

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 4th July 2022

Meeting started 7pm

Present

Chairman Barry Hodgson

Clerk Adele Waddington

Councillor Andrea Beswick

Councillor David Barrit

Councillor Emma Jane MacDonald

Councillor Ann Holmes

Councillor Melva Burton

Councillor Ruth Crompton

Councillor Mark Watts

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price, County Councillor Jenny Purcell, 4 residents

Apologies accepted from: Councillor Clare Storey, Councillor David Storey

Minutes - It was resolved that the Minutes of the Meetings held on the 6th June 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Declaration of Interest - None.

County Councillors Report

CCLr Purcell advised that she has a meeting with the Police to discuss anti-social behaviour. The Clerk to forward any concerns.

Cllr Hodgson advised that residents had attended the meeting to discuss the parking issues at Hollin Hall. The Clerk to forward the outcome of this discussion to CCLr Purcell.

The Clerk advised that there is a new Mario Map system that has been launched by Lancashire County Council that shows the number of collisions in any area. The Clerk to ask CCLr Purcell how data is uploaded onto this site. There have only been 3 recorded incidents since 2017.

Borough Councillors Update/ Colne and District Committee

Cllr Cockburn-Price advised that the developer of the site at Dean Street have asked for the affordable housing part of the permission to be removed. This will be discussed at Committee on Thursday. Cllr Hodgson will attend if he is able to do so.

Colne and District Committee have been asked to part fund the repairs required on the steps leading from Holme Crescent to Skipton Road. Cllr Cockburn-Price asked the Parish Council to consider funding some. Cllr Holmes asked for finer details of the repairs as they seem very expensive.

Community Centre Trustees update – The next meeting of the Trustees is on 11th July, but there is a desperate shortage of volunteers to cover shifts in the shop. If anyone is interested in finding out more, they are asked to call into the shop.

Residents Issues

4 residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns about parking along Hollin Hall. It is getting worse, and creating issues, especially for farm vehicles. 6 points in the village, were identified as problem areas: the top of Church Street, end of Boulsworth Drive where it meets Lanehouse Lane, outside the old Zion Chapel, Slack Booth, brow of the hill on Hollin Hall and at the end of the access road to Slack Laithe Farm. Residents are encouraged to take photos of any incidents of poor parking/road obstructions and send to the clerk with date, time and exact location, so that a log can be created for evidence. Cllr Watts asked whether the Parish Council could pay for double yellow lines. CCLr Purcell to check.

Neil Hardiman, from Lancashire Fire and Rescue suggested that, if there is no other option, but to double park and potentially create a passing problem for emergency vehicles, the owners contact details are left in the window of the vehicle. Neil advised that his team will supply locations of fire hydrants in the village and will get crews out to make people aware of the hazards they are creating when parking.

Trawden in Bloom

- Dates for installation of planters noted.
- Councillors agreed to purchase lunch for the NWIB judges. The Clerk and Cllr Crompton to arrange.
- It was resolved that the Risk Assessment be adopted. Cllr Beswick was thanked for her valuable input.

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- It was resolved that the step ladder with handle, from UK Office Direct, be purchased.
- Cllr MacDonald would like to work towards a replacement Summer House on the site. It was resolved that Cllr Hodgson to carry out repairs to the floor and see if any further vandalism occurs, with a view to a replacement sometime in the future.
- It was resolved that Cllr Barritt would be the link between Trawden in Bloom and the Parish Council. Thanks were given to Cllr Crompton for covering this. She will be missed by the Council.

Lengthsman

The Clerk has asked the installers of the roundabout to take a look and advise about repair of the roundabout.

Allotments/Garages

- It was resolved that the Council would get the asbestos garage removed, and try to reclaim the cost from the owner. There is also some asbestos in the communal area at the bottom of Lambeth Street that can also be removed at the same time.
- Nick Elliot advised that the letter has gone out to all tenants and it has been agreed that they will move over to the Allotment Association. Nick asked whether the Council would pay the joining fee to the National Allotments Society. Agreed in principle. The trees on the site remain the responsibility of the Parish Council. The clerk and Nick to meet to discuss the finer details moving forward. The Council thanked Nick for his work on this so far.

Map of interesting places

The Clerk to ask the designer for a completion date, and the Council will make a decision from there.

Lanehouse Lane Playground

- It was resolved that the Council still did not want wooden structures. The Clerk to meet with the group and Kompan to advise what the Councillors would like to see – there is far too much equipment on the site. Once a new plan has been received, it needs to be sent to ESP and Wicksteed for comparable quotes.
- It was resolved that the Clerk would cost up some fencing to place below the existing fencing, so that access to the gardens cannot be gained.
- Councillors noted that 3 letters had been sent to parents/guardians.
- It was resolved that the Clerk cost up some bird spikes and report back at the next meeting.

Clerks update

It was resolved that the Clerks additional hours be paid.

Grot Spot Walk

The issues identified in the Grot Spot walk are in hand.

Policies

It was resolved that the Publication Scheme and Expenses Policies be adopted.

Road to the rear of Cotton Tree Lane

Cllr Hodgson will sort the repairs after Trawden Show, due to commitments for this committee.

Tram Track Access

Cllr Watts has made some suggested alterations to the Licence, and will forward these to the Clerk to pass onto the Solicitor. The Clerk will contact the land agent and ask that they deal with utilities installation.

Better Working between Lancashire County Council and Parish Councils

It was resolved that the Better Working mandate be adopted.

Consideration of Councillors to replace Chairperson

It was resolved the Councillors would consider their own position, and that a Vice Chair be nominated, to work alongside Cllr Hodgson, before they step into the Chair.

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Ball Grove

- The building appraisal has been sent to all Councillors.
- It was resolved that the Parish Council would support the re-wilding of 2 areas at Ball Grove.

Recreation Ground

Cllr Holmes agreed to attend any meeting with user groups of the Recreation Ground, with aims to create a Management Committee.

Parking problems at the entrance to Ball grove and surrounding area

A meeting has been arranged for all interested parties.

Dog Gloves

It was resolved that the Clerk would purchase 3 cases of dog gloves from JRB Enterprises.

Remembrance Day – Councillors noted that the Clerk has made the appropriate arrangements.

Parking along Hollin Hall

Covered in the 'Residents Issues' section.

Cllr MacDonald also asked the Clerk to promote considerate parking when the Cycle Grand Prix is being held in Colne. Traffic often diverts through Trawden, so if Church Street could be kept clear, this would ease the situation. The Clerk has already requested that the edges of the roads from Nelson to Trawden are cut so traffic can pass easier.

Planning Applications

Cllr MacDonald reported that the application for Back Lane had been refused.

Cllr MacDonald reported that there have been letters of support for the development at Hollin Hall, with mention of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Correspondence

- The Clerk to speak with the Tree Conservation Officer regarding the correspondence received from residents about The Green at Well Head, and ask his advice.
- Thanks, from Trawden in Bloom, noted.

Finance

It was resolved that the following payments be made:

Lengthsman Hours	£682.50
Grass cutting contract	£320
Clerks additional hours x5	
Mandeleigh Plants	£30.25
Hey Farm Plants	£33.97
Re-registration with the Information Commissioners Office - CCTV	£40
Marlyn Engineering – Planter Brackets	£48
SLCC Extension to Clerks CiLCA Course	£50

- Precept arrangements noted
- No feedback – Councillors are happy with the presented documents.

Meeting closed 9.45pm – next meeting Monday 1st August at 7pm.

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