

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 8th May 2006

Meeting started

Present

Chairperson	Karen Galvin	Vice Chairperson	Gillian Greenwood
Councillor	Ruth Crompton	Councillor	Adrian Foulkes
Councillor	Emma-Jane MacDonald	Councillor	Ian Hartley
Councillor	Beverley Robinson	Councillor	Raymond Clough
Councillor	Barry Hodgson	Clerk	Alison Clay

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative	Mark Gardner-Trawden Community Group
David Robertson Visiting Councillor	Mike Calvert-County Councillor
Michael Watson	

Apologies

Councillor Melva Burton

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 3rd April 2006, were approved and signed correct,
Proposed by Councillor Robinson, seconded by Councillor Greenwood.

Mobile Matrix Sign/Highway Business Plan

Letter-14/04/06-received from Foulridge Parish Council. Re the SPID Sign.

Confirming an interest in the sign, also that Laneshawbridge Parish Council is also interested.

E-Mail-26/04/06-LCC-Mr Doug Trumper-Safety Engineering Group has put together a short PowerPoint presentation for parishes.

Councillor Galvin will not be able to attend the next parish meeting on the 5th June 2006.

To arrange an extra meeting if possible for Monday the 12th June 2006, for representatives from LCC to give a presentation on the SPID sign.

Contact Foulridge and Laneshawbridge Parish Council re the meeting.

The Parish Council agreed to order a SPID Sign. Mr Calvert will confirm which SPID Sign to order.

Mr Calvert confirmed he had been in discussions over the 20mph zones which are in place at Crosshills in North Yorkshire. These signs are not proving to be successful.

The best method for Trawden is the SPID sign. Also look into making the footpaths wider in certain parts of the village i.e. Skipton Road, Colne Road, Rock Lane.

Capital Grant 06/07

After discussions re the area at the Church, the Parish Council agreed not to apply for a Capital Grant for 2006/07.

Trawden Forest Parish Stones

Councillor Clough confirmed he had spoken to Acorn Stone on fixing the signs to the stones.

Proposed Councillor Robinson seconded Councillor Hartley the amount up to £100 per sign for fixing the signs to the stones. Put to vote 9 for.

Councillor Clough spoke of the graffiti which has happened again at the Cotton tree garden.

Agreed to keep one of the signs at his works until the vandalism calms down..

Youths have been seen riding bikes on the top of the wall, and the notice board has been damaged again.

Will look into planting some extra plants, to grow over the top stones at the garden.

Inform the police on the vandalism.

Plaque for the Tram Tracks

Quote received from Signs of the Times. Suggestion is to have a plaque made smaller than the ones already received. Size-450 wide x 400 high with a tree in the dome Price=£356.85-ex-Carriage and VAT.

Require a plaque for Well head with the history of the Well.

Councillor Foulkes and Councillor Greenwood agreed to look into the history and wording for the plaque.

Next Agenda.

The Parish Plan

Mr Gardner had been in discussions with a company called Tell Tale Theatre. Price of entertainment=£75.00 per 3 hour session per one person, plus cost of room. 9 weeks over the summer holidays = £2222.

Tell Tale Theatre will advertise through the village of a proposal for young people.

Mr Gardner will find out how much a consultation will cost.

Mr Calvert will send details of activities organised around the area for the summer.

E-Mail-26/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Town Centres Officer-Re Trawden Village Green Project (£2000. contribution).

Invoices must be obtained from the contractor who will do the work. Projects must be completed in financial year 06/07.

Colne Area Committee

No councillor attended the last meeting.

Mr Robertson said the minutes from the last meeting confirmed that Dean Street was still a mess.

This would be sorted out.

The planning department will produce a leaflet advising people on the Conservation Area.

A top level meeting is being organised to discuss the bus service for the area.

Meeting on 12/05/06-nothing is on the agenda for Trawden.

Clerks Salary

After a discussion over salary details. Salary at the moment =£200 per month=£2400.00 per year + expenses.

Proposed Councillor MacDonald seconded Councillor Hartley a pay rise of £20.00 per month.

Put to vote 8 for. Councillor Robinson voted against this.

Police Matters

No contact has yet been made from the police over the New Community Beat Manager.

Police need to be aware of the following:

Youths causing a nuisance at the bottom of Dean Street.

Boulsworth Drive-footballs are being kicked into gardens-Youths are ripping the wood from garages to burn.

Windows have been broken at the Community Centre.

Graffiti at Cotton tree Garden.

Mr Calvert said he had been in discussions with the Head Master at Park School re the bus that is used by children in Trawden. Mr Calvert will be lobbying the Cabinet Member responsible for this decision.

Write to LCC Tony Martin stating that Trawden is a rural community and the school is not on a normal bus route from Trawden, and if this service is cancelled, will cause serious problems for children getting to and from school.

Planning

PLA11962-13/06/0214P

Location: 3 Proctor Croft Trawden BB8 8PE

Proposal- Full Erect single storey extension to rear

Applicant: Mr S Verity and Miss A Roberts. Reply date 28/04/06-Extension till 09/05/06-No Objection.

PLA11975-13/06/0227P

Location: The Barn Foulds Road Trawden BB8 8NT

Proposal: Full: Erect single storey extension to rear

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Saunders. Reply date: 28/04/06-Extension till 09/05/06-No Objection.

PLA11987-13/06/0239P

Location: Land Top of Dean Street Trawden

Proposal: Full: use land as garage site (the proposal affects footpaths 23 & 25)

Applicant: Miss J Bullcock

Reply date: 02/05/06-Extension till 09/05/06.

Write to planning strongly objecting to this application. Not in keeping with the surrounding area.

It would compound the traffic problems on a street where the school is situated, which is already congested. The development would detract from the local amenity value, and would be detrimental to the aesthetic appearance of the local area. In the conservation area a garage site of this size is not appropriate.

PLA12029-13/06/0283P

Location: Slack Farm Wycoller Road Trawden BB8 8SZ

Proposal: Full: Provision of external private garden areas, detached garages and forecourt and conversion of barn into three dwellings (Amended Scheme) including change of use of agricultural land and new boundary wall.

(The proposal affects footpath No 218).

Applicant: The Wycoller LLP. Reply date 24/05/06-No Objection.

PLA12034-13/06/0287P

Location: Wycoller Craft Centre Wycoller Road Trawden BB8 8SY

Proposal: Full: Addition to two roof lights to rear

Applicant: Mr & Mrs AR Darcy. Reply Date 25/05/06-No Objection.

Parish Matters

Councillor Foulkes said the water had stopped at Winewall again. Councillor Clough and Councillor Foulkes will investigate.

Confirmed that Andy who looks after the area at Wellhead will continue to do so.

Councillor Clough confirmed that the white lines had been painted on the road at Winewall.

Disappointed with the lack of consultation from United Utilities re the changes to the water supply.

Letter-18/04/06-United Utilities-Mr Derek Clucus was read out to the meeting re the changes to the water supply.

E-Mail from Councillor Burton re parking on Winewall Road. Make New Community Beat Manager aware of this.

Councillor Hartley had received concerns from a resident re an electric fence which has been erected on the footpath at the back of 26 Hollin Hall Lane. Contact Borough of Pendle-Country side officer to look into the fence.

Councillor MacDonald asked if the library was earmarked for closure. Mr Calvert said that at the moment it was not earmarked for closure, but will keep the Parish Council informed on this.

Letter- 25/04/06-Gordon Prentice MP-and copy letter from James Plaskitt MP-re the post office card account was read out to the meeting.

Write to James Plaskitt MP objecting to the scaling down of services which could mean the closure of the Post Office.

Councillor MacDonald had been in contact with Defra re a report. Paper copy is being sent.

Re the school path-the dog fouling on the path has not stopped, but it has lessened.

Mr Robertson asked if the Parish Council had objected to the changes at A & E Department at Burnley Hospital

The option for transferring services should not be negotiable and should stay at Burnley.

Write to NHS asking if they are trying to save money or trying to save lives.

Require assurances that the level of services will not be affected and lives will not be put at risk.

Ask for the transfer time from Hollin Hall Lane Trawden at 0830 hours on a weekday to Blackburn Hospital.

Councillor Crompton asked if a reply had been received re the lorry at Old Josephs Barn. Contact Borough of Pendle again.

Quote received from Mark Caffrey re painting the Victorian Toilet-Quote No 1407 = £250.

Require another quote. Councillor Crompton will contact Peter Stansfield.

Councillor Robinson raised concerns about the amount of litter on Cotton Tree bottom, especially when Trawden has entered the Best Kept Village Competition. Borough of Pendle sends litter pickers out after the refuse collection day.

Councillor Hodgson stated that Rock Lane is being closed near to the Rec for repair works.

Large pot holes on Wycoller Road, also Coal Pit Lane near Windy Harbour.

Contact Borough of Pendle asking for roads to be repaired ASAP.

Wycoller Top Car Park large sign has been erected re the large panopticon sculpture on the hillside

Write to Borough of Pendle Planning Manager stating that now with the conservation status this structure is out of keeping with the countryside and is a scandalous waste of tax payer's money.

Councillor Galvin stated a part of wall on the footpath at the back of Winewall Farm has fallen down.

Contact Countryside Officer Borough of Pendle.

Also chevron sign on Burnley Road near Little Moss Farm requires re-painting.

Mr Gardner asked if the skip for Dean Street can be re-positioned to the car park at the bottom of Dean Street.

Contact Borough of Pendle to ask for this change.

Also the officer in charge of the Wind Farm Scheme has now left his position.

Require help re the soil at the bus terminus.

Proposed Councillor Crompton, seconded Councillor MacDonald amount of £40 for soil improvements for the bus terminus in Trawden. Put to vote 9 for.

Finances

Accounts of the Previous Year

The statement of Accounts Section 1 contained in the Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the council and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31/03/06. Total =£20,902.60, were seen by all members of the Parish Council.

The Statement of Assurance Section 2 from the Annual Return 31/03/06 was read out to the Parish Council and approved. Proposed Councillor Robinson seconded Councillor Hodgson. Put to vote 9 for.

To contact Mrs Betty Taylor Foulridge Parish Clerk, to ask to audit the accounts.

Cheques Approved/Written and Signed

£220.00 Cheque No 000611 Alison Clay (Salary April 2006)

£1565.10 Cheque No 000612 Signs of the Times-(Parish Signs)

£43.80 Cheque No 000613 Borough of Pendle (Hire of Community Centre)

£372.41 Cheque No 000614 Allianz Cornhill Insurance

Remittance Advice-27/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Capital Grant 05/06-Amount of £4000 paid direct into bank account.

Remittance Advice-13/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Grant for 2006/2007-Amount of £4700 paid direct into bank account.

Correspondence

Letter-08/04/06-Mrs Amanda Cunningham re Closure of Stepping Stones Nursery.

Letter-27/04/06-Denise Caffrey-Re Horse Trough at Slack Booth.Mr Ray Richards already looks after this area

Letter-03/05/06-BDO Stoy Hayward LLP-Chartered Accountants-Local Council Briefing-Spring 2006.

Copy Letter-18/04/06-Mr Steven Wilcock-To Leisure Services Borough of Pendle-

Re Recreation Ground Trawden. Re sign indicating what pastimes are acceptable and not acceptable at the ground.

Write to Borough of Pendle asking for a sign to say no motorized vehicles and no playing of golf.

Letter-12/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Democratic & Legal Services-Co-Opted Members on Area Committees.

Any changes to the representation on the area committee to confirm ASAP before the 18/05/06.

Letter-12/04/06-Democratic & Legal Services-Committee Timetable for 2006/2007.

Letter-13/04/06-Code of Conduct Training-Six sessions around the borough now finished. In all 55 councillors and clerks

attended the meetings. To remind councillors to review their entries in the register on interests, any changes to amend.

E-Mail-25/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Re Bus shelter at Cotton Tree. To be re-painted.

E-Mail-21/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Operational Services-Re Skips for Bank Holiday Clean up-skips should not be a problem.

Any other issues will be dealt with in due course.

Letter-20/04/06-Borough of Pendle-Parks & Cemeteries-Re-Playground on Carr Head Road Lanehouse Lane-playground recently been sprayed/power washed as requested.Re equipment to be installed, confirm date for replacement is 2010/2011.

Lane House Lane Play Ground-Next Agenda

Recreation Ground-No dogs allowed sign-this was attached to a replacement gate, fitted at Trawden by error. This has now been removed.

Garden at Harambee doctor's surgery-overhanging bushes have been cut. (It is part of winter maintenance, schedule normally undertaken between Nov-March end year).

Letter-04/04/06-Lancashire Highways Partnership-Pendle Countryside access Forum

Next meeting 25/04/06- Report on work carried out 01/12/05-31/03/06.

Letter-19/04/06-Colne Connected-AGM Meeting Agenda-26/04/06.Enclosed General Report.

Notice from Colne Connected-Meeting Thursday 11/05/06 at St Bartholomew's Parish Church 18.00 for 18.30 Re-Reinstating the Colne-Skipton Rail Link.

Letter-12/04/06-Office of the Deputy Prime Minister-Local Authority Byelaws in England-A Discussion Paper.

Letter-05/06-Calderdale Council-Regeneration and Development-

Unique Ref No 3099, proposed modifications to the draft replacement Calderdale unitary development plan.

Notice-North West Regional assembly-Plan consultation events for local strategic partnership and parish councils.

Allotments

Letter received Miss Pugh Re Allotments.

Meeting closed 10.25pm.