

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held at Newburgh School, Back Lane, on Wednesday 26 June 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr J Citarella, Chair.

Cllrs Moore, Atty, Turner, O'Keefe, Roughneen, Casey, Baker and the Clerk, S Jones.
Borough Cllr Pope also attended for part of the meeting.

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TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Parbold Parish Council Chairman, Brian Arnold, who was hoping to attend.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Casey declared an interest in item as she is Chair of the Fair Committee. Cllr Atty declared an interest in item no 5 regarding the Lancashire County Council planning application as he is a friend of the agent.

067/19

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 May 2019 should be approved and signed by the Chairman.

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ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cllr Atty confirmed that Brian Arnold, Chair of Parbold Parish Council, had planned to attend the meeting to highlight the Lancashire County Council application regarding the proposed restoration works at Parbold Quarry, but unfortunately had not been able to make it. He asked Cllr Atty to let the Parish Council know that Parbold Parish Council has submitted objections to the application and that there is a public meeting is planned for 16 July in Parbold.

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PLANNING

a) Applications to be considered:

Cllr Atty left the meeting at this point.

LCC/2019/0028 - County Matter - Proposed land restoration and regrading works using inert material, associated highway works including construction of a temporary public car park at former Parbold Quarry on Parbold Hill.

Councillors were informed that the application proposed works using inert materials along with associated highway works including construction of a temporary car park at the former Parbold quarry. This is the first phase of the project and will involve tipping 500,000 tonnes of inert material to bring parts of the quarry back up to its original level. It is also designed to solve the current problems of contaminated water leaching from the site. The tipping operation will require 50,000 lorry movements along the A5209 and the timescale of the operation is identified as two years, but this is just an estimate at present. It was confirmed that the planning application would be considered by the Development Control Committee at Lancashire County Council. Following discussion, it was resolved to submit a strongly worded objection highlighting concerns such as general disruption, loss of amenity due to traffic, dust and noise and the fact that the proposed development is in an area of Green Belt.

Cllr Atty returned to the meeting at this point.

2019/0439/FUL - Ashleigh and Best Song on Ash Brow - Alterations to existing properties to form a single dwelling including demolition of existing garage; single storey extension to link Ashleigh and Best Song to form new entrance and utility area and single storey rear extension to form an extended kitchen/dining room. New vehicular access and driveway to the front of the property – No comment.

b) To review the West Lancashire Borough Council Local Plan process and timetable and agree any action

It was reported that no further details have been received regarding the Local Plan process. Any developments will be presented at a future Parish Council meeting.

070/19

TO CONSIDER THE OFFER FROM THE APPLETON FAMILY TO GIFT BLUEBELL WOOD AND THE ADJOINING FIELD TO THE VILLAGE AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED

Following last month's meeting where it was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the Appleton family to confirm its interest in taking over Bluebell Wood and the adjoining field, it was confirmed that Mr Appleton had responded to say that the Parish Council offer had been acceptable with conditions. The solicitors representing the Parish Council had been contacted with the details and asked to commence the required searches and other work. The Parish Council have continued to investigate the best way forward and it was proposed that a planning application should be submitted to West Lancashire Borough Council for a Change of Use for the site from private land to public land. It was resolved to accept this proposal and the Clerk was asked to submit the planning application. In the meantime, work will be carried out to undertake risk assessments for the site in preparation for the transfer. The Clerk was asked to provide an updated budget estimate based on information known to date. An update on progress will be provided at the July Parish Council meeting.

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WORKPLAN

a) To receive an update from Roads Investigation Working Group, including residents' concerns about speeding traffic and other issues on Back Lane and Tabby's Nook and agree any actions

The Parish Council had been contacted by residents in recent times voicing concerns about speeding traffic on Back Lane and Tabby's Nook. In addition, vehicles had also been noted going the wrong way along Tabby's Nook which could result in a serious accident and waste water tankers had been seen going the wrong way along Back Lane to the sewage works. One of the residents has also contacted Lancashire County Council to request speed bumps along Back Lane to try to resolve the issue. Councillors discussed the issues raised and it was acknowledged that these were long standing issues which were difficult to resolve. The Parish Council had been in contact with Lancashire County Council in the past to try to get safety measures installed however, this had proven to be unsuccessful as evidence was required to prove that there was a problem which justified such action. It was resolved to circulate an additional newsletter over the Summer which would highlight the problems and ask residents to collect evidence such as times, locations and photographs where possible and submit the information to the Parish Council in order to progress the issues.

It was also confirmed that the Parish Council had been contacted by residents about another issue concerning cars parking outside the bungalows on Woodrow Drive (some long term). It was resolved to include an item in the next newsletter to highlight the inconsiderate parking outside the bungalows and to ask residents to refrain from parking there unless they were visiting the bungalows as emergency vehicles often require access.

Borough Cllr Pope left the meeting at this point.

b) To receive an update on the village clean and maintenance plan and agree any actions

No group sessions had taken place since the last meeting. However, some areas had been identified as needing improvement, such as the area opposite the Post Office close to the noticeboard. Members of the volunteer group will be contacted and a session will be arranged to deal with the issues identified.

The War Memorial had recently been washed and plants had been installed by members of the Clean and Green Service. The play area has also been cleaned by volunteers. It was proposed to highlight the improvements on the Parish Council Facebook page.

The vegetation on Culvert Lane had overgrown and required cutting back. It was resolved to contact the contractor to get a quote for the work required.

The trees bordering the School field had recently been inspected and found to be in need of crown lifting as they were encroaching on the footpath to the School. The issue had been raised with the School previously, so it was resolved to contact the School again to ask for an update regarding a possible timescale when the contractor from Lancashire County Council would carry out the required works. The hedges bordering the footpath to the School and Back Lane are due to be cut in August by Lancashire County Council.

It was confirmed that the bins on the Sports Club field were overflowing, which is an ongoing problem, especially in the Summer months when they are used more regularly. It was resolved to contact the Sports Club to find out what arrangements were in place regarding the bins.

c) To receive an update on the village footpaths including Parbold to Newburgh Canal footpath improvement project

It was reported that no progress had been made regarding the Parbold to Newburgh canal footpath improvement project as there had been no response from the Canal and River Trust following a visit to inspect the section of canal identified for improvement. An update will be presented at a future Parish Council meeting when there are developments to report. Residents had reported concerns regarding issues with the public footpath close to Wayside on Ash Brow. The Clerk was asked to contact Lancashire County Council to ask for an update on any action proposed.

072/19

TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON NEWBURGH FAIR AND THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SERVICE AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS

It was confirmed that the Community Celebration Service on 16 July had gone well and was felt to be a success. The Service was the first of its kind and a replacement for the more formal Civic Services which had been held in the past. The Service had been arranged in partnership with the Church, School and the Fair Committee. An estimated 175 people had attended including the Mayor of West Lancashire and many local organisations and residents.

Cllr Casey provided feedback on Newburgh Fair which took place on 22 June. The fine weather had helped to ensure a very healthy attendance and other events during the week had also been a great success. It was hoped that a profit would be made and plans were in place to pass this on to local organisations including the Parish Council. Thanks were expressed to the Fair Committee and all the volunteers who had taken part in all the events.

073/19

FINANCE

a) To agree Accounts for Payment for June 2019, including payment for a new Parish Council printer (current printer beyond repair), Schedule attached

The Clerk informed Councillors that it had been necessary to purchase a new Parish Council printer as the current printer had broken and had been found to be beyond repair. Following advice from a local computer shop in Burscough, it was proposed to purchase a more robust printer which would be more economical for ink cartridges. The Accounts for Payment for June 2019 were approved for payment.

b) To consider the options for moving the Parish Council bank account and agree any necessary actions

The Clerk confirmed that an application had been submitted to Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank as agreed at the May Parish Council meeting. The application is currently being processed and an update will be provided at the July Parish Council meeting.

c) To receive an update regarding the donation to Newburgh School towards a defibrillator and agree any actions

The Clerk confirmed that a donation of £50 had been made to Newburgh School during 2018 towards the cost of a defibrillator. A letter had recently been received from Newburgh School stating that the School had received a free defibrillator from Tesco and that it was willing to refund any donations or, if parties were agreeable, the money donated would be used towards improving community facilities provided at the School. Following discussion, it was resolved to contact the School to confirm that the Parish Council was happy for the School to keep the £50 donation and use it towards improving facilities.

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TO NOTE THE CLERKS REPORT

The Clerks Report was noted.

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DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on 24 July 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

Schedule of Accounts for Payment June 2019

Chq No	Payee	Amount
n/a	1&1 - website charges	£ 5.99 Direct Debit
2039	Mr J Horrobin – play area maintenance	£ 20.00*retrospective
2040	Mrs S Jones – June salary and expenses	£ 691.70
2041	Lancashire County Council – school hire	£ 11.25
2042	Information Commissioner - Data Protection Fee	£ 40.00
2043	Mr J Horrobin – play area and hedge maintenance	£ 110.00
2044	KC Computers – printer and ink cartridges	<u>£ 234.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>£ 1,112.94</u>