

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 5th July 2021

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present

Chairperson Barry Hodgson	Councillor Beverley Robinson	Clerk Adele Waddington
Councillor Andrea Beswick	Councillor David Storey	Councillor David Barritt
Councillor Clare Storey	Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald (attended via Zoom)	

Also in attendance

Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Purcell (7.45 – 8.30pm), County Councillor Mike Goulthorp (left 7.15pm), Melva Burton, Ann Holmes, Andrew MacDonald, Sam Eastell, Judy Yacoub

Apologies: Councillor Ruth Crompton

Minutes

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

Declaration of Interest

None.

County Councillors

Cllr Goulthorp reported that Cllr Purcell has updated the Highways Lead on the outstanding issues raised. There are 50% new Councillors at County Hall and a total administration change. They're working hard to prioritise the works load.

Cllr Robinson advised that the gully at the bottom of Proctor Croft is totally silted up. The Clerk to report. Cllr Goulthorp feels that he and Cllr Purcell are working much better together and he is trying to get to as many meetings as possible.

Cllr Hodgson reported that Wycoller residents have complained that the vegetation on the road between the car park towards the village needs cutting back as it is encroaching onto the highway. The footpath also needs attention as this hasn't been cut either. The Clerk to email Cllr Purcell with the information.

Borough Councillors Update

Cllr S Cockburn-Price reported that there has been 27 positive covid cases in Bouldsworth over the last week and we are heading towards the peak. The age group 11-30 years are most affected.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price reported that the finger posts on the Tram Tracks at Cotton Tree have been installed.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price feels that Bouldsworth is beautiful but it is not officially recognised. She has written to the Planning Manager to see if Bouldsworth can be added to an already established Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or whether it can be designated individually.

Pendle Borough Council are getting funding to designate Heritage Assets.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price reported that the pizza making had concluded; Martial Arts is ongoing, and football is proving ever popular. The Clerk to put a post on social media and the website to see what the residents would like to see. Around 80 young people are attending each week, and anti-social behaviour complaints have dropped over the past 2 months since Colne Youth Action group has engaged with some of the young people causing problems.

Asda and Samba Sports have given donations to the group.

Cllr Hodgson reported that there have been 2 incidents in Wycoller recently, but the Police failed to attend.

The clerk to give Cllr S Cockburn-Price the details of a contact in Wycoller for the details of the incident.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price reported that all the high schools, with the exception of 1 have taken up the offer of 'Pause for Thought' which is where an adult works over several weeks, with troubled young people to find the root cause of their problems.

Community Centre Trustees update

Provisional bookings are still coming in.

Residents Issues

Mr Henley from The White House at Ball Grove attended the meeting to raise his concerns with several issues at the park. He has welcomed the progress and acknowledgement by the borough of their right of unrestricted access. Mr Henley is concerned about the lack of maintenance on the access track. He feels that the Borough Council does have liabilities on the track as it is on their land and is well used by the public. He feels that the track requires immediate repairs, as accidents are occurring and has details of 2 incidents. There is also an issue with disabled access as the track cannot be negotiated with a wheelchair any more. Mr Henley has requested a copy of their risk assessment and has made a Freedom of Information request regarding parks budgets and transfer of parks. With the 20 days passing this has been reported to the Information Commissioner. Mr Henley will report issues to the Health and Safety Executive and the Equalities Commission to get this resolved. Nettles and brambles are preventing pedestrians from safely moving to the side to avoid vehicles and in particular council vehicles who go faster than residents. There are issues with the safety surfacing in the playground which needs to be risk assessed and resolved. Mr Henley's bin has not been collected; Cllr S Cockburn-Price will report this. He feels that the retaining wall by the river is being undercut and feels that the Parish Council would be advised to gain an engineer's report to establish future liabilities. Repairs could run into the 10's or even 100's of thousands of pounds. There is a lack of biodiversity in the meadow areas as they are overrun by dominant grasses, nettles, docks and goosegrass. Funding is available to address this and this is an area and Mr Henley could help with if the issues he has raised with regards to access and maintenance of the track are fully resolved. Around 30% of the trees on the ridge have ash dieback and he feels that the park falls well short of the Green Flag standards. Mr Henley is pursuing the transfer of parks and subsequent rise in Parish precept gives rise to unequal local taxation. He feels that the Borough needs to transfer the appropriate funding to avoid this.

Mr Henley welcomes the transfer to the Parish Council his motivation is to gain funding for the Parish to benefit the park. He would love to be able to use his experience to the benefit of the park, however feels that he cannot do so until the access and track issues are fully resolved.

Parish Council Vacancies for Winewall, Wycoller and Cotton Tree and Trawden

4 applications received for the 2 vacancies; two for each area. Candidates attended the meeting, gave a short speech about themselves and why they wanted to join the Council. It was resolved that Melva Burton and Ann Holmes be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The Clerk to send the relevant forms to each new member and a letter to Andrew McDonald.

Lengthsman

It was resolved that the Lengthsman 19.5 hours be approved and paid.

The Lengthsman raised issues around over-grown vegetation from a garden at 30 Boulsworth Drive. The Clerk has written to the home owner but works have not been carried out. Reported to Tom Partridge who has written to the owner. It also transpires that the short path between numbers 28 and 30 is not a defined footpath. It was resolved that this should be added to the definitive map. The clerk to start the process of adding it.

NWIB

Cllr Robinson reported that judging will take place on 22nd July 2021. The portfolio is complete and needs to be sent by email. Cllr Hodgson to supply display boards for judging day. Cllr Robinson advised that some more plants are needed for the Peace Garden. Cllr MacDonald to ask the Church committee if they can donate £50 to Trawden in Bloom for this.

Cllr Robinson confirmed that there is a sponsor for the window boxes at the Trawden Arms.

The Clerk has ordered the 2 additional planters for Skipton Road. The Clerk is waiting for sample stickers for the boxes.

Allotments/Garages

Cllr D Storey has viewed the fence in Mr Ogdens allotment plot and feels that there are no issues with it pushing over the neighbouring plots.

Cllr D Storey advised that the Allotment Association is moving forward. Cllrs D&C Storey will attend meetings as Parish Council representatives only.

Mr Dobby has not carried out any works or replied to the Clerks emails or Cllr Hodgson's letter. Cllr Hodgson

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to see if he can track Mr Dobby down and get some answers.

Cllr C Storey asked the Clerk to write to the tenant of plot 44 as it is overgrown with weeds.

Ball Grove

Cllr S Cockburn-Price would like to form a tree planting team. The Clerk to put something on social media and the website asking for volunteers.

It was resolved that the Clerks suggestion of asking Pendle Borough Council to undertake the works they have agreed to pay for, be taken up. The Clerk to report back to them.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would consider repairing the pot holes on the access track within the park (within the Parish's defined area), as a one-off if no repairs are carried out prior to transfer.

Map of Interesting Places

The Clerk to speak to the someone from Colne BID team to see what requirements are for uploading the map onto the website.

Colne and District Committee meeting

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

Friends of Trawden Playground

Judy Yacoub reported that some funding opportunities have a short window for applying, and would like to apply for funding for picnic benches. It was resolved that the Clerk would supply a supporting letter for this funding bid. Fixings will also be purchased, and the Parish council will arrange citing. Costs for this to be covered by the funding bid.

The group are also looking for funding for activities for groups of younger children.

Cllr Hodgson agreed to meet with Sam Eastell and Thorne security to discuss the CCTV proposals. These will be presented by Thorne at the September meeting. Sam confirmed that their group would take control of monitoring the CCTV when required and the costs of maintenance for the CCTV.

The group would like to hold events in various locations and have received the events pack from Pendle council. When and if the playground is to be used, the same forms must be completed, sent to the Clerk and approved by Councillors at a meeting before the event takes place.

Swim Passes

The Clerk to remind school that the funding will continue throughout the school summer holidays.

Dog Fouling Issues

The relevant poster was approved. It was resolved that the Clerk to print and display in the areas agreed, upload to the Facebook page and website so it can be printed by anyone.

New Office Space

Community Centre Trustees are getting plans drawn up.

Trawden Tram Tracks

The Clerk is waiting for the Solicitor to come back with the answers to questions asked. In the meantime, Clerk to contact Dale Construction for a price and any recommendations for someone to carry out the work.

Tree Survey

It was resolved that the Clerk contact Bowland Tree Services and ask them to go-ahead with the survey as quoted.

Bench on Tram Tracks

The Cockhill Club confirm that they will fund this. Update the progress at the next meeting.

Planning Applications

Planning reference 21/0469/HHO

Address: 73 Skipton Road Trawden Colne Lancashire BB8 8RD. Proposal: Full: Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side extension. Comments: The Parish Councillors have no 13/2021

objections to the proposed change of garage to habitable room, although as Trawden is within a conservation area, they feel that it should have wooden doors

Planning reference 21/0511/HHO

Address: Naze End Barn Hollin Hall Trawden Colne Lancashire BB8 8PU. Proposal: Full: Erection of detached garden room. Comments: The Parish Councillors have no objections to the proposals on this application.

Planning reference 21/0530/FUL

Address: Will O Th Moor Farm Burnley Road Trawden Colne Lancashire BB8 8PW. Proposal: Full: Use of detached garage as a granny annexe. Comments: If this development is permitted, the Councillors would like to see a condition on the whole site that does not permit each dwelling to be sold separately. It must be retained as one plot. The owners should also not be permitted to erect a replacement garage on the site under their 'permitted development rights'. All parts of this development should have wooden windows and doors.

Planning reference 21/0548/FUL

Address: Higher Stunstead Farm Stunstead Road Trawden Colne Lancashire BB8 8QB. Proposal: Full: Erection of single storey extension to provide pump/filter room on Plot 3. Comments: The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal.

Planning reference 21/0497/HHO

Address: Slack Booth House Hollin Hall Trawden Colne Lancashire BB8 8SS. Proposal: Full: Erection of a detached garage. Comments: The Parish Councillors feel that this structure is a long way from the residential property and they question whether it would actually be used as a garage owing to its excessive distance. There is an excessive use of UPVC on this proposed structure and should have wooden doors/windows as it is within a conservation area.

Planning reference 21/0519/HHO

Address: 2 Pendle View Winewall Colne Lancashire BB8 8BP. Proposal: Full: Demolition of existing timber structure, removal of part of retaining wall and boundary wall, and erection of a single storey detached double garage with access steps to side (Re-Submission of 20/0853/HHO). Comments: The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal.

Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

Lengthsman's hours	£442.50
Grass Cutting Contract	£320
Reimbursement to B Robinson for Trawden in Bloom	£107.62
Information Commissioners Office – CCTV registration	£40
Community Centre Trustees – Covid Cleaning	£50
Mandeleigh Plants	£58

Councillors Issues

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Trawden Arms group to congratulate them.

It was resolved that the person who would like to place a bench behind the bus terminus be agreed.

It was resolved that the Clerk respond to Tom Partridge asking if it is possible to relocate the degraded footpath instead of repairing the river edge.

Cllr MacDonald raised concerns about more traffic using Colne Road at school times and inconsiderate parking. This will be monitored.

Meeting closed 10.30pm – next meeting Monday 6th September at 7pm.

