

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 4th March 2019

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present

Vice Chairperson Paul Reyner

Clerk Adele Waddington

Cllr David Barritt

Cllr Beverley Robinson

Cllr Ian Hartley

Cllr Ruth Crompton

Cllr David Storey

Cllr Clare Storey

Chairperson Barry Hodgson

Cllr John Dransfield

Apologies : None

Also present: Cllr Margaret Foxley, Cllr Whipp, Simon Eyre, Adrian Lord

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 4th February 2019 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr C Storey

Declaration of Interest

Parish Council were reminded of the requirement of the member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

County Councillors Report

Cllr Whipp has raised issues about the roads in the Parish and Cllr Iddon came to view the area. Cllr Iddon realises that the roads are worse than in other parts of the County. Cllr Iddon feels that the ACO drain on Colne Road is inadequate and Cllr Whipp feels that the drainage has been neglected and the source of the issue has not been resolved. Cllr Iddon went onto Coal Pit Lane and was chocked at the state of it. Following the visit, the road has been closed for repairs. Those repairs that were done did not include where the road has been sinking for a long time at Windy Arbour corner. Cllr Whipp advised that the surface dressing on Lane House Lane is still in the schedule, but this has not yet been confirmed. The on street parking charges in Pendle have been dropped, and Cllr Whipp suggested that the Councillors check what consultations are currently in progress for budget cuts.

Cllr Hodgson advised that, twice within a week, he has had to pull cars from the ditch at the side of Wycoller Road (near the car park), as they have got too close to the edge and fallen in the ditch. He suggested that bollards are erected to make people aware of the hazard.

Cllr Whipp advised that Gareth Aspey is the new Drainage Engineer at Pendle Borough Council.

Wycoller Repairs

The repairs have still not started. Waiting for information back from Lancashire County Council.

Adele received a letter from Aron Cross asking for support in his case with Lancashire County Council and the highway through Wycoller. Cllr Hodgson lived at Parson Lee Farm for 30 years and he, along with other residents maintained the road. Since Mr Cross moved into Parson Lee, he has been pursuing LCC to try and get them to repair the road to a decent standard, but has struggled to get any commitment from them. Cllr Hodgson proposed that a letter be sent detailing the concerns that have been raised over many years and that the road is out of decent repair. Very little maintenance has been carried out by LCC and the Councillors feel that if the drainage was to be corrected, then a lot of the issues with the road could be avoided. This was seconded by Cllr Robinson. Put to vote – all in favour.

Trough at Gladstone Terrace

This issue is still on the investigations list and Cllr Whipp advised that Gareth Aspey has been appointed as the new drainage engineer at Pendle Borough Council.

Borough Councillors Update

Cllr M Foxley advised that, following the last meeting Neil Watson went to see the vast structure at the front of Hall Meadows that has not been built to the approved plan and was stunned. He has gone back to the agent to ask why it is different and the decision will appear on the portal in due course.

Cllr Foxley advised that the graffiti has been discussed at the Community Safety Partnership meetings and the suspect will be spoken to.

Steven Wilcock advised that the Police would like to hold drop in surgeries at the library.

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Cllr Foxley spoke about the Community Investment Fund. There is over £6000 in this fund so Councillors were asked to think if there are any projects that this fund could be used for. Cllr Foxley to check when the closing date for bids is.

Cllr Dransfield asked about the boundaries for the new Boulsworth Ward as it includes some of Horsfield. These are the suggested boundaries, which will reflect the reduction of Councillors and will be implemented in 2020 when all Borough Councillors will have to be re-elected.

Community Centre Update

Steven Wilcock advised that all is going well with the shop and Community Centre. The library is being used more than ever, and plans are underway to widen the car park at the Community Centre and join both car parks to have a one way system in place. The shop car park needs resurfacing, and by the end of March 2019 funding should be in place for these projects. He asked if the Councillors would support these plans. The Councillors are happy to offer any support they can to these ventures.

There is a shield in the Community Centre that was rescued from Keith Birtwistle which has details from when Trawden Urban District Council was disbanded. This is in the smaller room.

Residents Issues

Adrian Lord attended the meeting to tell of his plans with Catlows Field that he has recently purchased. This is the field below the Rec where the bridleway runs. He feels that there is a need for a camping area and suggested that he could use the Pavilion on the Rec as part of this venture. He's willing to contribute to the maintenance/care take the Pavilion, and will be looking at a pre-planning application for change of use. He's done some improvements to the gate so the area is easier to access and has 480 trees from the Woodland Trust that he is in the process of planting. Adrian was advised to speak to Pendle Borough Council regarding use of the Pavilion.

Simon Eyre attended the meeting regarding the planning application for Black Carr Mill. He's having issues with the Environment Agency who require an 8m easement at the back of the site for maintenance of the beck wall. CRS would prefer to take the wall down and build an embankment, but this is up for discussion. The site was included in the approved Neighbourhood Plan with conditions. The decision on the site should have been on 7th February, but is still on-going. CRS have submitted a report to the EA with the flood risk mitigation where they are suggesting permeable hard standing soak away, and the houses have been raised by 300mm. Cllr Hodgson suggested contacting Andrew Stephenson MP should he require high level intervention. Steven Wilcock advised that River Street and Skipton Road haven't flooded since the weir was removed, and the last time it did flood was 80 years ago. In the Christmas 2015 storms, a wall was washed away, and with much pressure from residents, this was replaced to a high standard and the Environment Agency come down the beck every 2 years to clear overgrown vegetation and ensure there are no obstructions. This should also help with the flooding situation.

Matters Arising

Lengthsman/NWIB

Cllr Robinson is looking at a raised planter for the area on Boulsworth Drive. The one that has been seen is £10,000, so she will see if there is someone local who could quote for producing something very similar. She will ask Jewsons if they are willing to donate any of the components required. Adele is still chasing permission from Together Housing.

Cllr Robinson has booked the willow weaving which will take place behind the library on 13th and 14th March from 10am – 4pm.

Cllr Robinson has ordered plants for outside the Community Centre which will be red to celebrate 40 since the building opened.

The Lengthsman has cleared the gully from Rookwood to Hill Top and cleared the drain. He has done a great job and this should stop a lot of the water running across the road.

Colne and District Committee meeting

Cowfield Farm – The agricultural consultant's report has been received and is being reviewed.

Scar Top Mill – ongoing

Park Cottages enforcement – this property is now up for sale

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Track at Back Lane – planning application required by 25/2/19

Stable Cottage, Far Wanless – Application submitted not valid further submission before 1/3/19

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Dransfield will pick up on the local list and will contact Gillian Greenwood.

18 parishes have been invited to an event on 15th April to discuss the pros and cons of creating a Plan. This will be lead by Pendle Council with input from Cllr Dransfield.

Allotments/Garages

All seems to be good at the allotments. Adele to ask John Whiteside for some more chipped bark. The collection area is working well now.

Cllr D Storey has offered plot 33 to Mark Whiteoak who has accepted this. Adele to organise the invoice, agreement etc.

Recreation Ground/Ball Grove

Pendle Council have repaired the fence around the car park, and David Hodgson has agreed to move the gate to its new position, and put chicken wire around the bottom of the fence to stop dogs running through the fence.

Cllrs D&C Storey attended the Friends of Ball Grove meeting and they have asked whether they could use the Lengthsman to supervise them on their 'work days'. He would have to provide the hand tools, and the group would be working under the Lengthsman's insurance. Adele to check with Andrew would be happy with this or not.

With the increase in contribution raising to 75% this year, and 100% next year, Adele feels that talks should start with Pendle Council as to how the transfer of ownership would be handled as not all of the park is within our Parish. Adele to contact Philip Mousdale and ask what the procedure is and how the issues with boundaries can be resolved before April 2020.

CCTV at Wycoller Car Park

The CCTV has now been completed and the app has been downloaded to Adele's phone. Cllr Margaret Foxley will ensure the Community Safety Partnership group know that it is up and running should any footage be required.

Wall Near Bankfield Street

Andrew Crawshaw has carried out the repairs.

Christmas Decorations – Cotton Tree

As there has been no progress on this, Cllr Dransfield suggested that all interested parties could meet at 6.30pm before the next meeting on 1st April.

Tree Survey

Adele has received the quote back from Bowland Tree Consultancy who have quoted £802 + VAT for the whole parish to be surveyed and a report produced. Cllr Robinson proposed that we should pursue this. Seconded by Cllr D Storey, put to vote – all in favour.

Parish Council Elections

Adele attended a briefing regarding the Parish Council elections in May. Papers were distributed to all Councillors with instructions. These must be completed and hand delivered to Nelson Town Hall before the closing date should the Councillors wish to stand again. If there is 10 or less application, an election will not be necessary.

Parish Matters

Cllr Robinson feels that the Poetry Garden Plaques should be re-painted. Adele to get quotes.

Planning Applications

None

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Correspondence

Notice of a meeting of the Special Budget Policy and Resources Committee on 12th February 2019
Notification of a meeting of the Council Housing Scrutiny Task Group, to be held on Wednesday 13th February.
Community Safety Partnership meeting minutes received
Offer received for a Parish Map to be produced for us for £500 which shows the landmarks, footpaths, local businesses etc.
Opportunity to comment on the Community Infrastructure Levy for Bradford City Council
Weekly Winter Bulletins received from Lancashire County Council
Email received from Aron Cross updating the Parish Council on the state of the road at Wycoller
Quote for Tree Survey's received from Bowland Tree Consultancy
Minute of the Friends of Ball Grove meeting received
Meeting of the Council to be held on 26th February 2019 where the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood Plan will be officially adopted by Pendle Borough Council
Consultation for the reduction of the number of Borough Councillors received. Forwarded to all Councillors
Agenda received for the Community Safety Partnership meeting on 7th March.
Paper copy received of the Household Recycling Centre Consultation for Pendle
Planning applications delegated list for February received.

Finance

Bank transfer of £412.50 approved for Andrew Crawshaw for Lengthsman Duties

Meeting closed 9.50pm – next meeting Monday 1st April 6.30pm at Cotton Tree

Meeting dates 2019: 13th May, 3rd June, 1st July, No meeting in August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December

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