



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2022

Meeting started 7pm

Present

Chairman Barry Hodgson

Clerk Adele Waddington

Councillor Eleanor Jolley

Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald

Councillor Melva Burton

Councillor Malcolm Pate

Councillor David Barritt

Councillor Ann Holmes

Councillor Leo Brightley

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Jenny Purcell, 1 resident, Nick Elliott

Apologies accepted from: Councillor Andrea Beswick, Councillor Mark Watts

Minutes - It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 7th November 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Declaration of Interest – Cllr Brightley declared an interest in Bus Shelters.

County Councillors Report

Cllr Purcell advised that the works on Burnley Road have been completed, and that she hasn't received any further resolutions to the outstanding items; these will be chased.

The Clerk asked that the give way markings at the junction of Burnley Road and Colne Road be reinstated urgently as this is a hot-spot for people not stopping at the junction.

Borough Councillors Update/ Colne and District Committee

Cllr S Cockburn-Price advised that there is a new Officer at Lancashire County Council who is head of Speed Indication Devices. They are writing new policies and liaising with Colne Town Council, who will look after the new devices.

The issue with the planning system is due to be resolved on 8th December at the next Full Council meeting. It looks like it will revert to the last system where each District Committee will discuss and make final decisions, should this be required. The planning department may have their powers to make delegated decisions restored.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price gives her apologies for not being able to attend the Christmas Tree Lights Switch on. Officers are to visit Becks Close this week, to take an on-site look at the planned extension to one of the properties.

The issues with untaxed vehicles parking at Cotton Tree Tram Tracks appears to be getting better.

The parking at Trawden Road and Winewall junction is progressing slowly, but a Police Officer is on the case.

Community Centre Trustees update

Cllr Barritt advised that Bev Robinson gave an overview of how Trawden in Bloom works, at the recent committee meeting. The trustees seemed keen to take this under their umbrella, but further conversations have since happened, and they are not now very keen to offer any transfer.

Thanks were conveyed to the Community Centre Trustees for supplying the plants for the muck spreader.

Residents Issues

A resident attended to raise his concerns about the proposed planning application for a stable at a field near to the Recreation Ground. There appears to be anomalies with the previous planning applications, and there were multiple applications for variations on the same theme. Some of which were withdrawn.

Trawden in Bloom

- Budget figures noted.

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Allotments

- Nick Elliott attended the meeting to give an update from the Trawden Forest Allotment Association. He reported that the bonfire went well and the identified administration issues are being dealt with, so that the system runs smooth. They are looking at funding and grants. A new map is to be created to show where each plot is. The current terms and conditions will remain and any proposed alterations will be put to the Council. A maintenance group has been formed so that there is a group to help maintain the whole site with general upkeep. The Association are in the process of opening their own bank account.
- Cllr Hodgson reported that the repairs to the Parish Council owned part of the road to the rear of Cotton Tree Lane had been completed. Councillors thanked Cllr Hodgson and the volunteers involved.

New Youth Initiative

Cllr S Cockburn-Price has had a very interesting conversation with a lady, who is very well connected with various youth organisations and schools and has ambitions to try and help with the issues being experienced everywhere. She would like to work closely with school and all youth sectors.

Budget 2023/4

The initial proposals for the budget were approved. Final resolution at the January meeting when the Council Tax calculator is received.

Lanehouse Lane Playground

It was resolved that the junior swing structure legs be repaired, the structure painted and safety surfacing be repaired with the kit to be provided by Let's Play Everywhere. Waiting information whether it is possible to have a basket swing. The infant swings will be painted.

Clerks update

It was resolved that the Clerks expenses be paid.

New Parish Council Office

The groundwork quotes have been approved. The Clerk has instructed these works. Delivery of new office early/mid-January. All progressing.

Tram Track Access

No response from our solicitor as yet. Cheque for £40 received from Electricity North West for ground rent for cables.

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 has chased.

Lengthsman

It was resolved that £40 be spent on spring flowering bulbs for the tram tracks. Cllr S Cockburn-Price to advise the Clerk what to purchase.

Ball Grove

It was resolved that the Clerk collate all the queries and put in a table to distribute to Councillors.

It was resolved that the Parish Council is still not in a position to accept this transfer with the outstanding information requests.

Minutes of meetings with café tenant and Friends of Ball Grove, noted.

Christmas Lights Switch on

All prepared for Thursday 8th December. Risk assessment complete. Councillors to receive a copy of Risk Assessment and attend, if possible, to support the Clerk and Cllr Barritt. Donation of 24 selection boxes received.

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Remembrance Day

The road closure was a success. No reports of verbal abuse to marshals. Clerk to write to bus company as bus reversed during 2 minutes silence.

Bus Shelters

It was resolved that the glass be removed in the bus shelter at Gladstone Terrace and Hopkinson Terrace, and the Clerk will advise if any complaints are received.

Nomination for School Governor

It was resolved that Cllr Jolley contact either Ruth Crompton or Mr Stinchon at school, to discuss this role. Cllr Jolley to report back at the next meeting.

Recreation Ground

Minutes of the first Recreation Ground meeting noted. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Kate Holt to see if she would be interested in joining a Management Committee.

Planning Applications

APPLICATION: **22/0780/FUL**. PROPOSAL: Full: Construction of stable block comprising of tack room and feed store. AT: Field Number 3565 Lane Top Winewall. Councillors feel that this proposed structure is over development of this site. The recently erected building is large enough for the size of the field for agricultural purposes. Councillors are also concerned that this is proposed equestrian development on agricultural status land.

Appeal for 13 Back Lane, Trawden

Further to the APPEAL_STATEMENT-927460 from Middleton Top Architects:

Whilst this document identifies many sites within the conservation area as examples of other applications that may be considered to have a more detrimental impact - none of them are actually within a "site of settlement character area"; most were carried out prior to the Trawden Forest Neighbourhood plan (TFNP) being published and one example is actually identified as a Housing Site Allocation in the TFNP (to meet, the housing requirement for Trawden Forest as set out in the Pendle Local Plan)

The appeal document fails to fully quote from the TFNP. On page 18 it only shows the wording in bold (below). Once the whole paragraph is seen, it is apparent that the TFNP policy was actually created to include these sites in order to retain a means of limiting the impact of development.

6.1.4 Policy 12 of the Replacement Pendle Local Plan (2001-2016) identified two areas of land, at Back Lane and Dean Street, and designated them as Sites of Settlement Character. (See Appendix 2G). The Pendle Core Strategy (2011-2030) and emerging Local Plan Part 2 no longer include a policy for Sites of Settlement Character. The purpose of this TFNP policy is to create its own list and retain a means of limiting the impact of development in these two and other areas of special character.

Application 22/0644/HHO. Full: External alterations to windows and doors in front elevation, insertion of 2 new rooflights and a sun pipe in rear roof 2 Chapel Close Trawden Colne Lancashire BB8 8QZ.

There is no mention of parking in the application. The property is changing from a 2 bed to 3 bed and whilst there is no change in the recommended number (min 2 recommended 3), we need to be assured that the existing qualification is satisfied.

There is currently no consistency in frontage design on this site and one has the entrance door to the side. Councillors see no issue with changing the design of the frontage of this dwelling.

Outline application for Upper Rough – Cllr S Cockburn-Price asked the Parish Council if they felt it important that, although not a statutory consultee on this application, whether they felt it had a big enough negative impact for us to comment. It was resolved that the Clerk should respond. Response sent: Although Trawden Forest Parish Council is not a consultee on this application, Councillors thought it important that we object to the proposals within this application.

Any further development of 'The Rough', would be highly visible from many vantage points within the Trawden Conservation Area. It will have a detrimental effect on the status of the long-range views from many areas of the parish.

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Correspondence

Both items of correspondence noted.

Cllr Hodgson attended the Colne and District Committee meeting last week, and spoke about the issues with the footpath corrosion past the Pump House at Wycoller. The Chairman and Clerk drafted a letter outlining the past issues and this was presented to the Councillors. It was resolved that this letter be sent.

Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

Clerk's expenses	£5.40
Clerk's additional hours	2.75hrs
Installation of Electricity supply for the defibrillator at White Lee Head club (paid)	£152
Lengthsman November hours	£232.50
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath	£20
Reimbursement to Cllr Hodgson – lights and cable Xmas tree at Cotton Tree, stone	£80.02

Meeting closed 9.20pm – next meeting – Budget only meeting - Monday 16th January 2023 at 7pm.

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