

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 4th December 2006

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present-Parish Council

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

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative, Mark Gardner-Trawden Community Group, Cllr David Robertson, CCllr Mike Calvert, PC Mark Whitehead, Mike Watson, Allan Greenwood, Hollin Hall Residents.

Apologies

Councillor Melva Burton, Councillor Beverley Robinson

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 6th November 2006, were approved and signed correct.
Proposed by Councillor Foulkes, seconded by Councillor Hartley.

Yellow Lines – Hollin Hall Lane

Mr Steve Parker representative from Hollin Hall residents group attended the meeting and thanked the Parish Council for letting him speak at the meeting.

Mr Parker stated that the residents do not want yellow lines on the lane. If lines were introduced where would people park. They felt threatened and asked for assurances from the Parish Council not to ask for yellow lines on Hollin Hall. He stressed the Parish Council to stop this proposal before it starts, as they believe the lane is unsuitable for heavy vehicles, but they do use the village, driving fast and sometimes using mobile phones.

He said that previous minutes had stated a tractor had been stuck on the lane; this was for 40 minutes and not 1 1/2 hours. After that time the police did arrive and the situation was resolved.

Mr Parker presented the meeting with a leaflet, to post through letter boxes on Hollin Hall asking people to park with consideration to others. He stated that as a group of residents they work hard to try and keep the road clear and if any problems arise they do ask people to move their cars.

The Parish Council agreed that this approach and the leaflets were a good idea.

Councillor Greenwood did state that from the previous minutes the suggestion of yellow lines was made by a resident but was for outside the old mill development.

Councillor Hodgson said that he had sometimes found it hard work when using Hollin Hall Lane.

Cllr Robertson stated that yellow lines are a County Council issue. He personally would not like to see yellow lines on Hollin Hall Lane.

PC Whitehead said yellow lines for Hollin Hall Lane are not a suitable suggestion at the moment, and would prefer other considerations before yellow lines being introduced. It would be the decision of the Lancashire Police and the Highways Agency who would liaise together on suggestions of yellow lines. If residents wished to speak to the police on this matter to contact Mr Colin Peacock.

Councillor Galvin gave the assurance from the Parish Council that nothing would be done with regards to yellow lines on Hollin Hall Lane, and would consult with the group, if there are no alternatives. A full open discussion with the Parish Council would be arranged with residents to discuss this further.

Mr Parker said the group did appreciate the support from the Parish Council in the past.

Councillor Galvin stated the Parish Council have tried their best to help the Hollin Hall Group.

Parish Councillors are allowed to have their own say, but collectively the Parish Council do have to vote as a council in the end.

Mr Greenwood said a horse box had also been stuck on Hollin Hall Lane.

Did anybody know if the development on Hollin Hall was up for sale?

The Water Company have stopped work for the winter, and will re-start next spring.

CCllr Mike Calvert entered the meeting 7.40pm

Write to the Water Company and Borough of Pendle in February 2007, informing them that Hollin Hall Lane should not be used by contactors.

Residents from Hollin Hall left the meeting 7.41pm

Police Matters

PC Whitehead stated that the village had suffered a little crime wave this month.

Between 25-27/11/06 Caravan stolen from Skipton Road-value £19,000.00 this included £1,000 of contents.

23/11/06-gable end house at Holme Street-Burglar entered the property and escaped with a purse with £100. This was also connected with a crime in Colne involving £600.

10/11/06-Boulsworth Grove-Pedal cycle stolen-value £1,300.00.

An investigation has historically come to an end. A person, who was in possession of drugs from the Winewall area, has received an official warning.

PACT issues are same as before.

Lines for Rock Lane and Parish Hall corner- highways are due to carry work out in January 2007.

PC Whithead will look into these areas, re vehicles parking.

Neighborhood watch scheme will be advertised in the Colne Times. These are very simple to run.

Re the PCSO-this has been delayed but hopefully in February 2007 someone will be appointed for the job.

A bike crash happened on Saturday near New Laithe Farm.

Concerns had been raised with youths drinking and hanging around Black Carr Mill, empty vodka bottles have been found and windows have been broken.

An ABC contract had been issued to a youth in the village. Another contract is to be issued to another youth.

PC Whitehead will not be able to attend the meeting in January 2007. No meeting is arranged for January 2007.

PC Whithead left the meeting 8.05pm.

Meeting dates for 2007

January-No meeting /February 5th/March 5th/April 2nd/May-AGM 14th/June-No meeting/July 2nd/August 6th/September 3rd/October 1st/November 5th/December 3rd.

Christmas Lights

Christmas lights on the tree outside the community centre are not very nice, and the village has received a very poor deal. Cllr Robertson will ask Mr Alan Davies for consideration for more lights in the village.

Wheel Park for Trawden

At the Colne Area Committee, members recommended the Parish Council to contact Mr Colin Patten from Parks and Recreation at Borough of Pendle.

Letter-28/11/06-received from Mr Colin Patten-Re Wheel Park for Trawden.

Phone call 30/11/06-Ms Julie Hibbert would like to arrange a meeting at Ball Grove Park to discuss this further.

Councillor Foulkes and Councillor Hartley, along with Mr Mark Gardner will meet with Ms Hibbert at Ball Grove Park.

Best day is Friday approx 2.00pm.

Contact Ms Hibbert to see if Friday the 8th of December is acceptable.

Also contact Jonathan and Scott to make them aware of the arrangements.

CCLlr Mike Calvert said he would speak to the people who live at the bottom of Rock Lane, with the suggestion from the Parish Council of installing railings.

Agreed to look into the footpath at the Church corner and will contact LCC Highways with concerns raised.

CCLlr Mike Calvert left the meeting 8.26pm

Victorian Toilet-Skipton Road

Two quotes received for work on the toilet.

S & J Engineering Total Price £1300.00. Marlyn Engineering Total 1276.00+ VAT.

Proposed Councillor MacDonald seconded Councillor Crompton to accept the quote from Marlyn Engineering.

Put to vote 8 for.

Mr Mike Watson will let Marlyn Engineering know of the work. Councillor Hodgson agreed to power wash the toilet prior to the work being carried out.

Plaques for Tram Tracks and Well at Wellhead

Councillor Greenwood presented the meeting with a condensed version for a plaque at Well Head.

'The well at Well Head was the original water supply for Winewall village and Sagars Tannery until an outbreak of Typhoid fever in 1914 after which the water from the well was cut off and supplies piped from Trawden or Colne.'

Wording for plaque for Tram Tracks

'Colne and Trawden Light Railway.' The first Tram in Trawden ran from Colne to the Rock Hotel on 22nd June 1904. This section, built 1905, is the last remaining piece of track. The last Tram ran on 3rd June 1928.'

E-Mail-26/11/06-Councillor Burton-Re Winewall Wellhead Resident's Association Committee Meeting. Interested in developing the village green further. The committee would be happy to undertake management of the work in spring next year, with Councillor Foulkes, on behalf of the Parish Council if funding were available.

Would be happy to carry out some tree pruning, set a picnic table on the green, lay a flagged path to the benches and picnic table, erect the information plaque and a notice board. This would be a focus for Well Head and walkers.

Can this suggestion be given some thought to the possibility of funding the project in the next financial year?

Reply to Councillor Burton, the Parish Council are happy to discuss this further and the item will be put on the agenda for February 2007 to discuss.

Contact the Borough of Pendle to ask where the plaque was made re the Wallace Hartley plaque in Colne.

Proposed Councillor Greenwood seconded Councillor Hodgson for the smaller plaques to be made out of stainless steel as per the poetry garden. Put to vote 8 for. These were made by C & R Walne in Accrington. Contact the company for a quote.

Railings at Rock Lane

Councillor Clough presented the meeting with a catalogue from North Valley Forge of types of railings.

Mr Mike Watson agreed to get a quote from Marlyn Engineering.

Concerns were raised with the safety aspect to removing the old railings and erecting new ones.

Contact Cllr Mike Calvert to ask he if can advise on what the Parish Council would be allowed to do.

Trawden Forest Parish Stones

Councillor Clough confirmed two stones were going to be fit last Saturday, but due to work problems with a fork lift truck these have been delayed. Next Agenda.

Will sandblast the wall at Cottontree garden soon.

The Trawden Forest Wind Energy Project

Councillor Galvin asked if anybody had a financial interest to leave the meeting.

Councillor Greenwood and Councillor Hartley left the meeting 8.54pm.

Councillor Galvin said that Mr Mark Gardner had been contacted by a developer interested in a wind energy project.

A meeting was held with the planning officer at the Borough of Pendle along with Mr Alan Davies to discuss the proposal of turbines in the Trawden area. A small scale project is approx 15 turbines. If the village goes ahead and agrees to any turbines, then this could open the floodgates and the area could possibly end up with 20/30 turbines in the future.

The Parish Council are not against a small turbine project of 2 or 3, but even with this small number it could set a precedent. The area has conservation area status. If lots of turbines are erected then this would spoil the visibility impact of the area.

It was agreed by the Parish Council, to hold an open meeting for all residents and land owners to discuss these issues.

Meeting will be held on Monday the 15th January 2007, at the Community Centre starting 7.00pm.

Write to Gordon Prentice MP to invite him to the meeting, or to ask for his opinion on this.

Councillor Greenwood and Councillor Hartley re-entered the meeting 9.26pm

Mr Mark Gardner confirmed the normal project meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13/12/06 at the Sun Inn 7.00pm. He has also arranged a meeting with the developer on Thursday 14/12/06.

Parish Plan

Nothing new to report. Next Agenda.

Colne Area Committee

Councillor Galvin, Councillor Burton and Councillor Crompton can not attend the meeting on 07/12/06.

Councillor Hodgson agreed to attend the meeting. Cllr Robertson will not be able to attend the meeting.

Re items to be discussed at the meeting:

Playground at Trawden. Require new equipment but would like consulting on the type of equipment.

Cllr Robertson will speak to Mr Alan Davies before the meeting.

Re-Sign for the development at Hollin Hall Lane, planning permission has to be granted before erecting any new signs.

The planning application at Granville's shop has been refused.

Planning

PLA12524-13/06/0768P

Location: 13 White Lee Avenue Trawden Colne BB8 8TD

Proposal Full Erect first floor extension to side

Applicant Mr and Mrs J Pickles. Reply date 21/12/06. No objection.

PLA12466-13/06/0711P

Location: Spring Garden Villa Skipton Road Trawden Colne BB8 8BJ

Proposal Full Erect agricultural storage building to replace existing sheds

(Re-submission).Applicant Kevin Guy. Reply date 27/11/06. No Objection.

Letter-10/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Engineering and Special Projects.

Re Proposal extinguishment of public footpath 17 Trawden, off Colne Road Trawden.

Reply date 12/12/06. No Objection.

Letter-21/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Engineering and Special Projects.

Re Proposed diversion of public footpaths 59, 60 and 76 Trawden at Lower Draught Gates Farm.

Reply date 21/12/06. No Objection.

Letter-21/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Engineering and Special Projects.

Re Proposed diversion of part of public footpath 216, Trawden. Reply date 21/12/06. No Objection.

Parish Matters

Councillor Clough stated the lights are still out at Ball Grove Car Park. Cllr Robertson will look into this.

Councillor Hartley said that KMI Water had been and inspected the bridge at Hollin Hall.

E-Mail-John Evans KMI Plus-re bridge on Hollin Hall Trawden. Concerns have been made aware to KMI, a meeting would be held on 17/11/06 with Mr Hartley. The bridge may need strengthening.

Mr Mark Gardner stated that all the fencing around the development at Hollin Hall has fallen down due to the strong winds.

The electricity board have replaced the sub station, instead of using the stone available; the station has been put into what looks like a slate box.

Cllr Robertson will make aware of these issues to the Colne Area Committee Members.

Councillor Hodgson will discuss these matters at the meeting.

Mr Mark Gardner had received a quote for £20.00 for the work at the poetry garden. The Parish Council agreed for the work to be carried out.

The PTA organised an auction at the school and raised approx £3800.00.

Councillor MacDonald had received some questions re the war memorial

Also received a request from Mr Arthur English, could he take the broken cast iron bench leg from the war memorial weld it, paint it and repair it? Councillor MacDonald will contact Mr English to let him know that he can carry out the repairs.

Councillor Crompton spoke of Old Josephs Barn-Re land registry.

Councillor Hodgson stated that trees and bushes need cutting back at the Mire Ridge. Contact Highways.

Mr Mike Watson asked for a grit bin outside the Police Station.

The footpath which runs at the side of the Police Station requires some attention. Re-flagging is required to make level and safe, but require suitable flags due to being in the Conservation Area. Contact Highways.

Cllr Robertson, Mr Mark Gardner and Mr Mike Watson left the meeting 10.00pm

Correspondence

Letter-29/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Operational Services-Re Rubbish tipping at Clogg Heads. Many thanks for letter 23/11/06, and comments, concerns have been noted. Area will be looked into again with a view to clearing the rubbish within the next few weeks.

Letter-16/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Engineering & Special Projects-Re Footpath 110-this will be investigated ref no 3181.

E-mail-14/11/06-Highways Pendle-Re gully cleaning these will be inspected/cleaned out within 4 weeks.

Letter-08/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Engineering and Special Projects-

Re Public Footpath 28-Sydney Terrace-footpath sign post repaired. The remainder of footpath was in good condition.

Letter-15/11/06-North West Air Ambulance-acknowledge receipt of donation of £250.00 to the appeal.

Letter-House of Commons-Gordon Prentice MP-Re Air Ambulance Service-Further to letter 30/10/06-reply received from the minister Norman Warner.

Letter-27/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Planning-Re Weekly Planning list-form to be completed and returned. Planning list will now be via E-Mail in the future.

Letter-01/12/06-Borough of Pendle-Democratic & Legal Services-Re 2007 Register of Electors.

Letter-03/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Re Parish Review-Draft Recommendations.

Letter-10/11/06-Burnley Lions Club-Re Message in a Bottle or Bottle in the Fridge. Councillor MacDonald will give the letter to Harambee Surgery.

Yates Playgrounds-coloured brochure.

Letter-Lancashire County Council-Environment Directorate-Consultation on the Joint Lancashire Minerals and waster development Framework.

Letter-03/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Planning Policy & Conservation. Re-Adopted replacement Pendle local plan 2001-2016 – Printed copies.

Letter-09/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Planning Policy & Conservation-Re submission draft statement of community involvement.

Letter-30/11/06-Borough of Pendle-Lancashire Council Council- Re Lancashire Local Pendle 06/12/06

Letter-15/11/06-City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Bradford City centre master planning: consultation on the “bowl” neighbourhood development framework.

Letter-08/11/06-City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

Bradford District Local Development Framework-submission draft statement of community involvement (regulation 28)

Finances

Bank statements for September October and November have not been received from the Yorkshire Bank. Contact the bank again to ask for statements as soon as possible.

The Bank Book and statement were on show to the Council.

Invoice received from the Colne Royal British Legion Club for an L Type wreath Amount due £12.00.

Proposed Councillor MacDonald seconded Councillor Crompton to donate £20.00. Put to vote 8 for.

To ask for a larger wreath for next year.

Cheques Approved/Written and Signed

£220.00 Cheque No 000646-Alison Clay (Salary November 06)

£64.46 Cheque No 000647-Alison Clay (Expenses-Telephone)

£88.96 Cheque No 000648-Barry Hodgson (new Perspex for notice board and silicone).

£201.00 Cheque No 000649-Holly Hawthorne (work carried out at the cotton tree garden)

£20.00 Cheque No 000650-Colne Royal British Legion Club

Allotments

Councillor Hodgson visited the tenants who had not paid. Received £16.00 cash for allotment 22

Allotments 10 and 11 rented by Mrs Smith, the lady has moved away.

These allotments can now be offered to waiting tenants.

Re the caravans on the allotments, the tenants have said that these will be removed.

Write to the tenants, and ask for the removal of the caravans by the end of March 2007.

Meeting closed 10.06pm.