

Notes for November Meeting

October notes approved by Cllr Barritt, Cllr MacDonald (with 2 amendments), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Hodgson, Cllr D storey, Cllr C Storey

Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has completed 21hrs in October.

Cllr Robinson - Andrew is to be complemented on the work that he has undertaken and completed in this very wet November Month.

Cllr Crompton - All fine and approved

NWIB

The vinyls on some of the planters are faulty and have been reissued. These will need to be stuck on when the weather is half decent in order to ensure the best possible chance of them sticking. Glenn at Innova Solutions has offered some cleaner for the containers to ensure that they are not contaminated.

Reimbursement for materials purchased for the Peace Garden has been received.

Cllr Hodgson – I think it would be beneficial to make sure the surface of the containers is clean and dry. Please let me know when you're going to do this, and I'll come and help.

Cllr Robinson - The weather, during the time that the teenagers were working, was appalling. It poured down every day except one (that is seven out of eight days) and the garden became very muddy and treacherous. It was impossible to sand and paint the garden furniture without lifting it and placing it under a gazebo. The pathway was reinstated with a logged edging and pegged, and new surfaces added. The garden furniture was sanded, and given coats of paint. (The youngsters were given a free hand on colours, so the furniture is now much brighter!). The summer house was repaired, it was dug out around the sides and gravel added for drainage, it was sanded and painted. The trees and bushes were pruned and shaped and the pergola repaired. Weeding and planting was undertaken. Sadly, the guy who was going to lead them through making a composter was ill so the materials are still there, waiting to be used. Maybe one of our bloomers or some local person will come forward to help. The materials for the guttering are still waiting to be used. Len was going to do it but has developed carpal tunnel syndrome, and the weather has been too inclement. We have begun clearing away the fennel and the teasels, which were taking over the wild flower areas. A kind local lady has donated some wild flower seeds for us to spread on these areas.

Cllr Crompton - All fine, please pass on thanks as always to Councillor Robinson And Team, and also to Glenn from Innova Solutions for the cleaner.

Councillor Vacancy

We have one written application from a resident at the bottom of Winewall.

Cllr Macdonald: That's great news, I hope to welcome them on board soon

Cllr Robinson - Good news that we have an interested party

Cllr Hodgson –I think we need to put this on hold for now.

Cllr Crompton - I presume we are now waiting to see what happens with Craig MacBeth

Neighbourhood Plan Local List

The whole list has been submitted to Pendle Council. I'm waiting on Rosemary Lyons to look at the documents and feedback on them.

Allotments

Dogs on allotments. I have received a complaint about dogs being left unattended on allotments.

Do Councillors think that we should add a clause stating that 'dogs should not be left unattended on

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allotments at any time?'

Cllr Barritt – Yes, this should be included

Cllr Macdonald - absolutely

Cllr Hodgson – I'm happy to go with the majority on this.

Cllr Robinson - Absolutely! Dogs are pets but there is no saying how they would behave if left unattended, in a strange situation. We could have someone reporting them to the RSPCA!

Cllr D Storey – Yes, this needs to be added. Dogs should not be left on allotments unattended.

Cllr Crompton - Yes I agree that we should add the clause 'dogs should not be left unattended on allotments at any time.'

Cllr Cockburn-Price – I think this should be added to your agreements

Wild Camping at Wycoller

Wycoller appears to have closed, but people are still at Rock Lane. I have received a complaint regarding someone exposing themselves at this site whilst there was a passer-by. She was very unnerved by the situation.

Cllr Macdonald: I hope this has been reported to the police? Clerk response – I have advised the complainant to do this.

Cllr Hodgson - Wycoller still has some camping equipment on it. Container and litter bins that were not there before. Please send the dates of when the sites opened to Pendle Council of when the two sites have started as they've exceeded 42 days. Have they applied for extended permission??

Clerk response – I will write to planning and ask whether they have applied for an extension.

Cllr Robinson - Was the offence reported to the police? It is definitely a police matter! Clerk response – I have advised the complainant to do this.

Cllr Crompton - Regarding the complaint, has this been reported to the police and has the landowner, (Adrian Lord?) been notified please? If so what, if, any further action has occurred?

Clerk response – I have advised the complainant to report it to the Police who would then advise the landowner I think.

Remembrance Day Arrangements

Cllr Hodgson and the Clerk have met with representatives from the Church. Rev John Knott is performing the usual Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 8th November in Church. It will be live streamed on the Parish Council Facebook page. Cllr Cockburn-Price suggests also recording it so that it can be viewed on Remembrance Day itself. With the recent lockdown announcement, this may be subject to change. I will contact the Church representatives and see how/if this can happen.

Cllr Macdonald: Thanks for the work so far, unfortunately I presume things will have to change slightly

Cllr Hodgson – it is Church's decision to decide how to proceed with this. Happy to assist but upon their decision.

Cllr Robinson - It's a very thoughtful idea to record the service. There may be many old people who would enjoy seeing it and feel they are taking part, even at home.

Ball Grove

I believe that Cllr's Foxley and Cockburn-Price have met with Heads at Park High School to discuss a way forward. Cllr Foxley is concerned that, if the issues are not ironed out, then the focus could possibly shift to the Lane House playground next year should the MUGA and wheel park be complete.

Cllr Macdonald: I agree with Cllr Foxley. Matter needs resolving

Cllr Robinson - Have parents been contacted as well as school teachers? I wonder if some parents are aware of the behaviour of their children, especially if the police are present, too.

Cllr Crompton - I agree with Councillor Foxley's concern re Lanehouse, please see my response to 47/2020

Sam Eastells letter too.

Cllr Cockburn Price reported that Margaret and I are making small progress with the Police and Park High. We are soldiering on and hope to develop a costed plan for our two groups of children that I can then apply for grants for.

Request from Tracey at the café to pave the area where the picnic benches are next to the lake. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3rd November so a way forward can be agreed.

Meeting held on 3rd November – CBE to provide a quote for the paving of the picnic table area outside the café.

Cllr Robinson - I cannot see a problem paving or gravelling this small area, though the use of raised grids, used on car parks, might be more sympathetic. The bad weather must make this area quite wet.

Map of interesting places

The Clerk to contact Craig Midgley to see if he is interested in taking this up.

Cllr Macdonald: see my comments from previous meeting. Clerk response – I've written down that Cllr MacDonald suggested that we ask Craig to do this, but she actually suggested putting it on our Facebook page and website to see if anyone was interested in taking this up.

Cllr Hodgson – I'll see if Pat wants to get involved in this.

Cllr Crompton - I hope Craig Midgeley takes it up!

Boundary/parish stones

I think that this would be beneficial to discuss with Karl at an actual meeting. I've advised him that I will let him know when the next face to face meeting will be and invite him.

Cllr Hodgson – Map where these are, we could give them the What3words app so that people could find them.

Cllr Crompton - Yes great idea to have Karl come to our next face to face meeting.

Parking problems

This will be on-going due to the new potential guidelines that are to be put into place nationwide. I haven't received any complaints recently.

Halloween

What a fantastic event it turned out to be 75 people who had advised that they would be participating with many more joining afterwards. The group has now changed to 'Spot the Poppy's' where people are encouraged to display poppies for Remembrance Day.

Cllr Macdonald: Thank you to the organisers and participants for making this a total success in these strange times. A brilliant idea to replicate with poppies.

Cllr Hodgson – it seemed to be very good and the organisers did well. Thank you to the organisers

Cllr Crompton - fantastic turnout, loved it! Well done to the organisers and for The Poppy Event too.

Tree to rear of Cotton Tree Lane

General consensus of the Councillors who responded is that it should not be removed. The Clerk has taken advice from the Tree Conservation Officer at Pendle Council who advises that we would be liable to reimburse any damage that the tree causes to fencing. If twigs fall off the tree onto the street, this is a natural occurrence and we would not be liable for anyone tripping or falling over small twigs or branches.

We need to show that we have done our risk management, which is covered by the tree survey that the Parish Council commissioned 2 years ago. As this is a high traffic area, it needs to be carried out again in 2021, but so long as it states that the tree is healthy, we do not need to remove it.

Regarding clearing of drains/leaves – this is the property owner's responsibility. They would pay for

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any problems caused by falling leaves into their own drains. Again, this is a natural occurrence, we would not be liable for costs incurred of clearing drains. Do Councillors agree that the Clerk should respond to the complainant detailing the above? Do we want to trim the tree at our cost?

Cllr Barritt – Yes, agree with the above

Cllr Macdonald: Thank you. Good to have all the correct paperwork in place. I don't think it needs trimming does it? If so, and it's our responsibility then I agree we need to pay

Cllr Hodgson - leave the tree, don't trim it as it will cause issues to the tree. It's safe according to the survey – it needs to be left

Cllr Robinson - My opinion is that we should politely inform the owner that after consultation with an expert, the tree poses no immediate problems. I wonder if the owner is aware that fallen leaves make a great mulch, healthy and useful for gardens!

Cllr Crompton - Yes I agree that we should respond to the complainant detailing the above text as stated, and not remove the tree, as recommended by Pendle Council.

Bus Shelter at Hopkinson Road

The glass was smashed in August, and has not been replaced. I've had a call from a resident who wonders why nothing has been done. I asked for a quote from Marlyn Engineering so that it could be replaced with a metal panel rather than glass.

Cllr Robinson - Good idea! I would always prefer glass but if vandals cannot be trusted to leave it alone, we need to use unbreakable materials.

Cllr Cockburn-Price commented that Re the bus shelter – it's a sign of the times when a VILLAGE bus shelter has to have metal panels and not glass.

Footpaths

CCllr Purcell has asked LCC to ensure the PC are kept up to date on any footpath closures so this information can be publicised if we are to go into another lock down.

Cllr Macdonald: Thank you.

Cllr Macdonald: reports she has now walked all possible paths in Trawden. More queries sent to LCC.

Cllr Macdonald will report back when these queries have been resolved.

Cllr Hodgson - Thanks Jenny – very helpful

Parish Matters

Cllr Hodgson and The Clerk have received extensive correspondence from Mr MacDonald at the Old Vicarage who is having issues with young people taking stones out of his wall and making fires. These issues have been reported to the Police but Cllr Hodgson has priced up a fence for that side of the playground. The materials would cost around £618. Are Councillors in agreement that we should spend this and get the fence erected? Maybe the Lengthsman could assist with the works for this?

Cllr Macdonald: A tough one, the fence is needed as people are causing the damage. If they weren't no fence would be needed. Would villagers be happy we spend 'their' money on this? Was there previously a fence erected by PBC? IS the playground officially ours yet? I feel for Mr Macdonald as I fear that this type of behaviour is only going to increase if the playground gets 'revamped'. Is it worth a FB post, if it doesn't stop, we are going to have to pay £618 + to get it fixed? Could the promised CCTV be erected on the playground as a priority? Clerk response – the playground has been in ownership of the Parish Council for a number of years. The old fence was removed by Pendle Council many years ago as it was destroyed by children pulling it down to retrieve their ball. The trees have grown somewhat since the last fence was removed so this shouldn't be a problem now.

Cllr Hodgson - CCTV be careful – there are legal complexities in putting CCTV on a playground.

Would need to be thoroughly investigated before it's put up.

Cllr Robinson - It is so sad that we are having such problems with young people! Again, I wonder if

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their parents are aware of the destructive work of their children. Did we say that Barry would turn up at their doors saying that the police would be informed if further damage was caused? That is of course, if Barry agreed!!!

Cllr D Storey/Cllr C Storey – yes, we agreed to this. We think that the Lengthsman could maybe assist in order to cut down on costs.

Cllr Crompton - Yes, if this is our responsibility then we should pay for the fence to be erected at the side of The Old Vicarage, and yes it would be great if the lengthsman can help too.

Footpath from the end of Trawden Road to Bright Street – It was suggested by Cllr Cockburn-Price, after the litter pick, that this area should receive some attention. On further investigation, it is marked on Mario Maps, but is unregistered. I put out a plea to see if there was anyone who could confirm that they have used it, and for how long. I received around 15 emails from people who do use it, or have done for a long time. Should we add this to the definitive map?

Cllr Barritt – Yes, add this to the definitive map so that it can be taken care of.

Cllr Macdonald: yes, please add

Cllr Hodgson – check ownership of land. If it belongs to LCC would they donate to us so we can maintain? Otherwise put on map.

Cllr Robinson - I would say yes.

Email received from Lee Johnson at Pendle Borough Council asking if the Parish Council has any land on which they can plant trees in order to help with their Climate Emergency policy.

Cllr Macdonald: I don't know of any personally, but whilst out walking we noticed lots of areas with new trees.

Cllr Robinson - We don't really have any big patches. We once tried planting on the recreation ground with poor success; they were vandalised. Perhaps some farmers may want trees, it is the right time to plant them.

Pendle Council have secured £20k of funding to tarmac the recreation ground car park, but are around £6k short. The Borough Councillors have been asked to part fund and the Parish Council make up the shortfall of £1k to £1500. Are Councillors in agreement that this should be funded?

Cllr Barritt – Yes, agree to £1500.

Cllr Macdonald: agree in principle but should have been done initially. How much are they asking?

Clerk response - £1500

Cllr Hodgson – I agree to this, but no more than £1500.

Cllr Robinson - Who has offered this quote? Is it the best one? If so, it would be pity to miss having the work undertaken for the sake of £1,000. I would say, yes. Clerk response – Pendle Borough Council are leading this and have received the quotes.

Cllr Crompton - Yes to making up the shortfall of the £1000 to £1500 for the tarmac of the Rec car park, but only if there is no other option, as it does need doing as the current surface is in a dreadful state.

Cllr Robinson reported the issues with the drain on Colne Road. The drain, at the top of Colne Road has been a real problem. It has been unattended for years, despite being frequently pointed out! It has overflowed, causing damage to the road surfaces, to the point that pipes were exposed. United Utilities turned up, were defeated by the problem and consequently left the area, including part of the parking area, fenced off for months. They returned last week, without warning, with several vehicles and the gullysucker, almost blocking the road. Local residents challenged the workers who seemed to be sitting around rather than actually working! The job has been abandoned again and fenced off, leaving only one parking space instead of three. The fences blew down in the wind, causing a road hazard and have since been piled up by the drain. Local residents have received no

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notification of what will happen or when it will happen, which seems a common courtesy, considering the amount of upheaval it creates! Clerk response – I have sent Cllr Purcell an email detailing the issues who has passed this onto Lancashire County Council.

Finance

To be approved by Councillors -

Trawden in Bloom

Parish Council

£315 for 21 hours completed in October.

Cllr Barritt - Agree to pay

Cllr Macdonald: is there just £315 and is that for lengthsman? I'm happy with that

Cllr Hodgson ok to pay

Cllr C Storey & Cllr D Storey – OK to pay

Cllr Crompton - All ok.

Planning

20/0644/FUL 2 Frighams Cottage Boulsworth Road Trawden Colne
Address: Lancashire BB8 8ST

Proposal: Full: Erection of double garage with holiday apartment at first floor.

Comments: The Councillors have no objections to the proposals.

20/0637/FUL 2 Frighams Cottage Boulsworth Road Trawden Colne
Address: Lancashire BB8 8ST

Proposal: Full: Erection of a new entrance porch to existing cottage.

Comments: The Councillors have no objections to the proposals.

Other News.

Earlier on in 2020, we discussed the option of the Clerk attending a course to gain the Certificate in Local Council Administration. Councillors agreed, but the course was subsequently postponed due to Covid restrictions. The next course is scheduled to start on 28th January 2021 for 6 sessions at a cost of £200 for the course and a registration fee of £410. The course will be communicated via Zoom which will eliminate the travel costs to Preston and back each session. Do Councillors agree to the costs as above, and that the Clerk should again sign up for the course?

Cllr Barritt – great – this will get the qualification easier than the Clerk having to travel to Preston.

Cllr Hodgson – Yes, go ahead with this. The more info and expertise we have, the better informed we are.

Cllr Robinson - Yes, Adele, if you are willing to do it.

Cllr Crompton - It is a definite yes to our Parish Clerk, you, Adele, to signing up to do The Certificate In Local Council Administration, and all costs should be paid by The Parish Council.

Additions by EJM

Playground letter

The Parish Council have been asked to provide a letter of support to the group who are wanting to make a wheel park in the land to the side of the existing playground on Lane House Lane.

Councillors have been asked for their thoughts on this.

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Cllr MacDonald - I did a very vague one from me. I think Sam thought I was 'the church' as asked for me to get it signed by Rev John and the Bishop. I said I'd pass on to Rev for him to action if he felt suitable. I'm very cautious of giving anything too 'committal', whilst I wish them every success, I feel there are limits.

Cllr Crompton - Well it all sounds very wonderful and positive but my main concern is have The Friends Of Trawden Playground spoken to and canvassed local residents opinions, and concerns if they have any, particularly those residents who live close to the proposed playground and adjoining Diocese land, which the group would like to use too? I am even more concerned about this as further on in the minutes for November there have been complaints from the gentleman who lives in The Old Vicarage regarding fire starting and antisocial behaviour, and he is a local resident with his property next to the playground!

Cllr Robinson – You have my support for sending a supporting letter on behalf of the Friends of Trawden Playground.

Cllr Hodgson – CCTV on a playground needs very careful consideration, but if the group are willing to see this through, I agree to a letter of support in principal.

Glamping pods

Cllr Macdonald has been approached by Mrs Edwards from Oakenbank with regards to the erection of 3 (maybe 6) top quality well built, self contained luxury glamping pods in the field approaching the farm (road from the bungalow). Mrs Edwards wasn't sure how best to approach the council at the moment, but is willing to liaise and work with the council and help alleviate any concerns they or the local residents may have. She is aware of the nearby site being constructed.

Cllr Hodgson suggestion

Is it possible to put on our web page and social media who to contact for roads, bins, etc. There are instances when the Clerk is not in work and people are trying to contact the Parish Council to report urgent highways issues. **Clerk response – yes, I have a sheet that I did a little while ago and put it up in the library. I will find it and put the information out as above.**