

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 2nd March 2020

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present

Chairperson Barry Hodgson	Vice Chairperson Paul Reyner	Clerk Adele Waddington
Councillor Beverley Robinson	Councillor Andrea Beswick	Councillor Clare Storey
Councillor Craig McBeth	Councillor David Storey	

Apologies

Borough Councillor Margaret Foxley, Councillor David Barritt, Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald, Councillor Ruth Crompton

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

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd February 2020 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Robinson, 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.

Chairperson Hodgson read out an apology to all Councillors for the term that he had used at the January budget meeting. He explained that he intended the wording as a metaphor to all Councillors that everyone has a voice and should be heard at the meetings.

Some of the Declarations of Interest forms completed by Councillors have been mislaid by Pendle Council. 4 of these have already been completed and returned to the Clerk, but Cllr McBeth's appears to be the one that has not yet been returned. The Clerk asked him to complete this and return it to her ASAP as requested in the email of 3rd February.

Vote of No Confidence in the Chair

Cllr McBeth asked for this agenda item to be added following the allegation at the budget meeting in January. After the apology from Cllr Hodgson, the Clerk asked Cllr McBeth whether he still wanted to raise this vote of no confidence in the Chair; he still wanted to raise it. Cllr Hodgson thought it best that he leave the room and Cllr Reyner took over the Chair.

Cllr McBeth was asked to explain why he was raising this. He said that Cllr Hodgson had called him a piece of shit after he raised a point of order as to whether the budget meeting should be closed to the public or not. Cllr Robinson challenged Cllr McBeth about it and said that Cllr Hodgson didn't directly say that to him, and Cllr McBeth then admitted that he hadn't been named directly, but felt that it was aimed at him. Cllr Reyner explained that Cllr Hodgson had used a metaphor as he had explained, but Cllr McBeth didn't feel that what Cllr Hodgson had said was good enough, and he didn't accept it.

Cllr Reyner asked if there was a seconder to this motion, but nobody said anything. Cllr Reyner advised Cllr McBeth that the motion could not be carried and asked whether he accepted this. He said that he did. Cllr Reyner asked whether he was happy with the way that the issue had been handled; he did and he accepted that the motion was dismissed. Cllr Hodgson was invited back into the meeting and the meeting resumed.

County Councillors

Wycoller Repairs

Nothing to report

Cllr Whipp advised that the pot holes reported on Mire Ridge have still not been repaired.

Burnley Road - Cllr Hodgson gave Cllr Whipp a brief explanation of where the drains run on Burnley Road. Cllr Whipp advised that there were around 38 schemes for capital monies by Lancashire County Council for 2019/20 but only around half have been progressed. Cllr Whipp has been pressing County Council to delegate some of the works to local Councils, and the Clerk wonders whether the water coming from Burnley Road has compounded the problems with the footpath collapsing on Colne Road. The Clerk has written, once again to the County Council about the issues with Burnley Road during the heavy rain over the past couple of weeks. I have also asked Cllr Purcell to follow up on our behalf. I have copied PBC in on the email for their

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information. The Clerk received a reply advising that the area has been inspected and the gullies are clear and running. I offered our Lengthsman services to reinstate the dyke to get water off the road, but they advised that the provision of a ditch cannot be considered at this time. Cllr Purcell to follow this up. Cllr Purcell will also follow-up the request for double yellow lines on the junction of Keighley Road with Skipton Road.

Colne Road – Cllr Robinson asked about the drain at Hill Top as water appears to be escaping back onto the road where it shouldn't be. The Clerk has reported this again and the County Council have inspected the area and will carry out works necessary.

Cllr D Storey advised Cllr Whipp that the drains from Cotton Tree Lane directly into Colne Water are not able to cope with the water and it is pooling in the road.

Cllr Hodgson advised that there are 2 walls that are collapsing on Winewall and Colne Road. Lancashire County Council or Pendle Borough Council can ask land owners to repair. Cllr McBeth asked whether it would be a better approach if the Parish Council asks for these to be repaired. The Clerk will write to the land owners and ask that they be repaired within 2 months.

Cllr Hodgson asked whether it was acceptable for a resident to block a watercourse. Cllr Whipp advised that it wasn't and that all landowners further downstream accept the responsibility of water running onto their land.

Cllr McBeth raised the issue of the road at Cotton Tree Lane. Cllr Cockburn-Price has been looking at this and the Clerk has sent maps that show the area in which the road is collapsing is actually a sewer not a culvert. This is on-going.

Cllr Whipp and Cllr Reyner left at 7.30pm. Cllr Purcell left at 7.45pm.

Borough Councillors Update

Cllr Cockburn-Price thanked the Parish Council for their support at the meeting where the District Enforcement Team contract was discussed. This has been extended now, and the team are looking at engagement, education and information in order to move forward in a positive light with the public. Pendle Borough Council has received some cigarette stubbers and they are working with local businesses to engage them in making our environment a better one. Cllr Hodgson and the Clerk have a meeting with Pendle Council to discuss the needs of the Parish and hope that the Enforcement Team will patrol the problem areas more often. It was suggested that the Parish Council could do a 'local place names' post and see if people know where these are.

Matters Arising

Lengthsman/Grass Cutting Contract

The footpaths officer is happy for the step to be altered at Old Chelsea as reported at the last meeting.

Cllr Cockburn-Price thanked the Parish Council for pursuing the issues with the trough at Gladstone Terrace and is happy that the issues appear to have been resolved.

NWIB

Cllr Robinson advised that she has recently had some new volunteers who needed hi-vis vests. TextStyles have supplied these free of charge. The Clerk to thank them.

Penyards have supplied a new obelisk for outside CNC Machinery. The Clerk to thank them.

Jewsons have donated some gravel for the Peace Garden. The Clerk to thank them

Cllr Robinson advised that the group may be able to have people who are doing Community Service do some small pieces of work for them.

Cllr Robinson has been following up the recycling bins, but they are very expensive. There is a full recycling system at the Community Shop which seems to work very well.

Cllr Robinson advised that there are people interested in sponsoring some new wall boxes at Skipton Road.

The Clerk asked whether it would be better to see if everyone is still interested in sponsoring theirs before any new ones are purchased. The Councillors agreed to this. The Clerk to monitor and contact those new people in around 6 weeks time.

Trawden in Bloom have been asked to re-do the octagonal planter outside the Church. They have agreed to do this, and it will be paid for by Nick Thompson.

Cllr Cockburn-Price advised that XLCR in Colne are looking for areas for tree planting to off-set their carbon

emissions. If anyone has any suggestions, please forward to the Clerk.

The Woodland Trust is also looking for tree planting areas. The Clerk to promote this on their Facebook page and website.

The Clerk has received an application form for Parish Champions Funding received. Is this of interest to TiB? Must be submitted by 13th March 2020

Colne and District Committee meeting

Cllr Cockburn-Price will ask what the procedure is for dismissed appeals where structures must be removed.

Allotments/Garages

The Clerk contacted a resident of Cotton Tree Lane to see if she has pictures of the back street before the traffic was diverted, but she hasn't got anything. Email received from Andrew Stephenson MP advising that he will look at the issues raised regarding the back street at Cotton Tree Lane.

All allotments are now tenanted. Plots 20 and 43 need measuring to ensure I am invoicing them the correct amount. Cllrs C&D Storey to measure and pass the information to the Clerk.

Cllrs D&C Storey agreed to post the garage and allotment invoices at the beginning of April that are local to them. Cllr Cockburn-Price suggested creating a volunteer hours sheet so that we can show residents how many hours are given by the Councillors each year. The Clerk to create.

Ball Grove

A meeting has taken place with Cllr Hodgson, the Clerk, Cllr D Storey and Les from Friends of Ball Grove. They are happy that the Parish Council is taking ownership of the Park. They are pleased that they will have an area to store their equipment, although they don't have much. They have been given around £900 from Pendle Council and could spend this on new equipment. Les will price up some basic stuff that they need and report to Adele. Cllr Cockburn-Price will forward a link to Asda who support community projects up to £1200.

The Clerk has received the contacts for both the river and lake fishing rights.

Assets of Community Value

No further progress – waiting response from Pendle Borough Council

Swim Passes

The Clerk has met with the Head at school who is very receptive to the way that the new scheme will work. She cannot think of anyone that would be put off by paying for the swimming first and then claiming the money back. It is part of the curriculum that all children must be able to swim at least 25m before they leave primary school. This will be put out in a separate letter to inform all parents/ carers before the Easter holiday. The Clerk to purchase money envelopes and get cash for the reimbursements.

Code of Conduct Amendments

The Clerk handed out copies of the Code of Conduct and asked whether anyone would like to make amendments. All Councillors are happy with the current document.

Lancashire Association of Local Councils

The Parish Council were members for many years, but saw little benefit. A lot of our guidance comes from Pendle Council. The Clerk feels that the support from Pendle Council is good, but will continue to review and if the need arises, the Clerk will speak to the Councillors again.

The Clerk has the option of attending a course. Councillors left the decision of whether to attend to the Clerk. Cllr Hodgson proposed the course is taken if the timings suit the Clerk, or if she feels it should be deferred, her decision will be supported.

Lodge Moss Footpath

Cllr MacDonald sent a report and photos about the footpath. Cllr Hodgson advised that you can use the footpath but would need to walk around the problem area to avoid the slurry. Tom Partridge has moved the diversion sign and there are no firm diversions or request for diversions in place. Cllr Hodgson will check an old version of the footpath maps.

Parish Matters

Cllr McBeth asked whether there would be scope to fix the unadopted roads in the Parish. Cllr Cockburn-Price advised that, as the area is not deprived; neither Lancashire County or Pendle Borough Councils would not contribute to this idea. There was a suggestion to maybe build in something to the budget so we could match fund. Cllr Robinson thinks this is a bad idea as the Parish Council would then be responsible for maintenance of these roads and potentially the services which lie beneath. Cllr Beswick agrees it is a bad idea. The Clerk to try and work out how many unadopted roads there are in the Parish. Councillors must also realise that, even though they are unadopted by the Council, many of these are still owned by individuals whose properties abut them.

Cllr McBeth asked whether it is possible to put a map on the website with places of interest. This has been discussed at past meetings and Cllr MacDonald was looking at it. The Clerk to ask where she is up to on this project.

Cllr C Storey advised that a neighbour had found drug paraphernalia near to their property. The Clerk to check whether it has been reported to the Police and send the details to Cllr Cockburn-Price to bring up at the Community Safety Partnership meeting.

The footpath at the bottom of Colne Road next to the lamp post has collapsed. The Clerk spoke to Pendle Borough Council about this and prioritised the problem as you can see under the wall into the beck. Pendle Council have inspected the site and report the seriousness of this to LCC. The lamppost has been removed and the bridge engineer is looking to see if there is any damage.

Planning Applications

Planning Appeal: 17 White Lee Avenue Trawden Colne. Proposed Development: Full: Erection of a detached dwelling house with garage. Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/E2340/W/20/3244277. Local Authority Appeal Ref: 20/0001/AP/REFUSE. Planning Application Ref:19/0430/FUL

Mr S. Hardman has appealed to the Secretary of State against the Council's refusal of the above planning application.

Comments: The Parish Council still supports the comments made on the original planning application that was refused by Pendle Borough Council.

Enforcements Reported

Re: Alleged unauthorised erection of garage to rear. Location: 1 Skipton Road Trawden Colne. Case Ref: PLE/20/0206

Re: Alleged unauthorised extension of garage. Location: Lyndene Lane House Lane Trawden. Case Ref: PLE/20/0180. This case has been closed as there was no evidence of any breach of planning control found at the premises at the time of the site visit.

Correspondence

Email received from Tom Partridge advising that he agrees that the Lengthsman can make amendments to the problem step at Old Chelsea.

Letter received from Royal Air Force regarding the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

Invitation to attend the Local Association of Local Council's Spring Conference on 25th April at Hallmark Leyland Hotel

Email received from Tom Partridge regarding footpath 229, Job Lane. He will inspect the trees that have been recently planted and contact the owner of the field should there be any issues. Reference number 8101.

Information received for the Great British Spring Clean. Trawden in Bloom have already set a date for the litter pick

Email response received from Karen Pugh; unfortunately, she does not have any images of the rear of Cotton Tree Lane before the gas works were carried out.

Letter received from The Post Office giving details of the new service running from the shop/library starting on 19th March 2020.

Email received from Cllr Cockburn-Price regarding the suggestions on how to promote the good work the District Enforcement Team are working on.

The drain in the garden at the rear of Weavers Court where water has been flowing onto the school path has been rodded and appears to be running as it should. Pendle Council think that the amount of water on the path on 24th February are down to the amount of water already running in the gullies and on already saturated ground.

Request received from Mark and Angie Rowlands to support their venture in applying for a rural development programme grant.

Request from Pendle Borough Council for a volunteer to join the Climate Emergency Working Group. Cllr Beswick agreed to attend this.

Letter received regarding the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary

Notification that Burnley Borough Council is producing a supplementary Planning Document to address air quality

Finance

Dog bags – If we buy the equivalent of 20,000 from the original supplier, JRB Enterprises, they equate to 0.023p each. (total £1162.50). There is a reduced rate if we buy over 20 cases (800 per case). The budget set for 2020/21 is £800 for dog bags, so we could purchase 42 cases (33,600 bags) for £787.50 from JRB. Cllr Hodgson proposed that these should be purchased once the current stocks are low. Seconded by Cllr Robinson. Put to vote – all in favour.

The Community Centre Trustees have decided that the printer that is used in the shop/library and utilised by the Clerk. It is to be replaced by a smaller one that will just print A4. Occasionally the Clerk prints A3, and therefore, is the Council willing to purchase an A3 printer for all to use? The one costed by the Trustees is £150 – we currently do not contribute towards any printing costs. It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson that we agree to this. Seconded by Cllr D Storey. Put to vote – all in favour.

Bank transfer to A Crawshaw for Lengthsman Services for February £247.50

Bank transfer to Itus Security for CCTV maintenance and Sim Card at Wycoller £780.00

Bank transfer to Lengthsman for cleaning products purchased £31.92

Trawden in Bloom Expenditure

Bank transfer of £15.04 reimbursed to B Robinson for products purchased from LBS

Bank transfer of £34.99 reimbursed to E Berridge for products purchased from Gardening Delights

Meeting closed 10.10pm – next meeting Monday 6th April

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