



Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th August 2023

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present

Chairman Barry Hodgson

Clerk Adele Waddington

Councillor Eleanor Jolley

Councillor David Barritt

Councillor Malcolm Pate

Councillor Philippa Osborne

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

Apologies accepted from: Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald, Councillor Ann Holmes, Councillor Andrea Beswick, Councillor Mark Watts, Councillor Melva Burton.

Minutes - It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd July 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Declaration of Interest –None

County Councillors Report

Cllr Purcell asked the Clerk to forward the response regarding sections of road at Hollin Hall and Bouslworth Drive, and will ask Lancashire County Council to reconsider their inspection.

Cllr Hodgson reported that the problem grid, above the Vicarage on Burnley Road appears to be running, but overflows significantly when there is heavy rain. Cllr Purcell to report.

Cllr Purcell noticed the collapsed wall just above CNC Support. She will report this as it belongs to Lancashire County Council.

Cllr Osborne reported a stone that has been placed in the highway at around 24 Hollin Hall. There are concerns that it could create an incident, especially when it is dark. Cllr Purcell will ask Lancashire County Council to remove.

Borough Councillors Update/ Colne and District Committee

Cllr S Cockburn-Price advised that the barn at Wycoller is still closed due to repairs that are needed. Cllr Goulthorp is pursuing this with Lancashire County Council.

A resident has reported overgrown edges and the poor state of highway bollards on the road to Wycoller. Cllr S Cockburn-Price has reported this.

Concerns have been raised about the debris at Brook Mill House. The owner will be spoken to and asked to tidy up.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price has reported street signs and a lamppost that needs repainting at Colne Road, Bright Terrace and Hill Top.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price has delivered a number of leaflets for Friends of Ball Grove, and has been chatting to residents, about issues they may have.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price would like to schedule another Grot Spot Walk. The Clerk to add to the next agenda.

It was reported that the planning applications from Colne Road and Parson Lee Farm were refused at the Colne and District Committee meeting.

A resident raised concerns to the Clerk, about the damage to trees around the Cotton Tree area. Cllr S Cockburn-Price has already reported this.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has allocated extra funding for Operation Centurion to tackle drug crime.

Community Centre Trustees update

Cllr Barritt confirmed that he has resigned as a Trustee.

The new portacabin has arrived, and is not yet in use. Cllr Hodgson wondered whether the Old Codgers can use this to meet on a Friday afternoon. Cllr Pate will ask the Trustees.

Residents Issues

A resident has reported, via Cllr Osborne their concern in the increase in vehicle crime. Cllr S Cockburn-Price advised that the Police are well aware of this, and are taking measures to catch the perpetrator.

Trawden in Bloom

- Budget figures noted.
- Cllr Barritt to arrange another meeting with the team.

Clerks update - It was resolved that the Clerks expenses and additional 3.75 hours, be paid.

Lanehouse Lane Playground

- Councillors noted that Leo Brightley will paint the swing sets and benches.
- Prices and drawings will be available, for the next meeting, from the play equipment company with whom Cllr Holmes and the Clerk met. Meeting with another supplier is imminent.
- Councillors noted that the new entrance sign has been installed.

Ball Grove

- The Clerk has received confirmation from the Solicitor, that Pendle Borough Council have agreed to move forward with the transfer, using the Parish Council's revised version of the transfer document.
- Cllr's Hodgson and Pate will attend the next Friends of Ball Grove meeting.
- Cllr S Cockburn-Price has received complaints of dog fouling and food-associated waste on Ball Grove. She is in conversation with Friends of Ball Grove and Pendle Borough Council to see how best to deal with this.

Dog Fouling Campaign

- Councillors noted that the Clerk had not received a response regarding any fines that have been issued on the route suggested.
- The Clerk has purchased 8 cans of friendly spray paint, for Councillors to highlight dog fouling. These will be distributed at the September meeting.

Tram Tracks Access to field - Ongoing

Policies for review

It was resolved that the new Reserves Policy and revised Community Engagement Strategy be adopted.

Training Opportunities

It was resolved that Cllr's Osborne and Barritt will attend the Planning Training, and Cllr's Jolley and Osborne attend the Neighbourhood Plan training. The Clerk to book these.

Planning Applications

Application 23/0481/FUL Field Number 3565 Lane Top Winewall Full: Construction of a stable block, tack room and feed store and change of use of land to equestrian use. Councillors object to this application, as, from the maps supplied, the area which has been requested to be change of use to equine, is certainly not large enough for the number of horses proposed. There should be, at least 1.5 acres of land, per horse. Councillors are concerned about the welfare of the animals, as they believe that there is no fresh water supply to this field.

There are too many stables for the area, which creates over-development of the land within his ownership. The building is far too large for the site; especially as it already has an agricultural building on it. Councillors are aware that the appeal to keep this is still outstanding.

This development will not preserve the openness of the greenbelt land, on which this site sits.

Application 23/0447/FUL Pavilion Recreation Ground Keighley Road Trawden Full: Siting of a storage container (20ft x 8ft), next to the Pavilion Trawden recreation ground. Councillors can understand the need for the extra storage, but would like to see that this is a temporary structure with a 3-year agreement, and some screening be added.

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Applications 23/0473/HHO and 23/0474/LBC 25 Colne Road Trawden Colne BB8 8NX Full: Demolition of existing UPVC rear single storey extension and the erection of a rear single storey extension with the addition of a flat roof over existing kitchen and the proposed extension. Councillors feel that the proposed extension is not in-keeping with the listed building status of this property. It appears to be very large and significantly impairs the purpose of the listing of the whole building. Although it is to the rear of the property, the position of the proposed extension would be fully visible from the approach on Colne Road.

- It was resolved that the Parish Council delegate the formal response to the Local Plan (4th edition) consultation to Cllr's Osborne, Jolley, Barritt and Pate, who agreed to meet on Monday 14th August to formulate this response. Cllr S Cockburn-Price will also attend this meeting.

Correspondence

- It was resolved that an inspection of the garage area, at Cotton Tree, will be carried out before the next meeting, and a decision regarding the grass will be made at a future meeting.
- It was resolved that the Parish Council cannot participate in any discussions around parking problems being raised around Little Buttercups Nursery. The Parish Council objected to the initial plans, stating that there was a lack of parking, in an already congested area, but were assured there would be minimal impact on the traffic and residents. The Clerk to respond and highlight that Lancashire County Council are the authority for highways, and that Lambert Street, and land on most surrounding streets is owned by the Margaret Chadwick Trust, and most are maintained at resident's expense.
- It was resolved that the tree at the bus terminus be trimmed. The Clerk to contact John Whiteside and ask him to carry out the works, when he is able to.
- It was resolved that the Community Payback Scheme be re-looked at, in May 2024.
- Councillors noted the letter from Leo Brightley regarding works carried out on bus shelters.

Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

Clerk's expenses - Mileage	£7.20
Clerk's additional hours	3.75 hrs
Lengthsman hours – hours to be confirmed by Clerk at meeting	£637.50
Grass Cutting Contract x 3	£525
Trawden Forest Community Centre – Office Electricity (paid)	£2.87
Society of Local Council Clerks Membership	£222
Milton Roberts – Roundabout repair	£325
Andrew Crawshaw – Roundabout repair Inc. consumables	£345
Milton Roberts – Playground swing repairs	£100
Andrew Crawshaw – Playground swing repairs Inc. consumables	£120
ITUS Security – SIM card and Annual Maintenance Contract renewal	£780
Mercer Print – Upstand signs	£81
Bounceback Safety Surfacing – repair kit for Lanehouse Playground	£90

Meeting closed 9.05pm

Next meeting Monday 4th September 2023 - commencing at 7.00pm at Trawden Forest Community Centre, Church Street.

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