

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2005

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present

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

Also Present

David Pollard	Press Representative
David Robertson	Visiting Councillor
Mark Gardner	Trawden Community Group
Jacqui King	Trawden Flower Festival

Apologies

Councillor Melva Burton

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting 2004 were approved and signed correct, Proposed by Councillor Beverley Robinson, seconded by Councillor Karen Galvin

Annual report given by the Chairperson 2005

This year the residents of Trawden, Winewall, Cotton tree and Wycoller have proved continuously that there is such a thing as community and that community spirit is alive and well in the Parish of Trawden Forest.

Residents have attended nearly every Parish Council meeting and we have had several meetings where there has been standing room only. I personally welcome the involvement of every resident in the Parish, because after all, it is their money we are spending and everyone is entitled to have their say. We can only be effective as a council if we truly reflect the community we represent.

Several groups of people have come forward this year with new initiatives, each involving groups of residents working together for the benefit of the community and I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to some of them.

The Winewall Wellhead Residents Association who have worked together as a community to improve the area around their homes for the benefit of everyone; their hard work has been rewarded as the road is now resurfaced and a garden area has been created. They are continuing to work together for the good of their neighbourhood and their enthusiasm and dedication must be applauded.

As must the work of the people involved in the Parish Plan. This group of individuals from each corner of the Parish have come together to work for the benefit of the Parish as a whole. After organising a consultation process to obtain the views of ALL the residents, which was a huge task in itself, they are now ready to move forward with a Parish Plan and look at ways in which the results of the consultation exercise can form a strategy to improve the lives of everyone living in the Parish.

The Garden Festival has become an annual event organised by a group of willing volunteers whose hard work throughout the year, culminates in a fantastic weekend of horticultural fun for everyone; the excitement that builds up throughout the village towards the end of July promotes a tangible feeling of the community spirit (you can almost touch it).

The Agricultural Show again a huge commitment by volunteers who give up their time and energy throughout the year to provide an event for everyone in the Parish and beyond to enjoy. There is a mammoth undertaking and once again in August the community spirit is alive and well as people are seen enjoying the day out on the recreation ground.

Trawden On Line created and maintained by residents of the community for the community, people giving up their free time to provide a service for the benefit of local people. The web site is also the window into which the wider world views Trawden. They are constantly looking to improve the web site and have asked residents for their suggestions.

For generations the leaders of the Scouts and Guides have dedicated themselves to providing a safe place for youngsters to come together to learn the value of belonging to a community. The leaders are all volunteers freely giving of their time and energy, which in itself promotes a community spirit like no other.

This is not an exhaustive list of community groups in the Parish but it reflects those groups that have come forward for assistance from the council. I believe the area covered by Trawden Forest Parish Council is unique, not only because of our formidable community spirit but because of our unsurpassed countryside.

Last year the Pendle Heritage completed a survey of the countryside around Trawden Forest Parish and proposed a Landscape conservation Area. This would be the first of its type in Pendle. I am keen to see this progress and it will be on our action plan for this year.

To outline the progress made by this council last year I am going to list the projects completed in no particular order.

1. Cotton tree garden (Millennium Garden)
2. Notice boards
3. Parish hall garden
4. The removal of areas of land from the within the settlement boundary in the local plan

The outstanding issues that remain and will form part of the Action plan for this year are

1. The traffic concerns and Highways plan
2. Dean Street footpath
3. Trawden recreation ground car park
4. Well head
5. Village signs

Planning is always a concern for this council and will remain our priority. Each proposal is evaluated individually and the impact on the village is assessed. Trawden, Winewall, Cottontree and Wycoller are separate communities within the boundary of Trawden Forest Parish Council and it is the duty of each and every one of us to represent the residents of these communities to the best of our abilities.

Accounts of the Previous Year

Account for year ending 31/03/05=£15117.39-were seen by all members of the Council.
Approved Councillor Ruth Crompton, seconded Councillor Beverley Robinson.

School Governor Report

Councillor Emma-Jane Macdonald had attended two previous meetings. A training course is being arranged for the 08/06/05 for Councillor Emma-Jane to attend

Financial Plans

The following as discussed in the Chairman's report will be the action plan for this year.

The traffic concerns and Highways plan

Dean Street footpath

Trawden recreation ground car park

Well head

Trawden village signs

An Estimate was also received from Mr Stuart Walker 02/06/03-to build dry stone wall at the area of Rock Lane. To contact Mr Walker to re-quote for the work required.

Borough Councillors report

Councillor David Robertson complimented Councillor Karen Galvin on the Chairman's Report.

Stated that at the Colne Area Committee, Trawden is always being discussed over one issue or another.

Any other Business

Details from the action plan, to be on next agenda.

To invite Mr Mike Calvert Conservative Councillor to next meeting-06/06/05.

Councillor Ian Hartley produced the meeting with a letter from Lancashire County Council-

Environment Directorate-re Community wind energy scheme in Lancashire

Councillor Ian Hartley stated he had completed the questionnaire and returned to LCC.

To invite Jennifer Coy-LCC-Environmental Policy Officer to the next meeting 06/06/05.

To discuss in more detail and to air peoples views with regards to this scheme.

Mrs Jacqui King-Trawden Garden Festival thanked the Parish Council for the support received.

Asked the meeting if any thing could be done with the eyesore of the car park at the bottom of Dean Street.

Write to planning department stating it is a "Blot on the landscape."

Councillor David Robertson stated he would bring this matter of the car park up at the Colne Area Committee on 12/05/05 as a problem site.

Mrs Jacqui King to look into areas on where planters could be put in the village.

Meeting Closed 7.30pm.