the Parish Council.

A cross for each of the names on the memorial was laid by some of those present.

Refreshments were enjoyed by all afterwards in the Village Hall.

8.VILLAGE HALL

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

Meeting which should have been held on 23 November 2015 was cancelled.

9. ESTATES and PLAYGROUNDS

9:1) Glencoe. a) To receive reports

Clerk had received a phone call from concerned resident who stated that damage had been done on the grass verge at the entrance to the trading estate by a Co-op vehicle trying to turn. Photographs had been sent.

After discussion, as no registration or photographs of the vehicle in question were available, the Parish Council will deal with the verge in the new year.

b) To receive further information regarding the playground.

It was reported that several residents within the village had received letters from LCC regarding the type of play equipment which may be fitted.

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

b) To receive updates on quotes to repair/replace perimeter fencing.

This item is on hold due to other matters.

c) To receive updates on Post Box/Post Office matters.

This item already discussed during the open session.

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

A resident of Hall Road had reported that an application had been made by Hall Farm for an operators licence for haulage (possibly large loads of hay)

This matter to be monitored.

Regarding Japanese Knotweed, Cllr Blackburn has inspected the treated area and reported that it appears to have died back, but feels it may return. This is also to be monitored.

Footpath walk, this is still to be arranged,

9:4) Kensington Place.

To receive information regarding 'No Ball Games' signs.

The complainant was given the information regarding the similar situation at Queens Court/Close.

She replied, stating that she felt Taylor Wimpey were at fault for not providing a recreation area for children to play in.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE and BROADBAND SPEED

a) To receive updates.

Broadband Speed – Nothing further to report.

11. SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) To receive Trustees report.

There was nothing to report as no meetings have been held recently.

It is hoped that a meeting will be arranged for the new year.

12) HIGHWAY MATTERS –

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

There was nothing to report. The junction at Goody Cross along with the one at the end of Whitehouse Lane/Wakefield Road continue to be a problem.

b) To consider 20mph zone on Berry Lane.

The deadline for comments has now passed. It was reported that several areas in Kippax have now had 20mph signs erected.

13) TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

a) 11/01713 Kensington Place (Hollinhurst). To receive update.

Building work is now complete.

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

Building work is on-going.

c) 14/07355--15/02270RM 6 semis Preston Lane (Marshalls Coal Yard)

To receive update. Building work is well under way.

d) 15/06679/TR 27 Whitehouse Avenue, Great Preston.

Application received for work on trees in garden, protected by tree preservation order.

No objections have been received from other residents.

e) 2015 Site Allocations. To receive reports.

Response forms which had been completed by residents were hand delivered to LCC by Cllr Dickinson and the Clerk.

Some forms had been sent by post individually by residents.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

a) To consider Budget proposals for 2015/17 and setting of Precept levy.

Information has been received from LCC by email, forms to be sent out shortly.

b) To receive details of Christmas lights switch-on event.

The tree is in situ and residents are invited to meet at the site in the garden of the bungalow at the entrance to St Aidans.

The switch on will take place at 6.30 pm, Carols to follow, played by Preston Players.

Refreshments to be served afterwards in the New Inn.

The lights on the live tree at Little Preston will automatically switch-on at the same time.

Battery operated lights are to be tried out on the two small trees at Preston Corner.

c) To consider quote of £70 from Andy Fox, for cutting back of the hedge on the road-side near to the Primary School.

Resolved: This was agreed.

Local farmer, Charles Hirst has offered to cut the perimeter hedge around the Parish field on Preston Lane free of charge.

d) To consider information received from YLCA regarding Transparency fund and grants available to smaller authorities.

Enquiries had been made regarding grant for obtaining computer equipment. Cllr Dickinson is to obtain quotes for a laptop and a printer for Parish Council use.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive report of meetings

No meetings had been held.

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report.

There was nothing to report.

c) St. Aidans Country Park.

To receive reports.

There was nothing to report.

d) Wild flower Meadow.

i) To receive progress report.

There was nothing to report.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

The surrounding low hedge has been cut back.

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

These are to be checked on the walk

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

This matter was already discussed under item **14c**

h) Onshore Oil and Gas licences. To receive Progress report.

No further emails have been received from Cllr Dobson regarding this matter.

It was agreed to leave this item off the agenda until anything further to report.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

.There was nothing to report.

16) FINANCE: NOVEMBER 2015

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks salary and expenses

Salary	November	£160.00
Expenses:		
Postage.		£ 0.64
Stationery		£ 21.95
Refreshments for Remembrance Day Service		£ 9.42
Sundries		£ 21.14
	Total	£213.15
	Travel expenses	£ 6.00
	Total	£219.15

b)Other Cheques.

Weekly playground checks, rubbish clearance at St Aidans

Playground £150.00

16:2) To receive record of Debit Card purchases.

There had been no transactions.

16:3 To recommend delegating power to the Clerk/PFO

Resolved: As there is no planned meeting in December, it was unanimously agreed to delegate

powers to the Clerk/PFO in consultation with 2 Councillors, to pay any Invoices received during that period and respond to any urgent requests or repairs. If an emergency arises the Chair/Vice Chair will call a December meeting. Any payments or action taken will be clearly defined in the January minutes.

17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to inform meeting.

- a) Email received from YLCA, weekly bulletin on national developments and meetings is being produced.
- b) YLCA White Rose Update.
- c) CPRE Fieldwork, Countryside Voice.
- d) Workplace Pensions. Briefing note from YLCA.
- e) Grant opportunities from Tesco Local Community Fund.

18. TRAINING COURSES and MEETINGS

To receive Information for 2015 YLCA training courses.

Accounts & Finance for Town & Parish Councils 27 November, fully booked.

Understanding Data protection & FOE Training 2 December.

LCC Workshop on flooding 1 December. Cllr Blackburn and the Clerk to attend.

To receive report from Police Contact point meetings.

Crime figures. No attendance by the Police at the meetings. Nothing to report.

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

Cllr Taylor informed meeting that a neighbour is interested in becoming involved, especially with IT matters in the parish, eg. Facebook.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING **The next meeting will be held on 27 January 2016**

Meeting closed at 20.15 pm

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