

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 6th September 2021

Meeting started 6.30pm

Present

In the Chair Beverley Robinson Clerk Adele Waddington Councillor Andrea Beswick
Councillor David Storey Councillor David Barritt Councillor Clare Storey
Councillor Ann Holmes (arrived 7.10pm) Councillor Melva Burton Councillor Ruth Crompton
Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald (attended via Zoom)

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Purcell (7.45 – 8.30pm), Sam Eastell, PC Andrew Sarchet, Steven Wilcock,

Apologies: Chairperson Barry Hodgson, Councillor Goulthorp, Margaret Foxley

Minutes

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 5th July should be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Declaration of Interest

None.

County Councillors

Councillor Purcell advised that the Highways Officer is coming to the area on 9th September.

Councillor S Cockburn-Price asked that, whilst Councillor Purcell was present, the Council discussed the item regarding implementation of 20mph restrictions in various locations throughout the Parish. A report was circulated prior to the meeting showing the areas in which this would be brought in. Councillor MacDonald sees the speeding throughout the village and wonders whether this would have a positive impact on speeding motorists. Councillor S Cockburn-Price thinks that, before anything is pursued, we should see if there is any improvement with the new speed indication devices that are being purchased. Concerns were raised that the Police could not enforce a 20mph speed limit as it is only advisory. Councillor Robinson knows that there are a lot of issues and is concerned about the number of speeding motorists. The data collected from the speed devices will be downloaded, then a picture can be built on when and where the speeding is occurring. Councillor Hodgson questioned whether spending £10,000 is worth the investment for non-enforcement? It was resolved that the Clerk would respond to the suggestion stating that the Parish Council felt it was not viable.

Borough Councillors Update

Councillor S Cockburn-Price advised that the new Chief Executive of Pendle Borough Council is Rose Rouse. She will take up this appointment on 4th October. Interviews have also been held for the replacement Head of Finance. Councillors Cockburn-Price advised that Colne Youth Action Group have employed a qualified person and there is soon to be a student on board working part time. There are more activities to come over the winter. Councillor S Cockburn-Price has a meeting with Lancashire County Council on Thursday about the building on Byron Road; she will update the Council at the next meeting.

Community Centre Trustees update

Things are ticking along nicely.

Residents Issues – No residents present.

Lengthsman

It was resolved that the hours are approved for payment.

Councillor Robinson will take a look at the bushes outside Briarmede and advise the Clerk on which side of the fence they are planted. A decision on whether the Lengthsman should cut these will then be decided.

NWIB

Councillor Robinson reported that the North west in Bloom judge was a delightful man and suggested entering additional areas for judging going forward.

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The camera was put up near the shepherd, but there have been no issues so far.
The wildflower areas have been a huge success and hope to extend this next year.
The group are going 'peat free' so need a supply of horse manure. Cllr D Storey can get a supply and will liaise with Cllr Robinson about this.
The Peace Garden is no longer waterlogged due to the improvements by the Lengthsman. Cllr Robinson thanked Church for the donation of £50. Cllr MacDonald asked that a request is put to the Church before any contributions would be required due their current financial constraints.
It was resolved that the cost of £190 to put the stickers on the planters e approved; these needs doing properly.
It was resolved that the 4" stickers and upstands be purchased upon approval of the artwork.

Allotments/Garages

The Clerk has received correspondence from a tenant whilst on leave. Cllr D Storey is aware of the situation and everything now appears to have been resolved.
It was resolved that the Clerk will write to the tenant of garage plot LG19 to advise that his tenancy will not be renewed in April 2022 due to his lack of cooperation with improvement requests. It was also resolved that the Clerk include that the garage needs to removed from the site before 31st March 2022. If the Council needs to remove it on behalf of the current tenant, they will be invoiced for this service as stated in the terms and conditions.

Issues with young people around the shop

Steven Wilcock gave an overview of the situation and issues that have arisen around anti-social behaviour in around the Trustees buildings. Things seem to have settled down over the past 2 or 3 weeks. Parents have been spoken to and a restorative justice approach has been discussed. The general feeling is that this is now not the appropriate action to take as things have calmed down. Concerns raised by Steven are that the Trustees would be liable if there are any accidents or injuries to the young people whilst they are on the site. It is private land. The rules are no bikes and no football. Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult whilst using the library, although this is to be reviewed very soon. The group have a duty of care to all users of the facilities. The feeling is that parents need to take responsibility for their child's behaviour and this seems to have been taken on board, although the young people's actions have made some people very wary about volunteering in the shop. Cllr S Cockburn-Price is happy to look at doing some activities in the community Centre and Steven will happily work with CYAG to find some time in the bookings schedule.
Sam Eastell stated that it seems to be the older children who are the 'problem'. A questionnaire has been completed by the young people and this will be distributed to the councillors. They feel blamed for other people's bad behaviour and feedback has been given to them on how to deal with confrontation. They are coming to end of their school life, and comments on social media can easily be found by potential employers. PC Sarchet was impressed with the behaviour of the young people at a recent meeting, and upon leaving the meeting, witnessed a passer-by giving the young people some abuse completely unprovoked. The restorative justice will not be pursued but the Police have the names of the offenders and will progress if needed. The rules the shop have put in place are not enforceable, but PC Sarchet and his team are increasing their presence in the village.

Ball Grove

It was resolved that the Clerk to instruct the Solicitor to move forward with the transfer of the park.
It was resolved that, if anyone other than the Council tries to register ownership of the access track, this be contested. Further discussions around any repairs to the access road will be required at the next meeting.
It was suggested that Friends of Ball Grove take over the running of the Ball Grove website, but they do not want to do this. It costs £108 per year to own the website domain. Councillors and Clerk to think about this for the next meeting.

Map of Interesting Places - The Clerk to get an update on this and what platform is being used.

Colne and District Committee meeting

There are 2 planning applications to be discussed as the meeting. The garage conversation at Will O'th Moor and the development on the land at Dean Street. It is felt that 20 is too many for the plot size and rosemary
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Lyons does not like the window fenestrations. The proposal is for grey plastic windows and doors, which should of course be wood or aluminium as we are in a conservation area. Cllr S Cockburn-Price will attend the meeting and put this forward on our behalf.

Friends of Trawden Playground

Details regarding a proposed CCTV system received from Thorne security. Cllr MacDonald reported that any cables that would be required to enter the Church grounds where it would require digging in the Church yard would be very unlikely. She has checked this with the Church representatives. There were questions over regulation signage and who would supply this. Sam reported that the Parish Council would have access to the images. Cllr Holmes advised that she has already volunteered her time to view any CCTV footage and complete reports where necessary. It was suggested that Sam contact Mr MacDonald to see his views on the CCTV proposal.

It was resolved that the Parish Council still did not approve the initial plans. New plans have not yet been submitted for review. It was resolved that Cllr's Barritt, MacDonald, Holmes, Burton and Crompton attend a meeting to discuss the plans. Revised plans would need to be submitted to the Council for discussion and approval/amendment.

New Office Space - Community Centre Trustees have received approval from Lancashire County Council to move the fence to the rear of the library.

Trawden Tram Tracks - It was resolved that the Tram Tracks are fit for purpose and no remedial works need to be carried out. There are signs up stating that the tracks are used at own risk.

Tree Survey - It was resolved that the Clerk contact tree surgeons to get quotes for the recommended works to be carried out.

Bench on Tram Tracks - This has been installed.

Queens Platinum Jubilee - Councillors to send ideas to the Clerk before 20th September.

Speeding and Safety past the bus terminus - This has been covered under county Councillor's report.

Remembrance Day - Cllr Hodgson will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

LALC AGM - Cllr MacDonald will attend this.

Public Rights of Way Delivery Scheme - It was resolved that the Council would not opt into this scheme.

Planning Applications

APPLICATION: 21/0240/FUL - PROPOSAL: Full: Demolition of existing porch and erection of single storey extension to side (North) elevation. AT: Prospect Barn Colne Road Trawden. Response sent: The Parish Council are responding to the amended plans submitted. The upper floor windows appear to be very high. The uPVC doors and windows - this is not best practice. We are in a conservation area and would expect wooden windows and doors.

APPLICATION: 21/0596/FUL - PROPOSAL: Full: Erection of a stable block. AT: Greenbank House Hollin Hall Trawden. Response sent: The Parish Council has no concerns with the proposals within this application.

Application 21/0529/FUL - Replacement roof to existing flat roof and replacement of balustrade to roof terrace (retrospective) at: The Rock Business Centre Keighley Road Trawden. Response sent: The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal, other than it is retrospective.

Application 21/0556/FUL - Full: Erection of single storey extension to side to form garage, with extended driveway and retaining wall; and change of use of agricultural land to form domestic driveway. At: 11 Rye Croft Trawden. Response sent: The Parish Council have no objections to this proposal and feel that any additional parking would be most welcome.

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Application 21/0611/VAR - Full: Variation of Condition: Vary Condition 2 (Plans) of Planning Permission 19/0924/FUL At: Little Thorn Edge Farm Wycoller Road Trawden. Response sent: The Parish Council feel these changes are acceptable within the scheme.

Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

Lengthsman's hours - July	£915
Andrew Crawshaw for grass cutting contract - July	£480
Leo Brightley – Cleaning Victorian Pissoir	£40
Blackburn & Blackburn Accountants – payroll costs for 2018 - 2021	£864
Lengthsman's hours - August	£480
Andrew Crawshaw for grass cutting contract - August	£320
Reimbursement to A Crawshaw for materials	£104
Bowland Tree Consultancy	£884.80
Mercer Print – replacement vinyls for planters	£211.50
St Mary's Church- Church Clock upkeep donation	£200
The Friendship Group Donation	£500
Trawden Forest Community Centre Donation	£300
Mountain Rescue Donation	£200
Air Ambulance Donation	£200
Clerks overtime hours 7.25hrs	

Councillors Issues

Cllr Robinson advised that the footpath sign across from Yeoman Hey has been knocked down. The Clerk will report this.

Cllr S Cockburn-Price suggested that sub-committees be created for employment, services, finance and the new office. This will be added to the October agenda.

Cllr Crompton reported that, as a school governor she felt it appropriate to report that the new building on the school field is an outdoor classroom contrary to recent social media posts.

Cllr Hodgson would like to thank Lancashire County Council for clearing the edges between Wycoller car park and the village, but there is more litter and dog fouling in the village due to the increase in visitor numbers following the report in the newspaper recently. The Clerk to ask the Enforcement Team to monitor.

Cllr Hodgson would like the Clerk to report the over grown trees on Rock Lane. The Clerk will find the exact location and report.

Cllr Robinson suggested that the sign stating 'Bright Terrace' which is actually on the wall of Bright Terrace be changed to 'Parkinson Terrace leading to Bright Terrace'. The Clerk will make the request.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would support the Bowling Clubs proposal to take ownership of the area. Waiting further details.

Meeting closed 9.10pm – next meeting Monday 4th October at 7pm.

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