

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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

Meeting started 7.05pm

Present-Parish Council

Chairperson	Melva Burton	Vice Chairperson	Barry Hodgson	Councillor Gillian Greenwood
Councillor	Ian Hartley	Councillor	Ruth Crompton	Councillor Raymond Clough
Councillor	Adrian Foulkes	Councillor	Emma-Jane MacDonald	Clerk Adele Waddington
Councillor	Beverley Robinson	Councillor	Paul Reyner	

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative, Cllr Violet Vaughan, Mark Gardner-Trawden Community Group, CCllr Mike Calvert, PC Mark Whitehead, Lynn Slater, Arthur English, Joan Harper, Jason Philips, Gill Walsh, Clive Smith, Mandy Cunningham- Residents from Trawden.

Apologies

PSCO Robert Beck

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 6th August were approved and signed correct. They were proposed by Cllr Foulkes, and seconded by Cllr Hartley.

Declaration of Interest

Parish Council were reminded of the requirement of the member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests. Councillor Foulkes declared an interest at the Ighamite Graveyard at Winewall. Re a quote submitted. Cllr Hodgson declared an interest in the Wind Turbine planning application at Cemetery House, Colne Road, Trawden.

Police Matters

PC Mark Whitehead reported on the following crimes.

- A stranger knocked on the door of a house in the village, and was invited in by the occupant, but the stranger stole money and a mobile phone from the property.
- There has been a report of criminal damage where cars have been damaged on Church Street on 14th August
- Sometime between 1st and 3rd August a child's bicycle was stolen from Gladstone Terrace
- The Police have received 7 telephone calls regarding juvenile nuisance.
- A youth made their way from Ballgrove Park to Standroyd Road and damaged cars within the first week of the Summer holidays.
- PC Whitehead reported that there may be a problem with the SID sign. Cllr David Whipp has advised that no Officers must put up or take down the SID sign as they have not received relevant health and safety training. The sign must stay in place until the relevant training has been done. AW to write to Cllr David Whipp and express the concerns of the Parish Council that until the training is done, it is out of action.
- PC Whitehead distributed the new Newsletter.
- PC Whitehead has received a report of a 'drugs den' near to the library, but when visited, nothing untoward was happening. PCSO Beck has arranged a meeting with the Library to discuss.
- The new Neighbourhood Watch scheme is now up and running, with Amanda Cunningham being one of the liaison people.
- Both PC Whitehead and PCSO Beck's have now been changed so there will be better coverage in and around the village.
- Cllr Hodgson cannot attend the next Police Liaison meeting, but CCllr Mike Calvert will raise the issue of the training regarding the SID sign. Cllr Burton will also raise the issue at the next Lancashire Local meeting.
- Cllr Clough queried the parking at the turning in Cotton Tree where cars are still parking. PC Whitehead will raise with PCSO Beck. CCllr Mike Calvert also reported the two cars on Cotton Tree Lane where they are being parked on the pavement making it difficult to walk without going on the road.

PC Mark Whitehead left the meeting at 7.40pm

County Councillor Mike Calvert

- CCllr Mike Calvert feels the SID sign needs better usage as it can be away being charged for 2 days. This will not be resolved until the Health and Safety training is done.
- CCllr Mike Calvert enquired as to the progress on the Poetry Garden Plaques. Mark Gardner has taken the plaques to the supplier, but no response has been received. They were originally painted with car paint, but as they are Stainless steel, they could be painted and the excess wiped off. Mark to chase and ask for all information to be put in writing to Adele Waddington.
- A resident of Rock Lane has expressed concerns regarding the railing at the bottom of the road. In the past the Parish Council were advised that they belonged to the Rock Business Centre and the owner was to repair himself.

- CCllr Mike Calvert has written the Primary Care trust regarding the proposed Pharmacy application. David Pollard has also spoken the PCT and they have advised that the application has gone to a panel that will make a report recommending the acceptance/decline. If the application is accepted, a full planning document must be placed. Genuine branded drugs are used by Harambee Dispensary and they are to introduce an 'over the counter' service. Public opinion will be taken into account at all times.
- CCllr Mike Calvert has resolved some problems at Hollin Hall. The gullies and drains have been cleaned, new road safety measures have been put in place. There are still a few issues with the road; outside the former shop on Lane House also at Hollin Hall near the new car park. CCllr Mike Calvert will try and get these resolved.
- The road at the bottom of Rock Lane will need repairing once again when the contractors have finished the work.

LCC Parish Charter

The Parish Charter is about how County Councils and Parish Councils work together. It will be finalised in September 2008, but in the interim, they would like the Parish Council to adopt the work in progress. It gives the Parish Council a chance to comment on Lancashire County Councils decisions and promotes working together. CCllr Mike Calvert is a member of the Lancashire Local Committee and is the liaison between the two councils. The proposal to adopt the charter was put to vote, and 9 were in favour.

LCC Speed management Strategy – School Safety Zone

The Community Road safety action grant information has been received regarding a 20mph speed limit within 1 mile of a school. The scheme has been trialed in 12 places in the country, but it is not rolling out nationwide. The scheme is operating a waiting list and Trawden needs to get on this list urgently. A campaign petition and letters need to be done in the village in order to get on the list. The average speed is taken into account along with local amenities within the area. We have the Library, Community Centre, Post Office and Parish Hall. The enforcement of the 20mph needs to be enforced by the local Police Authority in order for it to be effective.

The zig-zags outside schools are to become mandatory. If they are parked on, the person can be prosecuted for doing so. CCllr Mike Calvert has a small pot of money and it is currently Parish Councils who are applying for grants. To apply for money, it must be some form of group.

CCllr Mike Calvert gave congratulations to the Parish Councils on the Parish Stones.

CCllr Mike Calvert left the meeting at 7.45pm

Residents Issues

The queries raised at the meeting of 6th August that were put to the Parish Council regarding the proposed wind turbine at Cemetery House, were forwarded to the Planning Department and they have responded with:

If permission is granted, only one turbine would be allowed to be erected. Any further turbines would have to be put through the Planning process as this one has.

The Planning Dept, have written to all neighbours within 500m. They have put 2 planning notices in the area and they felt that this is sufficient.

A wind turbine can be erected in a conservation area, and each application is assessed on its own merits. They feel it is visually more acceptable in a rural area.

The nearest property is 250m away, and there will be no noise disturbance to nearby residents.

Cllr Violet Vaughan and Cllr Ian Hartley will be attending the Colne and District Committee meeting where this be discussed. Presently, it has been suggested that this will be approved. Cllr Ian Hartley will attend the meeting with the views of the Parish Council, not his personal views,

Mr Smith of Cemetery House feels that the plan has been blown out of proportion and welcomes anyone who would like to visit his house to see where the turbine will be sited. He advised it is identical to one already in place at Black Lane Ends. It will not be seen from Trawden or Hill Top, but may be seen from Winewall or Colne. The electricity that it will generate will cover the requirements of the house. Any further plans for other turbines in the village will be based on individual merits and location.

Cllr Hartley feels that this renewable energy within a conservation area will help with the issue of Global warming. The Parish Council have agreed that they are in support of the Turbine. It was put to Vote – 8 for as Cllr Hodgson declared an interest on this issue.

Mr English attended the meeting to advise that the Garden Festival did very well this year, and the 5 beneficiaries are to share £3000. These are the school, Harambee Surgery, The Church Hall, Air Ambulance and Trawden On line.

Matters Arising

Cllr Hodgson spoke to CCllr Mike Calvert regarding the trimming of Hedges on the Wycoller Road. Currently LCC trim from the Recreation ground to the car park at Wycoller, but will not go any further. CCllr Mike Calvert will look into this issue and get it resolved. He also spoke about the state of the road and feels it needs re-surfacing. This is an on-going issue which CCllr Mike Calvert will keep the Parish Council up to date with.

Register of Interest forms

All forms now received. Adele Waddington to ensure they are returned to Philip Mouldsdale as soon as possible.

Signs for Wellhead

Not yet done, but Cllr Foulkes ensures that they will be in place before the next meeting which he cannot attend.

Wheels Park for Trawden

No progress. Adele Waddington to write to Pendle Council and get an update.

Victorian Toilet –Skipton Road

Cllr Clough will paint the end panel green. Cllr Hodgson will then re-paint it all black. AW to chase Mark Caffrey about re-quote on doing the gold only as per original picture received from Cllr Greenwood.

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.

Street Signs in Trawden

There was no response from the article in the newspaper asking local children to look for them. Some of the Parish Councillors have been looking and given Adele Waddington a list. AW to write to Pendle Council and get re-painted.

The Parish Plan

Adele Waddington has received a letter regarding Community Futures. Mark Gardner is welcomed to have this if he likes.

Festive Decorations

Pendle Council have no money to help with decorations this year. It was suggested that the Parish Council may give local businesses a contribution for any decorations they have. Cllr Hodgson will get a quote on having some brackets made for external Christmas trees.

Colne Area Committee

Cllr Vaughan advised that the only issue was the 'No ballgames' sign at Holme Crescent. Cllr Vaughan will bring this issue up at the next meeting if no progress has been made.

Poetry Garden Plaques

Mark Gardner has taken the plaques to the supplier, but no response has been received. They were originally painted with car paint, but as they are Stainless steel, they could be painted and the excess wiped off. Mark to chase and ask for all information to be put in writing to Adele Waddington.

Gardening Services

Cllr Foulkes has no progress on the quotes, but AW needs clarification still from Pendle Council on what work, and the frequency of work is being carried out. Once AW has the information, she must advise Cllr Foulkes in order for him to be given some guidelines.

Old Inghamite Chapel

Fred Stewart from Pendle Council is still waiting for a response from the Charities Commission before the money can be spent on the repair.

Playground at Carr Head

Cllr Vaughan attending a meeting in Nelson where she spoke about the Playground. Amanda Cunningham sent an e-mail to Sharon Davis who is the chair person of the Parks Committee, but has received no reply. The park is not scheduled for refurbishment until 2010. The new equipment looks lost in its area, and some money should have been spent on drainage. Adele Waddington to write to Sharon Davis and express concern that Mrs Cunningham's e-mail has not been responded to, and to raise the issues of safety, the range of equipment, the age range of current equipment and the feeling that a ball area could have been incorporated in the area. They need to clarify exactly what the £19k has been spent on.

2007/2008 proposed budget

Adele Waddington has received a letter requesting full details on how the budget is to be spent this year. Items include Christmas decorations, Victorian toilet painting, Gardening Sundries, improving the land at Old Chelsea, getting plaques made for the voluntary garden areas. Cllr Burton, Cllr Crompton and Adele Waddington to have walk round village to inspect the Garden areas.

Parish Matters

Cllr Greenwood is concerned that wagons delivering to LBS need to go to the bus terminus to turn round. She has spoken to PC Whitehead who will speak to LBS.

Cllr Greenwood commented on the Cotton Tree garden saying it looks a mess. Cllr Burton, Cllr Crompton and Adele Waddington will include on their walk-round of the gardening areas.

Cllr Hartley advised of an exceptionally large lorry carrying a digger to the development at Hollin Hall mill. None of the residents were advised about this, and they should receive 24 hours notice. Adele Waddington to write to Dunhams to remind them of the agreement. A wall on Hollin Hall was hit when the vehicle was trying to get through, but the residents have been advised that it will be repaired.

Mark Gardner advised that the area on the Tram Tracks where the new house equipment was being kept is being cleaned up. There is now only a container there.

Cllr Crompton enquired about the recreation ground gates that need repairing. Cllr Hodgson will chain these up so they cannot be opened. Adele Waddington to chase Pendle Council for a date when this will be mended.

Cllr Robinson advised that a coping stone is missing from the entrance to Spring Garden Villas. Adele Waddington to advise the Highways Department and ask for it to be repaired.

Planning Applications

- PLA13228 – 4 Park Cottages, Hollin Hall, erect 2 storey extension to rear. E-mailed Parish Councillors 13th August. No comments received.
- PLA13232 – 141 Cotton Tree Lane, Demolish existing lean to extension and replace with single story kitchen extension to rear. No comments received.
- PLA13242 – 3 The Old Barn, Alderhurst End Farm, Hollin Hall, erect stable block, comprising 3 stalls and store and a shelter. No comments received.
- PLA13256 – The Old Rock, Keighley Road. Change part of building use to Coffee shop/tearoom. End date for comments 14th September. Mrs Walsh attended the meeting, and the Parish Council feel that this would be a valuable asset to the village. The Parish Council congratulated Mrs Walsh on the proposal and wished her all the success in her new business. Adele Waddington to write to Planning to try and get this fast-tracked as she would like to open at the end of October for a Christmas event.

Correspondence

Invitation for Cllr Burton to meet with Cllr Allan Buck and Mrs Barbara Mitchell in aid of the Mayoress Charity Appeal Fund on 27th September. Adele Waddington to write and send apologies for Cllr Burton not being able to attend.

The Development Control Committee is to meet on 20th August at 7pm in the Town Hall, Nelson

Notice of a meeting with the Taxi Licensing Committee on 14th August at 7pm in the Town Hall, Nelson

The Executive has scheduled a meeting on 16th August at 7pm in the Town Hall, Nelson

The Polling District and polling Station Review Committee are meeting on 14th August at 4pm in the Town Hall, Nelson

Letter received from East Lancs PCT re new Pharmacy application. For the pharmacy – 1, against pharmacy 920!

The Society of Local Council Clerks have sent information for Adele Waddington to join their society.

Letter received from BoP Financial Services. They would like to see a detailed analysis of the Councils approved budget for 2007/2008.

Notification of a meeting of the Council on 23rd August 2007 at Nelson Town Hall.

Minutes of the previous BoP council meeting received. This included a report by the Leader on the work of the Executive, a redeployment/redundancy policy, the Legionella Management Policy, the Asbestos Management Policy, the Corporate Energy Policy and a report by the Chairman of the Scrutiny Management team on overview and Scrutiny Activity.

Notification of a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Team on 21st August has been received.

The Parish Council has been advised of the Pendle and Burnley Strategic Housing Market assessment. BoP has sent out questionnaires randomly, to local residents and they would like to urge people to return them. They have sent a poster they would like to be displayed.

Letter received from Tom Partridge re Pendle Countryside Access Forum. They are meeting on 4th September at Nelson Town Hall.

Letter received from LCC re Wildlife and Countryside Act, deletion of footpath 132

E-mail from LCC – someone wants to book the Parish Hall for a birthday party, phoned relevant and advised to contact Kath Green.

Details received from Lancashire Fire and Rescue re Integrated Risk Management Action Plan for 2008/2009.

Free entry ticket to the Iog Saltex at Windsor race course between 4th and 6th September.

There is a conference on 15th September at County Hall, Preston focusing on developing local relationships.

2 final notice invoices received from BoP re Harambee gardening for April and May.

Community Futures letter received re strengthening rural communities grant programme.

City of Bradford Council – Local Development Framework for Bradford District – Area action plan issues and Options initial consultation document

Notification of a meeting of the Parking Strategy Scrutiny Panel on 28th August has been received.

The agenda and minutes have been received for the Colne and District committee meeting to be held on 6th September, it is suggested that the Wind Turbine at Cemetery House is to be approved.

Letter from the Mayor requesting details of Remembrance Sunday arrangements. Adele Waddington to order wreath and respond to letter.

Copy of Pendle Borough Councils Annual Complaints Newsletter for 2006/2007 received

An invitation to Airedale's Open evening has been received. It is on 11th September.

There is a Conference and Exhibition at the Bournemouth International Centre from 5th to 7th October for the NALC
The Police Authority Community Meeting Newsletter has been received for distribution to the Parish Councillors

Finances

Adele Waddington was issued with a cheque for £220 for her Salary. Chq no 710

Adele Waddington was issued with a cheque for £17.99 for her Expenses. Chq no 711

The Cheque for The Old Baths Trading Company was issued. £115.15 chq no.712

A Cheque for the up keep of the Church clock was issued £100 Chq no. 713

Allotments

Cllr Hodgson to speak to the person regarding the unattended allotment.

Other Business

Cllr Emma Jane MacDonald has resigned from the Parish Council and on behalf of all Councillors, Cllr Burton thanked Cllr MacDonald for her support and service over the years and wishes her every success for the future.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Next meeting 1st October 2007, 7pm prompt