

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2022

Meeting started 7pm

Present

Chairman Barry Hodgson

Clerk Adele Waddington

Councillor Andrea Beswick

Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald

Councillor Melva Burton

Councillor Mark Watts

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Jenny Purcell, one resident

Apologies accepted from: Councillor David Barritt, Councillor Ann Holmes, Councillor Clare Storey, Councillor David Storey

Minutes - It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 1st August 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Declaration of Interest - None.

County Councillors Report

Cllr Purcell advised that Lancashire County Council will not consider the request for double yellow lines along Hollin Hall owing to the low accident numbers. Both Cllr Purcell and the Clerk to request an evening site visit with an officer from the Highways department, so that they can see the issues for themselves. The Clerk has been collating evidence of the issues being incurred – this will also be sent.

Cllr Hodgson advised that farmers are being instructed to remove trees with Ash Die-Back on their property, but Lancashire County Council is not removing them from the roadside. Cllr Purcell will follow this up.

The residents request for warning signs regarding pedestrians in the road, near the Recreation Ground has been approved by Councillors. The Clerk to request this; also supported by Cllr Purcell.

Borough Councillors Update/ Colne and District Committee

- Cllr S Cockburn-Price will follow-up the issues raised at the last meeting with reference to Ball Grove and parking next to LBS.
- Cllr S Cockburn-Price advised that the developers would like to remove the condition of providing affordable housing on the site at Dean Street. Cllr S Cockburn-Price will push for this to still be included, along with the S106 monies promised for any works carried out at Lanehouse Lane playground.
- Cllr Hodgson reported to Cllr S Cockburn-Price that residents feel that they are not being supported by the Police. There has recently been an increase in quad thefts from farms, none of which have been investigated. Cllr S Cockburn-Price will raise this at the Community Safety Partnership meeting on Thursday.
- Cllr Hodgson reported that Lancashire County Council owns the land where the eroded footpath is at Wycoller (past the pump house). Now that the drain has been cleared, the banking should not erode further. The Footpaths Officer does not support diverting the footpath. Cllr S Cockburn-Price will follow this up with him.

Community Centre Trustees update

The Clerk reported that Planning Permission has been granted for the citing of two structures to the rear of the shop - one of which, will be the new Parish Council Office. Councillors approved the ordering of this as this has been a long time in the planning.

Residents Issues – No residents in attendance.

Trawden in Bloom

- New sponsorship stickers to be done on Wednesday 7th September.
- New planters for Well Head - noted
- It was resolved that the Parish Council would fund eight attendees for the North West in Bloom prize giving at £15/head.
- Meeting agenda noted – minutes in due course.

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Allotments/Garages

- It was resolved that the debt for garage removal would be factored out to a Debt Recovery Agency.
- It was resolved that Plot 42 would be used as a communal area.
- Thank you from Nick Elliot, noted.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Leo Brightley attended the meeting to see how the Council worked and the kinds of discussion that took place.

Lanehouse Lane Playground

- Kompan meeting notes, noted.
- Councillors favoured the plan with the roped dome, but felt it was too tall. The Clerk to go back to Kompan to see if there are any lower alternatives to this. Councillors asked about funding for any projects to be carried out on the playground. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council have limited access to funding for these kinds of projects, and this is why it was requested that Friends of Trawden Playground group set themselves up as a constituted group. They have far more access to grants by setting up in this way. Councillors feel that we cannot progress this project any further until Friends of Trawden Playground have advised how much money they have raised and is in the bank. The Clerk to request this information.
- Bird spikes to be installed soon.
- Cllr Hodgson will alter the fencing on the playground.
- Roundabout inspection, noted.

Clerks update

- It was resolved that the Clerks additional hours and expenses be paid.
- It was resolved that the Parish Council would adopt the General Power of Competence. The Councillors congratulated the Clerk on achieving her CiLCA qualification.
- Members of the HR Committee will start the process of the appraisal.
- It was resolved that membership to SLCC be approved.

Policies

- It was resolved that the Equality and Diversity, Dignity at Work and Sickness Absence Policies be adopted.
- It was resolved that the Parish Council would sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge.

Tram Track Access

- Apart from two minor amendments, the Licence is approved. Councillors requested that this is not sent to Mr & Mrs Harper until the contribution for installation cost disruption was agreed and paid.
- Councillors refused the offer of £3500. The Clerk to advise the Surveyor.

Parking Issues along Hollin Hall

Already discussed under County Councillor section. Cllr MacDonald suggested to Cllr Cockburn-Price that the Youth Club could be involved in doing some project over the issues being raised.

Parking problems at the entrance to Ball Grove and surrounding area

Double yellow lines are to be costed by Pendle Borough Council, for the area across from entrance to the car park, and signage is to be moved so it is more visible. Clerk to chase.

Some leaflets have been put on irresponsibly parked vehicles, and the vehicle at Cotton Tree Lane has been moved, but the vehicles at the takeaway end of Trawden Road are still parking across from the solid white line. Continue to monitor.

Support for Colne Youth Action group

It was resolved that a further £2500 be granted to Colne Youth Action Group, owing to the three activities the group runs in the Village and the reduction of anti-social behaviour.

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