

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 3rd December 2007

Meeting started 7.05pm

Present-Parish Council

Vice Chairperson Barry Hodgson	Councillor Gillian Greenwood	Councillor Raymond Clough
Councillor Ian Hartley	Councillor Ruth Crompton	
Councillor Beverley Robinson	Councillor Paul Reyner	Clerk Adele Waddington

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative, Cllr Violet Vaughan, CCllr Mike Calvert, PC Mark Whitehead, Arthur English, Alison Clay, Dr Molyneux, Joan Harper

Apologies

Chairperson Melva Burton, Councillor Adrian Foulkes, Mark Gardner, Councillor Derek Holmes

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 5th November were approved and signed correct. They were proposed by Cllr Hartley, and seconded by Cllr Clough.

Declaration of Interest

Parish Council were reminded of the requirement of the member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests. Cllr Hodgson declared interest in the two planning applications for Trawden Hall, and Cllr Hodgson also had his own planning application submitted.

Police Matters

PC Mark Whitehead reported on the following crimes.

- There was an attempted theft of some petrol to a vehicle on Lambeth Street at Cotton Tree overnight on 6th/7th November 2007.
- On Skipton Road, a resident reported a hole in their double glazing unit. It appears to have been made with a stone of some description. Approximate cost £200.
- On Wycoller Road a container containing some horse equipment was broken into between 26th and 29th November. A total of £2250 goods were stolen.
- Around 28th/29th November, an allotment on Rock Lane was broken into and a generator and chainsaw were stolen to the value of £235.
- PC Whitehead advised that there are more night time patrols in the village and they are enforcing the Drink Drive campaign.
- Inspector Cooper has confirmed that there is to be more robust policing in rural areas over the festive period to try and deter youths from drinking alcohol.
- There is to be a review of the Police Office on Church Street. The aim is to enhance its use and PC Whitehead will inform the Parish Council on the outcome of the meeting.
- There are 5 children from the village who are currently attending a Dojo class with PCSO Beck. This is seen as a preventative measure for youth crime.
- The risk assessment for the Speed indication sign is currently on-going, but with the current system, the sign isn't being charged for long enough, therefore it is not working correctly. Cllr Hodgson and Cllr Reyner volunteered to attend the Health and Safety course on 13th December so they can put up and take down the sign. Adele Waddington to confirm to Alan Cox who will be attending.

PC Mark Whitehead left the meeting at 7.15pm

County Councillor Mike Calvert

- CCllr Calvert has received complaints about blocked drains on Mire Ridge. Trawden is due for a full overhaul of drains and CCllr Calvert will chase this. Cllr Robinson advised that the corner on Colne Road above Rookwood has had shingle washed into the road and feels it is unsafe for braking cars. CCllr advised that the drain near to where this has happened was dug out in 2006, and Cllr Vaughan will discuss this at the forthcoming Colne Area Committee meeting. Mrs Harper advised that the drive to Old Josephs Farm has been resurfaced and the drainage has been compromised. The drains also need looking at across from Yeoman Hey on Colne Road.
- CCllr Calvert has had a meeting with the residents of Hollin Hall and apart from the problems with the crane (reported in November minutes) all seems to be well.
- Friends of Harambee have requested a grant from LCC for the Pilates sessions run in the Community Centre. This request is currently being processed and CCllr Calvert will try and get their funds ASAP.
- Roger Bott from Trawden Agricultural Society has tried to get hold of CCllr Calvert but has been unsuccessful. Cllr Crompton to let CCllr Calvert have his telephone number. The money being requested will have to be

- allocated from the May 2008 fund, but this will still be in plenty of time for the show in August.
- The issue with double parking at Cotton Tree is still on-going.
- CClr Calvert advised Cllr Clough that the rippling to the road surface on Winewall does not need urgent repair, but if there are any dangerous areas, they must be reported to CClr Calvert so they can be dealt with urgently. CClr Calvert also advised that the road to Wycoller needs re-surfacing, but again, this is not an urgent issue.
- Cllr Robinson advised that, at the November meeting a request was made about changing the priority of traffic on Shellfield Lane/Delves Lane so traffic travelling from Trawden has priority. Adele Waddington has received a reply from Simon Bucknell at LCC advising that this is not possible. There has only been 1 report of an accident in the last 5 years, although Cllr Robinson has seen glass on the road several times. This is a dangerous junction as, by the time the car has edged out to see if it is clear to go, it is causing obstruction. Cllr Hodgson suggested that it be a 4-way-stop. Adele to forward the correspondence to CClr Calvert and he will attempt to make progress on this issue. He has seen the increase use of this road and it is becoming nightmarish and cannot understand that nobody has been seriously injured.
- Cllr Hartley advised that he has received a letter regarding the extinguishment of a footpath number 132 from Dark Lane to Alderbarrow Farm. This has been raised in previous years, but due to the lack of technical information, nothing has been concluded. There is no stile in the wall. CClr Calvert will lend support that this footpath should be extinguished at the January meeting. The regulatory committee for this decision are a non-political group who want the best for the countryside. Adele to write to Ms Blackledge at LCC and copy CClr Calvert on the outcome.

CClir Calvert left the meeting at 7.35pm

Residents Issues

Mrs Clay advised that there has been a sign erected at a small piece of land on Bannister Close/Holme Crescent advising that no ball games are allowed. This replaces a sign that had gone missing some time ago. The original sign stated No ball games after 7pm. Cllr Greenwood feels she may have a photograph of the original sign and will try and find it. Mrs Clay's children went to play on this piece of land as usual, but were shouted at by nearby residents. This new sign was taken down and placed on nearby hedging, but was soon re-instated, but not by Pendle Borough Council who had no idea it had been taken down. The new sign has been placed on a new pole, and the concrete post where the original sign was has been left. CClr Calvert advised that Cllr Alan Davies authorised the new sign following complaints from some residents. Mrs Clay also recalls that this sign stated that the area was for use by residents of Holme Crescent/Bannister Close only. CClr Calvert will request that the sign be replaced with the original wording and will let Adele know the outcome of their conversation. Adele has received an e-mail from Tony Brown at Liberata who are unsure what the original sign read, as they have only just taken over the land. There was a general feeling from the Parish Council that the original wording should be reinstated as, as far as they are aware, no complaints were received. Adele to reply to Tony Brown and advise him what the feelings of the Parish Council are.

Mrs Harper and Dr Molyneux attended the meeting to express their concerns over something that had been reported in the Colne Times. Cllr Holmes commented that he supports a Pharmacy as it could bring new services to the village. This is Cllr Holmes personal view, and not that of the Parish Council. Dr Molyneux advised that the paper reported the surgery could only take 2000 patients, but Harambee currently have 3500, and they would welcome anyone in the village who is not already a patient there. Most patients who use Harambee doctor's surgery then use the dispensary, and it can be used by anyone in the village if they would like to. Cllr Hodgson advised that, until a decision is made as to whether the PCT accept this application for a Pharmacy, the Parish Councils feeling will not be sought. All Parish Councillors re-iterated that it is not in favour of a Pharmacy and will continue to support the Dispensary. David Pollard to report these comments in the paper. Cllr Hartley asked if Harambee could apply for a Pharmacy themselves. Dr Molyneux advised that if the PCT decide that the village is a restricted area, the dispensary would not need to close. The decision is based on whether there are 3750 people in Cotton Tree and Trawden, within a radius of 1.6km from Harambee. If the dispensary did close, it would affect the services and funding the surgery would receive.

Matters Arising

Trawden Forest Parish Stones

Cllr Clough will move the one from the old Post Office at Cotton Tree on Saturday morning to its new area.

Colne Area Committee

Mrs Riley from Skipton Road has been on holiday and is still gathering evidence against Wellocks and will be present at the January meeting to discuss. Wellocks are under surveillance for 3 months. Cllr Vaughan feels that there is a law that all noise after midnight must be kept to a minimum. Cllr Reyner advised that Mrs Riley is in contact with the Traffic Commission and there will be a public enquiry to determine the course of action. Cllr Reyner also advised that there are fridges running on vehicles and people working outdoors very late at night and early in the morning. Cllr Hodgson advised that it is 6 months since the first contact about this problem and they have disconnected their reversing alarm. Cllr Reyner stated that they are contravening Health and Safety laws by doing this and that it is very dangerous. Cllr Hodgson reminded everyone that there were weaving sheds and a saw mill in this area in previous years working 3 shifts, and there

would have been noise at all times. He also feels that Wellocks have grown their business significantly. Cllr Reyner advised that if a public enquiry is to take place, the prime consideration is of the commercial entity. The quality of life of the residents is also taken into account, but feels that they have outgrown the site and the village.

Cllr Vaughan has received a complaint regarding the chicken run at the Old Chapel on Hill End. Cllr Robinson advised that this complaint has been received before, and it is very difficult to try and find any legislation regarding livestock on this land. Cllr Hodgson feels that the land has been de-consecrated, but the grave stones are still there. Adele to write to the Minister of St Johns Church in Colne to see if they can help in any way.

Poetry Garden Plaques

Letter received from Walnes to advise that they can repair the lettering on the plaques by stripping out the old paint, degrease it and re-fill the lettering with acrylic paint. The cost for this is £18 per plaque and lead time is 10 days. Adele has arranged for the plaques to be taken down and they are currently back at Walnes. Once they are complete, Mark Gardener will collect and return. Adele to arrange for them to be put back up ASAP.

Village Lengthsman

No funding is available from LCC for this financial year. Laneshaw Bridge are interesting in sharing a Lengthsman. Cllr Hartley will speak to Roger Bucknell who is the Lengthsman for Laneshaw Bridge to get some background on the role. Cllr Robinson advised that the Cotton Tree garden is desperate for attention and the Lengthsman would be a good person to do this. Salterforth and Blacko also have Lengthsmen, and they look great and get mentions at the Best Kept Village awards. The Parish Council feel that there would easily be 7 ½ hours work for someone in the village. Cllr Hartley is willing to attend a meeting with Jerry Stanford from Laneshaw Bridge to discuss further. Adele read out some of the rules that are on LCC website. There is a minimum of 15 hours a week, at £11 per hour, equating to around £4000 per year for each village.

Old Inghamite Chapel

Fred Stewart from Pendle Council has received the authorisation to commence with the work, but now requires a licence. Once the licence is received, Fred will contact Adele.

Community Centre Handover

Adele has written to Cllr Sharon Davies asking for details on the proposed Community Centre handover. Cllr Hartley feels that the Parish Council should be looking for ways to get funding to run the building. He has had reports of times when people are unable to get a response from PBC and are unable to hire the building. The proposal is that PBC will still own and maintain the Community Centre, but a nominated team will actually take over the running of it. Cllr Hodgson feels that the allocation of money should come to the Parish Council to help with the payment and running of the centre. There may a reduction of funds when Nelson and Colne get their own Parish Councils. Cllr Robinson advised that someone needs to look at who will actually manage the centre. No decisions will be made until we have the relevant information from Cllr Davies.

Allotments

There has been a complaint from a resident of Lambeth Street, Cotton Tree advising that there is an allotment which is in a terrible state. Cllr Hodgson is aware of this and has been 4 times to try and see the person who rents it, but there has been nobody there. He has 3 allotments with poultry on and one with pigeons, where there are a lot of sheds and excessive wood on the ground. The sheds which are on the allotments were already there when the tenant took over. Cllr Hodgson advised that this seems to be a meeting place for some retired gentlemen, but there are generally very few allotments in good order. Adele to write to the tenant and ask him to clear up.

Planning Applications

- PLA13443 – Trawden Hall, 1 Foulds Road would like consent for the demolition of two stone built lean to buildings to rear of garden. Closing date for comments 29th November. E-mailed Parish Councillors, no comments received.
- PLA13439 – Trawden Hall, 1 Foulds Road would like to erect domestic garage. Closing date for comments 28th November. E-mailed Parish Councillors, no comments received.
- PLA13450 – 7 Dean Street, Trawden. Mr & Mrs Boardwell would like to erect a domestic single storey extension to the rear of the property. Closing date for comments is 29th November. Gillian concerned it may spoil the row, but some houses already have extensions.
- PLA13458 – Full conversion of LBS at Cotton Tree to apartments and town houses. Closing date for comments is 6th December. Adele to write to Planning and ask what building materials are to be used, and that Cllr Greenwood is concerned about the level of traffic on the cobbles at the bottom of the old tram tracks. Who will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the cobbles?
- PLA13473 – Conversion of barn into three houses at White Lee Head Farm, Lanehouse. Closing date for comments is 12th December.

Parish Charter

Philip Mouldsdale has put together a first draft of a proposed Parish Charter. After all the Parish Councillors have read it, they have advised that they all agree with it. Put to vote, 7 in favour. Adele to write to Philip Mouldsdale and advise.

Parish Matters

Adele Waddington issued a letter to all the Parish Councillors to advise them that Cllr Burton is resigning. Everyone was bitterly disappointed and agreed that she has been one of the best Parish Councillors Trawden has seen. Cllr Greenwood suggested that Cllr Hodgson should take the Chairperson role, and he agreed. The Vice chair appointment cannot be made until all Parish Councillors are present, but Cllr Hartley showed an interest in this position.

Cllr Greenwood advised that the gutters on Dark Lane have still not been cleared. Adele to chase.

Cllr Greenwood advised that some new people have moved into 'The Barn' on Hollin Hall, and seem to be parking very close to the junction. Adele to write to PC Whitehead and ask him to look at it.

Cllr Clough advised that the coping stones on top of the bridge at Cotton Tree seem to have been dislodged. Adele to write to PBC and ask for them to repair ASAP.

Cllr Clough advised that the lights on the Ball Grove car park are still out of order. Adele to chase with PBC.

Cllr Reyner advised that there is a wagon parking on the tram tracks and being serviced there. He is concerned that the oil coming from the vehicle is running down with the rain water and entering the beck. Residents are complaining that they are struggling to get out of the Avenue in a morning and that several may attend the next meeting.

Following Cllr Reyner's success in stopping heavy goods vehicles parking at LBS, Adele to now send a reply to Mrs Mason of Cotton Tree advising that this action has taken place as the drivers are contravening their operators licence. The drivers who Cllr Reyner spoke to were happy with the advice given.

Following the announcement of Cllr Burton, Cllr Crompton advised that she had been approached by someone in the village who is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Adele to write and advise him that he needs to put in a letter of application.

Cllr Robinson advised that, on the bend on Cotton Tree Lane, some stones have come away from the bottom of the wall. Adele to write to LCC and ask for it to be repaired.

Cllr Burton has been advised that there is excessive dog fouling on the recreation ground. This has been reported to PBC, but nothing appears to have been done. Adele to chase.

Cllr Burton asked that Adele contact Royal Mail with regards to a mail box at the junction of Winewall and New Row which appears to have been knocked over.

Correspondence

- Letter received Walnes regarding the re-painting of Poetry Garden plaques. It can be done by refilling the lettering with acrylic paint.
- Notification of a meeting of the Outdoor Recreation Fees and charges scrutiny panel to be held on Thursday 15th November at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Copy of the minutes received from the Council and committees meeting held from 17th July to 23rd August.
- Thank you received from the Air Ambulance for donating £250.
- Letter received from Lancashire Evening Telegraph regarding their online service. They would like us to post information and minutes onto the website. Cllr Robinson has taken this letter to show Mr Robinson as she feels that the information they are looking for is already available on Trawden Online. She will see if the link can be made from Lancashire Evening Telegraph to Trawden Online.
- Letter received from Yvonne Grimshaw regarding the Pharmacy application.
- Notification of a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Team to be held on Tuesday 13th November at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Invoice from PBC for grounds maintenance for Harambee Surgery £91.76
- Notification of a meeting of the Development Control Committee to be held on Wednesday 21st November at 6pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Notification of a meeting of the Town Centres repairs and maintenance scrutiny panel to be held on 20th November at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- The audit has been received back and all is satisfactory
- Copy of the Clerks and Councils Direct magazine received.
- Information for the next Lancashire Locals meeting received. To be held on 21st November at Foulridge Parish Hall
- Copies of the Dialogue newsletter received for distribution to Parish Councillors
- Letter received from LCC regarding the Climate change fund. Deadline for applications is 31st Jan 2008.
- Notification of a meeting of the Executive to be held on Thursday 22nd November at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Notification of a meeting of the Taxi Licensing Committee be held on Monday 26th November at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.

- Booking form for meetings received. To be completed and returned to PBC. Proposed dates for 2008 are: 7th January, 4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 4th August, 1st September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.
- Request from Kate Sutcliffe to be added to the waiting list for allotments. AW replied to advise she has been added.
- Letter received from LCC regarding the consultation draft of the Lancashire Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan. Response required by 14th January 2008.
- Brochure received from Shaws detailing forms, records and registers for local councils available for purchase.
- Letter received from Neil Watson at PBC regarding the draft on Housing land availability. The details are available to view on line at www.pendle.gov.uk/hlaa.
- Notification of a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on Monday 10th December at 6pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Advice received that the 2008 register of electors is available.
- E-mail received from CCllr Mike Calvert advising of the dates available for the training of the SpiD sign. Anyone interested needs to complete the form and return it ASAP.

Finance

Cheque number 723 for £220 was issued to Adele Waddington for Clerks Services for the month of October
 Cheque number 724 for £17.99 was issued to Adele Waddington for Clerks Expenses for the month of October.
 Cheque number 725 for £91.76 was issued to Pendle Borough Council for Gardening Services for the month of August.
 Cheque number 726 for £158.63 was issued to BDO Stoy Hayward for audit invoice
 The completed audit details have been received back from the external auditor and all is satisfactory.

Meeting closed 10.00pm.

Next meeting 7th January 2008, 7pm prompt