



OCTOBER 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 28 OCTOBER 2015

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Dickinson, Taylor and Blackburn.
Also present was the Clerk and four residents.

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING.

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

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wallace, Bath and Crossley

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

a) **To consider** Budget for 2015/17 Precept under Finance Item 16:3

b) **To consider** Wreath for Remembrance Day service under 16b

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. Resident was present who, at previous meetings asked what progress had been made regarding the closure of the Post Office.

It was agreed that Item 9:2(c) be brought forward and discussed at this point.

The resident reported that since the meeting he had not received any further response from either LCC or Ward Councillors..

Cllr Dickinson explained the situation regarding the existing building, that it belonged privately to the family of the Postmistress, who had plans relating to the building, other than as a business.

After lively discussion regarding production and distribution of letters which have been printed, the resident agreed that he would deliver to households on St Aidans Estate to be collected two days after, or residents may post them in the letter box of 3 Whitehouse Lane.

The remainder of the letters would be delivered by Parish Councillors.

They will then be sent in one package with a covering letter to the Post Office.

A copy of the letter to be sent to Ward Councillors.

The other residents present informed the Parish Council they attended only to observe the proceedings of the meeting.

6 TO RECEIVE the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **28 September 2015**.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Acting Chair.

7 MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of **28 September 2015 – information only.**

8.VILLAGE HALL

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

Meeting held on 12 October 2015.

It was reported that grants of £200 had been made to each of the following:-

Cricket Club, Football Club, Preston Players and Village in Bloom.

The Next meeting will take place on Monday 23 November 2015.

Minutes of the meeting attached.

9. ESTATES and PLAYGROUNDS

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

It had been reported that a vehicle had been driven continuously on the grass area behind Station Cottages, near to the trading estate, possibly by a resident of the estate.

b) **To receive** further information regarding the playground.

Clerk attended a meeting with Cllr Andrea McKenna, Victoria Nunns of LCC Parks and Countryside and Jon Crossley of Groundwork at which it was confirmed a scheme for improving the Playground at Glencoe would hopefully go ahead. Residents to be consulted.

It is hoped that the work would commence during Feb and March 2016. S106 monies will be used towards financing the scheme.

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 was already discussed under Item 5 – Open Session.

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

Knotweed – Cllr Blackburn reported that it appears to be dying back, but is not sure if the treatment has totally worked.

Footpath walk, this is still to be arranged,

9:4) Kensington Place.

To receive information regarding 'No Ball Games' signs.

A similar situation had occurred at Queens Court/Close and was minuted in January/February 2015.

The information received from LCC was 'as this is a private estate, they do not erect these notices, only on Council owned estates. Residents may put up notices on their own property, but it would be difficult to enforce. It was suggested that the local Policing team be informed. Kensington Place resident to be informed.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE and BROADBAND SPEED

a) **To receive** updates.

There was nothing to report.

Broadband Speed – Cllr Taylor is to write to 'Rip-off Britain' re. This matter as they have covered this subject recently.

11.SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) To receive Trustees report.

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

12)HIGHWAY MATTERS –

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

There was nothing to report

b) To consider 20mph zone on Berry Lane.

Date for comments has now passed, awaiting decision from LCC re this matter.

The areas to be affected do not include Preston Corner – Whitehouse Lane, beyond Primary School area of Preston Lane.

13) TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

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

Building work is now probably complete as site office has been removed.

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

Building work is now well underway, the shells of some of the houses is complete.

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

Building is now ongoing, some of the foundations laid.

d) 15/01685 Wind Turbine Brecks Farm. To receive update.

Full planning has been granted, subject to conditions.

e) 2015 Site Allocations. To receive report from drop-in session.

Parish drop-in session took place on Saturday 17 October 2015, and was attended mostly by residents of St Aidans.

Some response forms were completed on the day, a number have been distributed to residents.

When returned, all forms will be taken to LCC by hand, along with letter from Parish Council.

Cllr Dobson emailed copy of his response regarding all Site Allocation Submissions, which included St Aidans ref. 3100B. He is totally opposed to the proposal by LCC.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

a) To consider Remembrance Day Service. This will take place on Sunday 8 November, meet at Village Hall at 1.45pm, service to take place at 2.00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Hall.

Wreath has been received, along with 30 crosses, each to have name of a person named on the memorial.

b) To consider Christmas lights switch-on event and cost of refreshments. This is to take place on Thursday 3 December at 6.30pm.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that New Inn be contacted to supply hot snacks afterwards.

To consider donation to Preston Wind Band for playing carols at the event.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that a donation of £50 be given.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive report of meetings

Meeting held on 7 October.

Calendars have been produced and are for sale at £5 each to raise money for funds.

Primary School has contacted the group, suggesting further activities involving the school children, could be held.

Minutes of the meeting attached.

In Bloom group have sent a letter to the Parish Council regarding the possibility of planting a Christmas Tree near to the Notice Board at St Aidans, as a memorial to Marjorie Goldthorpe. After discussion it was agreed that the family of Mrs Goldthorpe should be contacted before any decision could be made regarding this matter.

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report.

There was nothing to report.

c) St. Aidans Country Park.

Email received from LCC stating transfer of the land from Harworth Estates Ltd may be completed, subject to the additional overage provision improved by the transfer, site to be acquired in two trenches and enter into associated relevant documentation, together with a Grant Fund agreement with the RSPB in connection with the Trust Fund.

d) Wild flower Meadow.

i) To receive progress report.

There was nothing to report.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

There was nothing to report.

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

These are to be checked on the walk

It was reported that Fleakingly Lane has been cut back.

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

After discussion it was agreed that quote be obtained for cutting back the hedgerow next to the footpath between the Garden Centre and the Primary School.

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

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

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

.There was nothing to report.

16) FINANCE: OCTOBER 2015

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks salary and expenses

Salary	October	£160.00
Expenses:		
Postage.		£ 0.00
Stationery		£ 12.59
Refreshments for Drop-in session.		£ 4.36

Total £176.95

b)Other Cheques.

A. Fox services.	Spraying off weeds at Preston Corner	£30.00
W. Garbutt and Son.	Cutting both Parish fields £750.00 + vat £150.00	£900.00
c) Section 137 Donation.	Royal British Legion, wreath for Remembrance Service	£25.00

Receipts

Northern Power Grid, Wayleave Payment. £9.47

16:2 To receive record of Debit Card purchases.
There were no transactions on the Card.

16:3 Precept

This is to be discussed fully as an Agenda Item at the next meeting.

17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to inform meeting.

a) Clerks and Councils Direct.

b) YLCA half day Playground Inspection Course, information

c) YLCA Email regarding smaller authority Transparency Fund. Information and application form. This is to be an Agenda Item for the next meeting.

18. TRAINING COURSES and MEETINGS

To receive Information for 2015 YLCA training courses.

A half day 'Routine Playground Course' for Volunteers to be held 6 November 2015

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).

Email received from YLCA – 2016 Parliamentary Constit. Boundaries review

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be held on **25 November 2015**

Meeting closed at 20.30 pm

Signed.....

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