

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 2nd December 2019

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present

Chairperson Barry Hodgson	Vice Chairperson Paul Reyner	Clerk Adele Waddington
Councillor Beverley Robinson	Councillor Andrea Beswick	Councillor Ruth Crompton
Councillor David Barritt	Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald	Councillor Craig McBeth

Apologies

Councillor David Storey, Councillor Clare Storey, Borough Councillor Margaret Foxley

Also present: Cllr David Whipp (left 7.20pm), Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Jennifer Purcell

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 4th November 2019 were approved. Proposed by Cllr MacDonald, seconded by Cllr Robinson

Declaration of Interest

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

Wycoller Repairs

Nothing to report

Trough at Gladstone Terrace

Gareth from Pendle Council has contacted United Utilities and they have agreed to put a camera in the drain where the water from the trough is supposed to drain. The pipe is roughly 2' diameter and is 90% full of water at all times. The equipment Gareth has is not big enough to travel along the pipe with this much water in. I suggested he talk to Mr Braithwaite in the quarry to see if he has any knowledge of who owns the pipe or has anything that might be able to help solve the problem. I suggested joining the trough into the highway. He's going to think about that and see if it's a possibility. He's concerned that with the amount of water escaping onto the highway that the trough and road are being undermined.

Adele has sent in photos and videos of Colne Road and Burnley Road to Lancashire County Council so that they can see how much water is running the whole length of Burnley Road and causing the flooding issues on Colne Road. Gareth from Pendle Council is going to raise this on the Making Space for Water panel and see if a way forward can be agreed. He's concerned about the undermining of the Church wall and the lack of water going into the surface water drains the whole length of Burnley Road. He thinks that there should be a ditch at the side of the road to allow excess water to travel to the right places to drain away. When the next heavy rainfall occurs, he's going to dye test at the top of Burnley Road to see where and whether the water is draining. How much is getting from the top of Burnley Road to Colne Road? He suspects a significant amount. LCC have ordered works to check and clean all the gullies on both Burnley Road and Colne Road by 5th December. Cllr Hodgson advised that the gully sucker has been and done some works on Burnley Road, but feels that there are more issues with the drains underneath the road. Cllr Whipp advised that the Making Space for Water meeting is a couple of months off yet.

Cllr Whipp advised that the task and finishing group regarding flooding has had their last meeting and they have asked for additional resources on highways issues regarding drainage.

Borough Councillors Update

Cllr Hodgson welcomed Cllr Purcell back to the meeting.

Cllr Cockburn-Price attended the climate change meeting. Instead of improving some of the terraced houses around Pendle, it was suggested that these be demolished and replaced. This was not very well received. Concerns were raised that the District Enforcement Team fines are taking money out of the local economy, but the contract with them has helped Pendle Council focus on the bigger fly tipping issues and has brought some revenue back into the Council. Cllr Cockburn-Price suggested that there should be a meeting with the 'Friends of' groups to see what positive impact the enforcement team has had on the parks. Pendle Council have advised that they will think about the suggestions put forward by Cllr Cockburn-Price and it will be discussed at

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the Policy and Resources Committee meeting in January.

Community Centre Update

Community Centre Trustees have purchased a new set of lights for the Christmas Tree at the Community Centre. Letter of thanks needs to be sent.

Cllr Barritt advised that a group of volunteers attended an award ceremony in Blackpool and received an award from the Plunkett Foundation. All appears to be going well with both the library/shop and Community Centre.

Matters Arising

Lengthsman/Grass Cutting Contract

Andrew's knee operation went well. Adele to keep the Lengthsman and grass cuttings contracts separate. Adele to write a contract for grass cutting and issue to Andrew Crawshaw

NWIB

Innova Solutions have given Trawden in Bloom a donation of £150. Thank you email sent.

Cllr Robinson advised that the report has been received from the North West in Bloom team and the group has been awarded 89%. There were comments commending the Parish and how they work together so well. Some of the team attended a tea party with the Mayor who talked a lot about the Borough's carbon footprint and how to take responsibility for your own carbon footprint. Following the conversation last month about the multi compartment recycling bins, Cllr Robinson will contact other areas who currently have these in use and ask how they are monitored. Cllr Cockburn-Price thinks that these should be transparent.

Colne and District Committee meeting

There is nothing concerning Trawden on the agenda for the next meeting.

Local List

A meeting about the Local List has taken place. Members have divided up the interested buildings and areas and will gather information to complete the pro forma created by PBC. Next meeting, end January depending on progress. Cllr Cockburn-Price suggested adding Oak Cottage and Moorland Cottage. Adele to advise John Dransfield.

Allotments/Garages

The new tenant of AV4 at Colne Road has paid the rent until 31st March 2020 and agreed a price with the seller. Garage has been emptied and keys have been handed over.

Adele has given Cllr's D&C Storey information regarding creating an Allotment Association.

Recreation Ground/Ball Grove

Adele has received responses from the questions raised to Pendle Council about Ball Grove and this was sent out to all Parish Councillors. No further news on the Winewall barrier as yet. Barrier at top car park has been repaired and Pendle Council feel that it's now fit for purpose.

The Council have been advised the EAG are moving out of the building, so Adele and Cllr Hodgson to contact Tracy at the cafe to see if she is interested in extending.

Adele to get initial costs for the maintenance work on Ball Grove including the bin emptying. This is currently done 3 times a week.

Budget

The budget figures for the current financial year was issued to the Councillors and proposals have been put forward for the next year. The budget meeting is to take place on 20th January in order for the 2020/21 budget and precept to be agreed.

Assets of Community Value

The doctor's surgery and the land is owned by Dr Arshad – they think it is registered as one parcel of land.

They have also confirmed that they are happy with the work carried out on the garden area.

Pendle Council are yet to respond to the documents sent into them to register our suggestions.

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Swim Passes

Swim pass questionnaire results sent out to all. Adele suggested that the onus be put back onto Pendle Leisure and ask them to collate the names, house number, postcode, number of children swimming and submit to us at the end of each holiday period for us to pay for. There are a lot of responses that state children get a free swim pass anyway. We could negotiate a reduced rate instead of paying full price. The idea was welcomed by the Councillors, and Cllr Crompton proposed that Adele to write to Mary Thomas with the idea, seconded by Cllr MacDonald. All in favour.

Meeting Dates for 2020

20th Jan – Budget meeting, 3rd Feb, 2nd March, 6th April, 11th May, 1st June, 6th July, No meeting in August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December.

Parish Matters

Pendle Borough Council has confirmed that they are repairing the parapet wall at Cotton Tree (behind Holme Street) with money from another budget.

I have spoken to Gareth at Pendle Council regarding the recent flooding of the footpath from the rear of the Sun Inn to the school. He's been and looked and believes that the culvert that runs down the back of Weavers Court is the issue. He has obtained permission from the home owners to gain access to survey it and clear if needed.

The Christmas Tree at Cotton Tree has been planted. Cllrs D&C Storey have sourced the lights. Christmas Stars and the tree lights have been done.

The new notice board has been erected at the entrance to Ball Grove and is already in use.

Cllr MacDonald advised that Tony Stansfield is currently gathering information on the names on the War Memorial. She asked whether this information can be stored on the Parish Council website. Cllr Crompton proposed that this important information be stored, seconded by Cllr Reyner. All in favour.

Cllr MacDonald raised the issue of dog fouling. It appears to be an issue when the darker nights come. It was suggested that Adele purchase some cans of fluorescent paint so that the fouling can be highlighted. A photo then needs to be taken and emailed to the Clerk with its location so it can be publicised.

Cllr Cockburn-Price has reported some street signs in need of painting. Cllr MacDonald asked for Becks Crossing and Bank Street to be done. Adele highlighted the issues of Church View not being on maps and asked for another sign at the bottom of the row. Cllr Cockburn-Price will follow this up. Cllr McBeth asked for some new signs. He will give Adele the information and locations which she will send on to Pendle Council. Following the incident at the War Memorial on Remembrance Day, Adele advised that the Police have spoken to a suspect who denied any knowledge, but there have been no incidents since.

Cllr Crompton advised that, as part of her School Governor role, she has been asked to join the Standards and Curriculum Committee. She also advised that school are very grateful for the donation towards their stage.

Planning Applications

Planning Appeal: Cowfield Farm Burnley Road Trawden Proposed Development: Full: Retention of a single storey agricultural workers dwelling (Retrospective). Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/E2340/W/19/3237575. Local Authority Appeal Ref: 19/0014/AP/REFUSE. Planning Application Ref: 18/0043/FUL

The Parish Council has already furnished the Planning department with information regarding the farm, the apparent redundant property that was tied to the farm. This tie was removed and the property was subsequently sold as Mr Airey stated he no longer required this property. There are 2 properties currently on the site; a farm house and cottage. These homes should be used by Mr Airey if he is farming this land as he states. The property has been applied for retrospectively, which is disappointing, as this is not how the planning system is supposed to work. It can be seen from various points throughout the village; from Shelfield Road and from footpaths across the parish. It has been built within a conservation area, and its style is not in-keeping with its surroundings. The Parish Council feel that there is a query over the viability of the business, and this property has been built in the hope that nobody would notice it and he would be allowed to keep it. This should not be allowed.

APPLICATION: 19/0750/FUL PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of 5 two-storey dwellings. AT: Land To The South Of Green Meadow Trawden FOR: Foster Building Contractors Ltd

The plans state that the proposed properties are 2 storey, when they are actually 3 storey properties. They sit on the top of the land and look very out of place especially next to the bungalows. The vista from across the valley, Burnley Road, the Church is spoiled by this development. The gutters and downpipes should be metal and not plastic as we are in a conservation area. If this development is passed and built, building control should ensure they are built to the plans passed, ie in the right place, from the right materials. Plot 8 shows walls on the plans where the owner of that property would access the garage. They should be dug into the site so that they are certainly no higher than the ones that have already been built. There is massing in the corner plots (7-10). They will struggle to park on an already busy site (even though there are currently only 2 additional properties). The sizes of the garages should be the sizes as recommended in the neighbourhood plan so that they can actually be used for parking vehicles. All windows and doors should be wooden. Cllr Cockburn-Price to call this in to the Colne and District Committee meeting as there are many issues raised.

APPLICATION: 19/0756/HHO PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of detached domestic garage. AT: Lodge Holme Skipton Road Trawden FOR: Mr Dave Shepherd. The Councillors found it very difficult to follow the plans submitted. There were no finished dimensions on the drawings. Cllr Cockburn-Price to follow this up with the planning department. The Councillors raised issues about a pre-fabricated garage in a conservation area, the proposed plastic windows and doors and the Councillors would like to do a site visit to see the location of the existing buildings it is replacing.

Correspondence

Message of thanks from the Mayor and Mayoress received to those who participated in Remembrance Sunday Services across Pendle

Email response received from Pendle Borough Council advising that the contractor will do some further work on the problem path at Ball Grove as it is problematic due to the water flowing down here in really heavy rain

Confirmation received from the Environment Agency that they will remove the tree in the river across from Gladstone Terrace

Thank you message received from Sheila Walker and Lisa Burnham, the Church Wardens for the traffic management arrangements put in place and executed on Remembrance Sunday.

Thank you letter received from Trawden School for the donation towards the stage.

Lancashire Police Business Crime newsletter received

Policy and Resources Committee agenda received for the meeting on 21st November 2019.

Letter received from Lancashire County Council advising that the points Cllr Hodgson put in his letter to them regarding the road from Wycoller to Parson Lee will be taken into consideration before any decision is made.

Copy of email received from Jerry Stanford to LCC Parking enforcement team asking for support regarding the dangerous parking and dropping off at Trawden School. This is fully supported by our Community Beat Manager, Matt Lunney.

Report received from North West in Bloom

Responses to queries received from Pendle Council regarding Ball Grove

Finance

Bank transfer of £2157 to Pendle Borough Council for Enhanced Countryside Service

Bank transfer of £13140 to Pendle Borough Council for 75% costs of maintenance at Ball Grove

Trawden in Bloom Expenditure

Bank transfer of £174.76 reimbursed to B Robinson for £14.88 at Stells, £48.76 at LBS and £111.12 at Park Lane Nurseries.

Meeting closed 9.50pm – next meeting Monday 20th January 2020 – BUDGET MEETING ONLY

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