



SEPTEMBER 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 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

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

1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND OPEN MEETING.

In the absence of Cllr Wallace, Vice Chair 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.

13g) Planning Application. Amendment to 12/04911/FU

9:4) Kensington Place, to consider problems with ball games

14g) To consider information received re. Onshore oil and gas licences

4. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Interest.

Item 18, Cllr Bath, relating to Garden centre.

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

Resident was present who, at the July meeting 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 approached LCC regarding the matter and had received a response from Cllr McKenna, stating that when she receives a information from them, she will let him know.

A template letter has been produced and distributed to Parish Councillors. After discussion it was agreed that copies should be made and distributed to all households, then either collected two days after, or residents may post them in the letter box of 3 Whitehouse Lane.

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 resident left the meeting at this point and was thanked for his attendance.

6 TO RECEIVE the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **30 July 2015.**

Date of minutes on heading should read **30 July, not 29 June.**

RESOLVED The remainder of the minutes were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Vice Chairman.

7 MATTERS ARISING from the PCM minutes of **20 July 2015 – information only.**

8.VILLAGE HALL

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

Meeting held on 6 August 2015.

It was reported that the remainder of the chairs have now been replaced with new black ones. . Minutes of the meeting attached.

9. ESTATES and PLAYGROUNDS

9:1) Glencoe. a) To receive reports

Email received from Jon Crossley, Capital programme co-ordinator, Groundwork, to inform Parish Council that S106 monies are to be used on developing the Playground at Glencoe. This is a matter discussed previously with Vicky Nunns of LCC.

The work is due to commence during February/March 2016.

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

Resolved Repairs at playground now completed.

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

There was nothing to report, this matter to be discussed on another occasion.

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

The Post Office closure was discussed under Item 5 – Open session.

Regarding the Post Box. It is hoped that the Post Box will be retained near to the present site.

Memorial to the Postmistress, this to be considered at another meeting, after further discussion with her family.

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

Japanese Knotweed. Cllr Blackburn informed members that LCC Parks and Countryside have treated the area and she will monitor the situation.

Path (ginnel) between Hall Road and The Grove. A resident whose garden runs parallel to the path has complained that the hedge needs cutting back, stating that the Parish Council were taking over the cutting of the hedge.

This was not the case, the parish gardener was contracted to cut the path only, the hedge is part of the residents boundary and is her responsibility. Clerk to inform her of this.

Overhanging hedge on Hall Road. Cllr Blackburn contacted LCC and most of the hedge has now been cut, apart from one section. She will contact them regarding this.

Regarding the car which continually being parked on the footpath, it was reported that it has not been seen recently, the situation to be monitored.

Footpath walk, this is still to be arranged,

9:4) Kensington Place.

To consider email forwarded by Cllr Mark Dobson, from resident regarding children playing ball games on the estate, which land on cars, continually go into gardents etc.

A request that Parish Council may help by providing 'No Ball Games' signs to be erected.

After discussion it was decided to contact LCC for advice in this matter.

10. COUNCIL WEBSITE and BROADBAND SPEED

a) To receive updates.

Cllr Taylor attempted to find Parish Boundaries, but could not find a map on the website. Cllr Bath has obtained a map and will copy, laminate and distribute to members.

Broadband Speed –

There was nothing further to report.

11.SWILLINGTON EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

a) To receive Trustees report.

There was nothing to report.

12)HIGHWAY MATTERS –

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

There was nothing to report

Highways to be contacted to arrange site visit.

b) To consider 20mph zone on Berry Lane.

Notices have been placed on posts around the area regarding planned 20 mph zone, which includes Preston Lane, Berry Lane, Whitehouse Lane and the Whitehouse Estate.

Closing date for comments is 19 October 2015.

It was reported that since recent road works have taken place, the roundabout circle at Preston Corner is not very clear.

Highways to be contacted regarding this matter.

13) TO CONSIDER ONGOING PLANNING MATTERS –

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

There was nothing to report.

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

Work has commenced, some of the foundations are being laid.

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

Work has commenced, digging out for foundations is taking place.

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

There was nothing to report.

e) 2015 Site Allocations. To receive information and date of next meeting with other Parish Councils.

This will be on Tuesday 6 October at 7.30, in Mount Pleasant community building, Kippax.

Cllr Blackburn will be able to attend.

The Consultation period began on 22 September and will end on 16 November 2015, comments required on-line or in writing within this period.

After discussion it was agreed that a further Drop-in session be held so that residents may comment and any responses received will be delivered to LCC by hand.

The session will be held on Saturday 17 October at the Village Hall between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, notices to be placed on all Notice Boards prior to that date.

f) To receive Invitation to Allerton Bywater Planning Charrette, email received from David Taylor on behalf of Ashdale Land and Property Co. Ltd to an event being held on 28 September to review the potential for future development in and around Allerton Bywater (Plan of the area in question attached to the email).

Further email received, postponing the event due to Consultation on site allocation which is

taking place.

g) 15/05450 Amendment to 12/04911, addition of rear conservatory to proposed detached house. No objections have been received by the Parish Council.

14) NEW AGENDA ITEMS.

a) Remembrance Service (i) To recommend – payment of approximately £25 for purchase of wreath for Remembrance Day service.

(ii) £50 for cost of refreshments to be served at the Village Hall, after the service.

Resolved It was proposed and agreed, motion carried.

15) ENVIRONMENT

a) In Bloom. To receive report of meetings and results of judging.

Calendars are being produced to raise money for funds.

The judging results have been received and Silver Gilt has been awarded to the Parish, plus Yorkshire Rose discretionary conservation and wildlife award. Two certificates have been received, to be placed on display at the Village Hall.

b) Peasecroft Wood. To receive report.

There was nothing to report.

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

Meeting held on Tuesday 29 September, Cllr Dickinson and the Clerk attended.

This was Max Rathmell's last meeting as he is retiring from work at LCC. It is unknown if any more meetings will take place.

Sean Flecsher and Nigel Robinson will be dealing with matters in future, Tony Stringwell the contact point.

It is hoped the transfer from Harworth Estates to St Aidans Trust will take place soon.

It was reported that the waste cell is still producing some gas and leakage

Vegetation clearance has taken place on the islands, lots of volunteer help received.

There is a lot of giant hogweed on the site which has hopefully been dealt with.

The fencing on the hillside which was erected 11 years ago is rotten and is to be replaced with new fencing which has a 30 year lifespan.

d) Wild flower Meadow.

i) To receive progress report.

The grass has been cut, baled and removed.

The Parish field next to the Primary School on Preston Lane has also been cut, but the hedges are in a very bad and overgrown state. Part of the hedge is growing over the footpath, along with nettles, which is where the children walk to the school.

This is to be dealt with as soon as possible.

e) Preston Corner. To receive progress report.

As some weeds have appeared, the Gardener is to spray them

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

These are to be checked on the walk

g) Onshore Oil and Gas licences. To consider email received from Cllr Mark Dobson.

After discussion it was agreed that reply be sent to Cllr Dobson, thanking him for informing the Parish Council of this matter and request that they be kept in the loop regarding this matter.

It was also agreed to mention the amount of heavy mining which had taken place in this area in

the past, leaving a large number of mineshafts.

15:1 Allotments To receive reports.

A skip had been delivered on site by LCC, which is now full.

16) FINANCE: AUG/SEPT 2015

To recommend payment of:-

a) Clerks salary and expenses

Salary August 2015 £160.00

Expenses:

Postage. £ 3.20

Stationery £ 2.40

Total £165.60

Clerks Salary September 2015 £160.00

Postage 0.64

Sundries 1.99

Total £162.63

b)Other Cheques.

August Payments

Sutcliffe Play, Supply parts and labour to repair items of equipment

At St Aidans Playground. £660.23 plus vat £132.02 Total £792.14

A. Fox Services, spraying off some of the areas in the Village. £60.00

Section 137 Donations

Bowers Allerton Mission, Towards the upkeep of the

Remembrance Garden £150.00

Allerton Bywater Church Committee, Towards the upkeep of

the Churchyard £150.00

September Payments.

To recommend payment of Invoices received.

PKF Littlejohn, External Audit of Accounts.

£200 plus £40 vat. Total £240.00

Section 137 Donations.

Macmillan, in lieu of Internal Audit of Accounts. £50.00

16:2 To receive record of Debit Card purchases.

There were no transactions on the Card.

Receipts.

HMRC Vat refund received. £1717.71

17. PUBLICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk to inform meeting.

a) Email received from 'Yorkshire Haven', re. Notices, donations etc.

b) White Rose Updates July, September.

- c) CPRE Fieldwork update, Newsletter.
- d) Clerks and Concils Direct.
- e) Glasdon Brochure.
- f) CPRE, Countryside Voice.

18. TRAINING COURSES and MEETINGS

To receive Information for 2015 YLCA training courses.
Understanding Planning System, Training events being held by YLCA.
Kippax and Methley Forum
Garforth and Swillington Forum
YLCA Branch Meeting
Information re. Parish and town Council seminar.

To receive report from Police Contact point meetings.
Crime figures. No attendance by the Police at the meetings.
Burglaries had taken place at the Cricket Pavillion and at Woodend Nurseries.
There had also been theft of some equipment belonging to the Gas Board from the road works.

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

Email received from resident who, when dog walking, he and his wife witnessed a fly tipping incident which they had reported to 'Fix my Street' site.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING **The next meeting will be held on 28 October 2015**

Meeting closed at 21.05 pm

Signed.....

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