

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 5th February 2007

Meeting started 7.00pm

Present-Parish Council

Chairperson Karen Galvin	Vice Chairperson Gillian Greenwood
Councillor Adrian Foulkes	Councillor Barry Hodgson
Councillor Raymond Clough	Councillor Ian Hartley
Councillor Ruth Crompton	Councillor Melva Burton
Councillor Beverley Robinson	Clerk Alison Clay

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative, Mark Gardner-Trawden Community Group, Cllr David Robertson, CCllr Mike Calvert, PC Mark Whitehead, residents from Trawden.

Apologies

Councillor Emma-Jane MacDonald

Councillor Beverley Robinson and CCllr Mike Calvert would be attending the meeting at approx 8.00pm.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 4th December 2006, were approved and signed correct.

Proposed by Councillor Foulkes, seconded by Councillor Galvin.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Greenwood declared an interest in the wind turbines.

Councillor Hartley declared an interest in the wind turbines

Police Matters

PC Whitehead told the meeting that there had been an increase in crime since the last meeting in December 2006.

Following areas of Trawden had been targeted with some type of crime Aspley Grove/Boulsworth Drive/Winewall Lane/Hollin Hall Lane/Post Office/Cotton Tree Lane/Lambert Street/Prospect Farm/Winewall Lane Top/Weavers Court/Hollington Street/Lane House Lane/Becks Crossing.

Young people have been misbehaving in the library. Councillor MacDonald had reported this to PC Whitehead via E-Mail

Youths had been using the library to wait for the youth club to open. They have now been banned from using the library.

Parents have been notified of their children's behaviour. If problems persist-fixed penalty notices may be issued.

Police surgery will be held on 16/02/07-1.00pm-2.30pm. UV marker pens and safety alarms will be available.

The new PCSO-Mr Robert Beck will start work 12/02/07, contact details will be issued.

Received complaints over parking issues on Hollin Hall Lane. Intention is to send a letter out that will ask people to park with consideration, or a fixed penalty notice could be issued, vehicles may even be towed away.

Speeding cars were reported at Hill Top/Colne Road. Parking issues are getting worse.

PC Whitehead will go and inspect the area.

PC Whitehead will contact LCC David Bloomer to ask if there is a suitable place for a bracket for the Sid Sign.

Parish Council will write to LCC to ask for traffic calming in the Cemetery House and Rookwood area of the road.

Slow signs as you are entering the village and rumble strips. BB8 8NU.

Various parts of the village have shown an interest in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Information re the scheme will be advertised for people to get together and discuss any issues.

Foulridge and Laneshawbridge Parish Councils have now ordered their brackets for the Sid Sign. The sign will then be divided between the three villagers.

Mr Royle from Trawden School will be contacted re the Travel Plan.

Councillor Hodgson stated vehicles are driving up through Wycoller thinking it is a through road, even though there are sign posts telling them otherwise.

Extra patrols will be looked into for the area.

P C Whitehead left the meeting 7.40pm.

Wheels Park for Trawden

A trip has been organised through the Borough of Pendle to visit Wheels Park at Clitheroe and Barnoldswick.

Councillor Foulkes, Hartley and Robinson, Mr Mark Gardner will visit the site, along with Jonathan and Scott.

A site meeting was held in January at Ball Grove Park to discuss suitable areas for the Wheels Park.

No area has yet been agreed.

Cllr Robertson had received complaints over the suggestion of the car park, as detailed in the paper. Residents will object to this area being used. It was confirmed that this area would not be acceptable as it is not in Trawden.

Next Agenda.

Wind Energy Farm

A planning application for a domestic turbine at the Herders Inn has been submitted. This is not in the Trawden boundary. A meeting was held at Trawden Community Centre on Monday the 15th January 2007.

The meeting started 7.00pm.

Residents of the village of Trawden attended the meeting to discuss the proposed site for a wind energy farm.

Parish Council Chair Mrs Karen Galvin opened by saying that initially talks had taken place on a suggestion for one or two turbines.

This seemed to be a good idea for the community and would not be detrimental to the area. This would have showed a willingness of a community doing their bit for the environment.

A small group, including some Parish Councillors met to discuss the idea, but were then made aware that a Derbyshire based company Bolster-stone plc had already carried out feasibility studies and tests around Boulsworth Hill.

The Parish Council approached the planning department at the Borough of Pendle to discuss their findings.

The Borough of Pendle advised that a small scale wind farm could actually mean up to 20 turbines. Once an application for one turbine is granted then the area could be subject to further application and this could mean as many as a total of 50 turbines in the area.

The Parish Council arranged this open meeting so that the residents of Trawden could discuss the issue and the Council could go forward aware of their views.

After various discussions with the residents on the pros and cons of a wind farm, it was agreed that a proposal for any wind farm, with whatever number of turbines must be opposed from the first step.

People will need to rally round and fight this before it can gain momentum. People are totally against the idea.

To have a wind farm would spoil the countryside, wildlife would suffer.

It would spoil the natural beauty, and would devalue property in the area.

It would be a blot on the landscape.

It was agreed that if a developer applied for planning permission, then the Parish Council would notify residents.

A campaign group is required to fight the application, with the help from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council may have to precept extra money, to enable the village to get sufficient funding to fight such an application.

(If one is ever submitted).

The meeting also discussed other methods for reducing their own energy consumptions; the Parish Council will discuss further ideas at a parish meeting.

The following people agreed to give their names to help form a campaign group:

Helen Topping helentops@fsmail.net Tel 867786

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Tel 0771 594 3920

Joan Harper 28 Colne Road – Tel 861280

Bill Riley & Jacqui King billriley.trawden@virgin.net 18 Leyland Close Tel 861706

Janet Quiney & Roy Thistlethwaite primrosevioletbluebell@hotmail.com 29 Church Street 865921

Meeting closed 8.25pm

Councillor Hartley said he was still interested in a community scheme wind farm.

Mr Mark Gardner confirmed that Trawden Community Group will still look into a community scheme wind farm, and a consultation will be sent to all residents, asking for their comments, on either for or against the suggestion.

The result from the consultation may give a better idea of what residents think with regards to a wind turbine in the area.

At the open meeting (15/01/07) the majority of the people who attended were opposed to any proposal of a wind farm.

Parish Councillors who declare an interest in issues brought up at council meetings are excluded from casting a vote.

E-Mail a copy of the minutes from the meeting to the people who left their names to form the campaign group to oppose.

Councillor Robinson entered the meeting 8.00pm.

It was discussed that approx 2 years ago at a parish meeting representatives from LCC came and gave a talk on a community based turbine scheme.

CCLlr Mike Calvert entered the meeting 8.10pm

Debate on the wind farm closed at 8.15pm

Railings at Rock Lane

CCLlr Mike Calvert said that LCC had no objection to new railings, but to keep them informed.

Funding may be available through LCC, but not until May 07.

Railings are allowed to be 1.2 metres high.

Councillor Crompton said that Mick Watson was unable to attend the parish meeting.

Two quotes are required-quote for old type railings and quote for new type railings.

Councillor Crompton will contact Mick Watson-(Marlyn Eng).

Councillor Hodgson will source another quote.

Cllr Mike Calvert had received complaints and objections would be raised with regards to the wheels park.
Re the cancellation of the bus services for pupils for Park School-a meeting will is being held on 07/02/07 at Barnoldswick, (Lancashire Locals) alternatives will be discussed.

Cllr Mike Calvert will put forward at the meeting that the Parish Council would like to see a Pelican Crossing on Keighley Road nearby to Craven Street. (Old Craven Garage).

Park High School does not have a travel plan. Cllr Robertson will bring this up at the Governors meeting on 06/02/07.

Cllr Robertson will speak to Mr Neil Watson Planning Manger Borough of Pendle re a suggestion of small playground at the Hollin Hall Development.

Cllr Mike Calvert discussed the footpath on Church Street. Councillor Robinson and MacDonald had received complaints re the path. It was confirmed that the footpath will be amended by LCC in approx 3 weeks.

Concerns were raised over the gritting service from LCC, problems at Shelfield Lane/Delves Lane near the Clarion.

Hollin Hall Lane had not been gritted either.

Require a grit bin at the S bend at Alderbarrow Farm, Post Office and Rock Lane.

Cllr Mike Calvert will look into these issues.

Any queries with issues in Trawden should contact Cllr Mike Calvert.

Cllr Mike Calvert left the meeting 8.55pm.

Youth Club

PC Mark Whitehead has already spoken to the youths.

Gardener – Gill

Message received from Councillor MacDonald that Gill Walsh would be willing to quote for any gardening work.

Winewall Village Green

Councillor Foulkes and Burton stated that the Green require more flags and a bench. Trees require cutting.

Plaques for Tram Tracks and Well at Wellhead

Received quote from C & R Walne Accrington for two stainless steel plaques 250mm x 250mm.

Price £65.00. Production approx 14 days.

Proposed Councillor Greenwood seconded Councillor Burton to order the plaques. Put to vote 9 for.

Received E-mail from Pendle Signs re the larger sign for Well Head.

Require quote for a sign i.e. Custom Structures with the wording supplied from P Carroll.

‘Well Head Well’

‘There has always been a spring in the Well Head area used as a local supply. A kerb and trough were built in about 1834 to give better access for cattle to drink.

There were 3 pipes leading from the well, one to 5 houses in lower Well Head, a small pipe feeding the open drinking trough in Winewall Lane, and pipe conveying water to a reservoir situated 10 yards from the well, which was built about 1869.

This reservoir served houses on Gladstone Terrace, Bankfield Street and Cottontree including Winewall Mill and Sagar’s tannery.

There was an outbreak of typhoid fever due to contamination of the well in February and March 1914, where 28 cases were confirmed and 4 deaths occurred. This was probably caused by a run off of ‘slop’ water, (before proper drainage) from New Row and farms in the area of which complaints had been received by the council previously.

Water from the well was cut-off and the houses, mill and tannery were then supplied with water from either Trawden Water Works on Boulsworth or Colne Corporation Water Works.

This information has been taken from the Report on the Outbreak of Enteric fever in Winewall and Cottontree. 1914’

Councillor Greenwood will source a picture for the sign.

Trawden Forest Parish Stones

Councillor Clough confirmed two stones had been fitted at the Mire Ridge and near Middle Bearshaw Farm.

Some plants will require planting at the stones (i.e. daffiods) later in the year.

Councillor Clough also confirmed that he had sandblasted the wall at the Cotton Tree Garden.

Stated the work on the stone flags was a good job. The garden requires some manure Councillor Burton will sort some.

Councillor Hodgson will look at the notice board. Can not be opened fully.

Victorian Toilet-Councillor Hodgson will power wash the toilet when Marlyn Engineering contact him.

Contact Mick Watson to ask when work will start on the toilet. Next Agenda. Councillor Hodgson has some paint for painting the old bollards at Cotton Tree.

The Parish Plan

Mr Mark Gardner stated that community futures were helping with the travel plan for the school.

Colne Area Committee

Cllr Robertson said that the wheel washing facility at the Hollin Hall development would be discussed at the meeting on 08/02/07 Councillor Burton will attend the meeting. Footpath 17 Dent House will be discussed.

Planning

Letter-25/01/07-Lancashire County Council. Application: 13/04/0047

Location: Trawden Road Cotton Tree Colne GR: 390830 439951

Proposal: Erection of 3m high ultra steel palisade fencing and associated landscaping

Reply date 21 days of the date of letter-25/01/07. **Object to this application**

The fence would be too high, which would be out of keeping with the character of the village.

There is no other fence in the village like the one proposed, and the Parish Council would prefer to see a wall built similar to the adjacent industrial units which are next to the store area on Trawden Road.

This piece of land is within a Conservation Area and is not in keeping with the rural landscape the Conservation Area is designed to protect.

Contact CClr Mike Calvert to ask why LCC require such a large fence.

PLA12558-13/06/0806P

Location Greystones Works Skipton Road Trawden Colne BB8 8QS

Proposal Erection of bridge over watercourse to link property into garden area (Re-submission).

Applicant CR Limited. Reply Date 01/01/07-No Objection.

PLA12585-13/06/0835P

Location: Field No 2252 Wycoller Road Trawden Colne

Proposal Agricultural Determination: Erect steel portal framed agricultural building

Applicant Mr & Mrs P C & A Hartley. Reply Date 26/01/07-No Objection.

PLA12629-13/07/0021P

Location: Lodge Holme House Skipton Road Trawden Colne

Proposal Two storey rear extension and erection of replacement conservatory

Applicant Mr D Shepherd. Reply date 05/02/07.No Objection

PLA12635-13/07/0026P

Location 19 Church Street Trawden Colne BB8 8RZ

Proposal Modify condition 2 of 13/02/00572P to permit the operation of up to 5 private hire vehicles.

(No change at 19 Church Street Trawden).Applicant Mr M Baker. Reply date 29/01/07. No Objection.

PLA12633-13/07/0027P

Location 11 Hall Road Trawden Colne BB8 8RQ

Proposal Erect conservatory to rear Applicant Mr & Mrs Lonsdale Reply date 29/01/07. No Objection.

PLA12647-13/07/0039P

Location 131 Cotton Tree Lane Colne BB8 7BJ

Proposal Erect single storey kitchen extension to rear. Applicant Mr R Wellock Reply date 05/02/07. No Objection.

Parish Matters

Councillor Greenwood stated that large wagons were parking in the side street near to the Cotton Tree Garden.

Councillor Foulkes had received complaints over small posts which had been erected near the old Winewall Chapel by the Borough of Pendle (Katrina Pickles), this is now pushing traffic back on the road. Cllr Robertson will look into this.

Councillor Robinson had also received complaints with regards to this as well.

Councillor Clough stated the lights were now working at Ball Grove Park Car Park. Problems had arisen on the original lights that had been installed. Cllr Robertson will contact the Borough of Pendle to look into this issue.

The iron gates at Trawden Recreation Ground are all bent. Contact Parks and Recreation-ask for them to be straightened.

Mr Mark Gardner said he is sorting out the money which the Borough of Pendle owes the Parish Council for the equipment for the youth club.

Cllr Robertson had received complaints over the burst main pipe on 22/01/07 and 23/01/07 which left residents at Holme Crescent/Skipton Road area and Winewall area without water. No one from United Utilities notified residents of the problem.

Councillor Hodgson spoke of a tree which had been blown down due to the bad winds at Winewall. Borough of Pendle notified the owner and instructed him to remove the tree, or the council would carry out the work and charge for the work being carried out.

Mr Mark Gardner and Cllr Robertson left the meeting 9.40pm.

Councillor Robinson said that the foot way at Starkey Bottoms near the old Mall Tool was dangerous. Also received concerns that some signs near the old chapel at Winewall had been removed.

Councillor Crompton had concerns re cars parking on Colne Road, PC Whitehouse will visit the area.
Had received inquiry re the path at the side of the Police Station. E-Mail from LCC-confirmed that they were not responsible for this path, The Path belongs to the owner of the Police Station.
Councillor Burton said that railing at the Inghamite Chapel require repainting. Councillor Foulkes will source a quote for the painting. The wall requires re-pointing as well.
Mr Arthur English told the council that he had repaired the bench at the War Memorial. He had also weeded and cleaned the area up. Bags of garden rubbish are to be collected by the Borough of Pendle.
The Parish Council thanked Mr English for his work.

Correspondence

Invitation from Mayor of Pendle civic charity dinner dance Friday 2nd march 2007 Colne municipal hall 7.30pm.
Letter-31/01/07-Gordon Prentice MP-Re possible wind farm. Copy letter received from the Borough of Pendle.
Letter-10/01/07-Lancashire County Council-Environment Directorate- School Bus Services.
Letter-09/01/07-Lancashire County Council-Lancashire local transport plan 2006/07 to 2010/11.
Letter-16/01/07-Borough of Pendle-Planning Policy & Conservation-Housing Land Availability assessment – site search consultation. Any suggestions to be received by 16/02/07.
Letter-16/01/07-Lancashire County Council-Environment Directorate-leaflets enclosed the community Transport service's latest map and guide to dial a bus and community car schemes in Lancashire.
Letter-30/01/07-Borough of Pendle-re Countryside Access Forum-re minutes on 12/12/06. Next meeting will take place 16/04/07.
Letter-15/01/07-Lancashire County Council-Overview and scrutiny review of bus shelters.
Letter-15/01/07-East Lancashire NHS Primary Care Trust-re Application for preliminary consent for inclusion onto east Lancashire primary care trusts pharmaceutical list – Trawden. Reply 14/02/07.
Letter-22/01/07-Lancashire County Council- Consultation on proposals for engaging with neighbourhoods in Lancashire. Reply date 21/04/07.
Letter-07/12/06-Borough of Pendle-Overview and scrutiny work programme 2007/08.
Letter-01/12/06-Lancashire County Council-Environment Directorate-Bridge on Hollin Hall Lane Trawden Near Seghole Farm GR 391673.437609.
Letter-18/12/06-Local Works-Campaign for the sustainable communities' bill.
Letter Dec 06-Lancashire Police Authority – Community Meetings PAC Newsletter – Dialogue.
Letter-Jan 07-Burnley Borough Council- Burnley Local Development Framework – statement of community involvement Submission version.
Letter-30/01/07-Lancashire County Council-Lancashire Local – Pendle 7th February 2007.

Finances

Precept

Letter-18/01/06-Borough of Pendle-Accountancy and Audit Services-Re town and Parish Councils Financial Assistance and Precept 2007/08. Basic grant will be unchanged from the grant paid in 2006/07 = £4,700.00.
Complete enclosed form by 29/01/07. E-Mail and letter sent 09/01/07 to ask for extension till after the next parish meeting 05/02/07.
After discussion, it was agreed by the Parish Council to apply for a precept of £6000.00.
This money will be used for funding of the railings at Rock Lane, and Wheels Park for Trawden.
The Bank Book and statement were on show to the Council.

Cheques Approved/Written and Signed

£440.00 Cheque No 000651-Alison Clay (Salary December 06/January 07)
£7.68 Cheque No 000652-Alison Clay (Expenses-Stamps)
£35.00 Cheque No 000653-Mr & Mrs B Lamp (Electricity for Winewall star)
£59.88 Cheque No 000654-Kayleys Garden Services (work & plants for poetry garden)
£9.97 Cheque No 000655-Jacqui King (plants & shrubs)

Agenda for March 07-cheque required for electricity used for the star at Wycoller.

Allotments

New tenant for plots 10+11 Mr W Singleton.
No objection to Mr Singleton keeping a goat on the allotments to keep the grass maintained.

Meeting closed 9.50pm