

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 4th February 2008

Meeting started 7.05pm

Present-Parish Council

Chairperson	Barry Hodgson	Councillor Derek Holmes	Councillor Raymond Clough
Councillor	Ian Hartley	Councillor Adrian Foulkes	Councillor Paul Reyner
Councillor	Beverley Robinson	Councillor Gillian Greenwood	Councillor Ruth Crompton
Clerk	Adele Waddington	Councillor Steven Wilcock	

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative, Cllr Violet Vaughan, CCllr Mike Calvert, PC Mark Whitehead , Jason Phillips, David Robertson, Mick Watson, Robert Airey, Terence Graham, Glenys Bucknell, Smith Blackburn

Apologies

Mark Gardner

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 4th January were approved and signed correct. They were proposed by Cllr Hartley, and seconded by Cllr Reyner.

Declaration of Interest

Parish Council were reminded of the requirement of the member Code of Conduct concerning the declaration of interests.

Police Matters

PC Whitehead advised of the following crimes throughout January:

- There was a theft from Mill Brook Court valued at £71000. A Mercedes car, plasma television and motorcycles were stolen from the address whilst the home-owner was on holiday. The vehicle was recovered in Sheffield.
- At Cotton Tree, a Hotpoint Washer/dryer was stolen from the yard of a house between 9.45 and 10am on 22nd January 2008.
- On 3rd January at Old Laithe Farm, a sheep trailer was stolen to the value of £450.
- At Little Moss Farm an outbuilding has been targeted and a Honda generator and red diesel was stolen. The owner is increasing security in this area.
- On 8th January between 5.30 and 6am, a Ford Transit van was stolen from New Laithe Farm valued at £5000. The vehicle has not yet been recovered.
- On 2nd January at Oaken Bank a rear window has been broken and a laptop was taken from the property. Further enquiries are to take place regarding this.
- Cllr Hodgson is concerned over the number of Land Rovers being stolen in the village at the moment. PC Whitehead advised that rural areas are again being targeted by a number of people from West Yorkshire. The problem with this is that criminals associate with other criminals and there are a lot of people in the gangs. He thinks Trawden is a target as there is no CCTV, and there are a lot of country roads leading out of the village. The Police Helicopter has been used twice in January to try and catch these people. There has been between 16 and 18 arrests in the past with the West Yorkshire gangs, with 14 people being found guilty of the crime.
- Cllr Greenwood advised that there was some strange people at Oaken Bank, but when she phoned the police station with their details, no action was taken.
- Cllr Foulkes advised that there had been 2 landrovers stolen in Winewall when some scaffolders were working there. He reported this and after investigation, no further action was needed.
- Mick Watson asked if temporary CCTV could be installed in the village. PC Whitehead advised that there is a mobile unit, but it is used in places of nuisance at the weekends. He also advised that the Neighbourhood watch scheme are contacting the police on any irregular activities.
- David Robertson advised that Mill Brook Court would be an easy target, but Oaken Bank is well out of the way and some locals do not even know where it is. PC Whitehead told the committee that he visited one individual every date for some time last year to ensure he was doing no wrong. Cllr Hodgson advised that, if he sees an unknown vehicle, he takes the registration number just in case he hears of any criminal activity following. PC Whitehead advised that there are increased patrols in the area after 2am, and that police cars are using the rural roads to check for drink drives and any strange happenings. Every police car is fitted with a recognition system which checks for MoT, insurance and tax. If the police car feels that the car needs to be stopped, it will be. He feels the community is playing a big part in helping prevent crimes, and each individual needs to be ever more vigilant for their own belongings. There has been a dramatic drop in the number of crimes over the past 18 months, and more work is being undertaken in the school holidays to prevent youth crimes.

PC Whitehead left the meeting at 7.25pm

SpiD sign

This is currently in the Police Station on charge. PC Whitehead to get the sign to Cllr Hodgson and give him the locations of sites in Laneshaw Bridge and Foulridge.

County Councillor Mike Calvert

- Cllr Calvert has received a letter from a resident of Boulsworth Drive concerned about the amount of debris on the roads after the fortnightly recycling collections. He has visited the recycling scheme in Hyndburn where the problems following the collections seem to have been ironed out. Cllr Vaughan advised that the majority of recycling collections is being contracted out, but she will bring up the concerns of the resident at the Colne and District Committee meeting in February.
- The resident is also concerned over the amount of dog bins that are not being emptied. If a full bin is seen, it can be reported to PBC and it will be emptied very soon after. Adele Waddington to write to PBC to ask if there is a schedule of emptying.
- Cllr Calvert passed a leaflet regarding unadopted roads to Adele Waddington who will issue to all Parish Councillors
- Cllr Calvert advised that the new 'No Ball Games after 7pm' sign has now been put in place at Holme Crescent/Bannister Close.
- Cllr Calvert advised that the railings on Rock Lane have now been repaired.
- Following the report from Cllr Hodgson at the January meeting that the culvert on the Wycoller corner was still blocked, Cllr Calvert advised this had now been cleared.
- Cllr Calvert advised that the Friends of Harambee Pilates Class have now received their grant cheque.
- Cllr Calvert advised that Trawden and District Agricultural Show should be receiving a grant of around £750 following their application after the poor show in 2007.
- Cllr Calvert advised that the approach Road to Gladstone Terrace/Bankfield Street is in desperate need of repair and he is currently looking at the LCC Estates Department to fund this. He is also trying to get PBC to tarmac the back streets of both blocks of houses. There is an excessive number of unadopted streets in Trawden, and some of the residents in the two streets do not want them tarmacking, and will monitor any work undertaken in the area. Cllr Vaughan has received telephone calls and e-mails from residents who are now looking forward to the work being carried out, but 50% of the residents need to agree, before the work can be started.
- Cllr Calvert has been approached by residents of Hollin Hall who are concerned that, where the current residents car park has been placed, the developers have placed housing footings underneath. The carp park currently belongs to the developers and does not belong to PBC. This would be a very unusual thing for PBC to acquire land from a development such as this. Cllr Calvert has spoken to Neil Watson (Planning Dept PBC) who feels he may have misled residents regarding the ownership of the car park. He feels that if the developer was to apply for planning permission on this land, it would be very difficult to turn down. David Robertson advised that, when planning permission was given for this site, a condition was that, it must provide a car park for current residents. If a planning application was to be received, the residents would have the right to appeal against it. He also questioned how the Planning Officer misled the residents. Cllr Calvert advised that, some residents of Hollin Hall know there are footings underneath the car park and they expressed concern at the time. PBC advised that both the Bowling Green and the car park were in possession by PBC which is incorrect. Only the Bowling Green is. Cllr Greenwood queried the number of parking spaces at the bottom of Boulsworth Road as she thinks the area looks very small. Adele to look into this and confirm the number of spaces on the plan.
- Cllr Calvert has spoken to a number of people who use the Shellfield Road, and they have advised that they feel the road does not require any alteration. The problems so far is that if the dry stone walls were to be taken down and moved back, this would be very expensive and lengthy. The change of priority is not an option as currently drivers need to slow down and give way. It makes drivers more aware of the approaching traffic. The mirrors option cannot be used on a through-route and will encourage drivers not to slow down and only use the mirrors. Cllr Calvert has advised that the signage and lineage, especially on the Coldwell Road is very faded and this will be re-done. This will encourage people to approach this junction with care. Cllr Hodgson asked if taking the walls down a little would help. Cllr Calvert advised that they would need to be moved back 2-3 metres in order to make a difference. Cllr Calvert will enquire about a give-way at all 3 junctions.

Cllr Calvert left the meeting at 8.30pm.

Residents Issues

Robert Airey attended the meeting to voice his concerns over the speed of the traffic using Shellfield Road/Burnley Road. He feels unsafe when moving his cattle from one of his fields to another. Cllr Hodgson advised that, instead of walking in front and behind the animals, he should use a tractor in order to protect himself and his animals. There are a lot of 'rat-runs' in this area where cars tend to speed excessively.

Smith Blackburn advised that the 2 grates opposite Prospect Farm are blocked again with debris running from the farm track. He has been talking to the owner and he has advised that the track is due to be tarmaced in order to prevent this

happening in the future.

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

Following the letter received from the resident of Boulsworth Drive, Cllr Vaughan will discuss the recycling debris at the forthcoming meeting.

Wellocks

A representative from Wellocks attended the Colne and District Committee meeting. Defra have funding available to help businesses like Wellocks relocate to new, more suitable premises. Wellocks have also approached Lancashire Futures. They have modulation money available to support a move, but the money is not distributed until around August. Cllr Hartley feels that the Parish Council should have been more supportive of the company rather than siding with the residents. He feels that they have been victimised because of their noise pollution. Wellocks understood that there had been complaints from the residents, and in order to alleviate some of the noise, the yard has been tarmaced and a new one way system has been put in place. Neil Watson from the Planning Office advised that there have only been a small number of complaints in proportion to the number of people in the village. Cllr Greenwood feels that, if a person buys a house across from a workshop, then they should be prepared for noise. Cllr Wilcock advised that two of the residents already lived on Skipton Road before Wellocks became such a large company. Cllr Holmes advised that, due to the nature of their business, deliveries need to be made at night time, and wonders if they have out-grown their site. Cllr Vaughan left the meeting at 8.40pm

Poetry Garden Plaques

The plaques have now been collected and will be replaced when the work fencing has been moved.

Village Lengthsman

At the Lancashire Locals meeting, CCllr Calvert has requested extra money for the funding of a Village Lengthsman to be shared between Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge. The two villages are first on the list to receive any funding available. CCllr Calvert feels that a list of duties should be drawn up in order to confirm the requirement of this Lengthsman. This was discussed at the meeting in November 2007. Adele Waddington to find the list and pass to CCllr Calvert ASAP. Cllr Hartley advised that there is no funding available in this financial year as it has all been allocated to existing schemes. CCllr Calvert advised that LCC has received more money than anticipated and there should be some money available which he will try and get allocated to Trawden and Laneshaw Bridge. Cllr Hartley advised that he would not recommend going ahead with a Lengthsman without the financial support of LCC. Cllr Robinson suggested that, if a job was found in the village, and should be repaired by either PBC or LCC, the Lengthsman could sub-contract it from them and it may save the Parish Council money on gardening. The £11/hr would provide a lengthsman with all the tools he would require, a vehicle, insurance and fuel.

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

No further information received yet. Still waiting for Cllr Sharon Davies to forward details.

Vice Chair Person

Cllr Holmes proposed Cllr Crompton, but she feels she really doesn't have the time required. Cllr Hartley already volunteered for the position, and whilst the all of the Parish Councillors were present, it was proposed by Cllr Clough and seconded by Cllr Holmes. Put to vote – all in favour.

Christmas Decorations

PBC have some Christmas decorations in storage which could be used by the Parish Council. Adele to re-issue the list and compile a list of what the Parish Councillors would like to see.

Pendle Draft Land Employment Review

This document is promoting the extension of Lomeshaye Industrial Estate and West Craven Business Park. Adele to send the document to all Parish Councillors and ask for feed-back.

Allotments

Adele has received information that a clear-up has started, but the area is still a mess. Adele to write to the allotment tenant and ask of his intentions with the land, and report back to the meeting and the disgruntled home owner.

Colne Connected

Glenys Bucknell, the chair of the Rural Group for Colne Connected, attended the meeting to advise that the £1000 budgeted for the alterations to the Village Green must be spent by April. It has been allocated to the group for 2 years now. The money was requested for the design, estimates and any other associated costs. Glenys is under pressure to get some answers on this money and would like to know if the Parish Council is still planning to go ahead with this project. Mark Gardener did have some plans but they were not right for the area. He has asked for them to be re-done but it taking a lot of time. Cllr Robinson thinks that the project should go-ahead and that the Parish Council should take it on. It is central to the village and will benefit the whole village. Three quotes would be required. Cllr Foulkes will quote and Cllr Crompton will get a further 2 quotes. Cllr Holmes asked if further money was required, could it be requested from Colne Connected. Glenys advised that further money can be applied for in the financial year 2008/2009.

Glenys also advised that Mark Gardener was the sole representative for Trawden, but has been unable to attend the meeting. She asked if anyone else would like to come to the meetings to represent Trawden. They are at 2 or 3 month intervals. Both Cllr Hodgson and Cllr Crompton agreed to attend.

Planning Applications

- PLA13574 – Mr C Winterburn would like to erect a detached domestic garage to the land to the rear of 13-21 Clifton Street. Closing date for comments is 30th January. E-mailed all Parish Councillors 11th January, no response.
- PLA13575 – Richard Wellock and Sons Ltd are applying for a Certificate of Lawfulness to building C (Graham Laycocks old building) for storage purposes.. Closing date for comments is 30th January. E-mailed all Parish Councillors 11th January, no response.
- PLA13567 – Mr J Burgess is applying for listed building consent for conversion of loft with the addition of conservation rooflights and single obscure double glazed window. Closing date for comments is 28th January. E-mailed all Parish Councillors 11th January, no response.
- PLA13568 – Mr J Burgess is applying for conversion of loft with the addition of conservation rooflights and single obscure double glazed window. Closing date for comments is 28th January. E-mailed all Parish Councillors 11th January, no response.
- Application number 13/08/0044 received from LCC for a tree sculpture to be erected on the outside of Trawden School.

Parish Matters

Cllr Greenwood advised that the grit bin at the bottom of Alderbarrow Farm lane needs replacing. Adele to contact LCC Highways and ask for it to be replaced.

Cllr Greenwood advised that the gutters across from the old mill are blocked. Adele to contact LCC Highways and ask for them to be unblocked ASAP.

Cllr Foulkes advised that he has been approached by a neighbour requesting a litter-picker. They have volunteered to pick litter whilst out walking. Cllr Hodgson to supply.

Cllr Foulkes advised that the dog bin at the end of Gladstone Terrace/Wellhead has not been emptied again. Adele to ask it be done ASAP.

Cllr Holmes asked that the minutes on the Trawden On Line Website be update. Cllr Foulkes will do this ASAP.

Cllr Hartley advised that the parking situation at the end of Hollin Hall has not improved. Cllr Hodgson to remind PC Whitehead to approach the new resident and ask he parks with care.

Cllr Crompton asked if the Dog bins on Colne Road/Mire Ridge have been replaced yet. Adele to find out.

Cllr Robinson advised that there is a large pothole in the road outside Cowfield Farm on Burnley Road. Adele to ask LCC Highways to repair.

Cllr Foulkes asked Adele to find out how much the resident who plugs in the Christmas Star at Winewall was paid last year for the electricity charges.

Correspondence

- Notification of a meeting of the Town Centres Repairs and Maintenance Scrutiny Panel to be held on 15th January at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall
- Notification of a meeting of the Outdoors Recreation Fees and Charges Scrutiny Panel to be held on 17th January at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall
- Letter received from City of Bradford, their District Local Development Framework for core strategy issues and options have a further consultation between Jan 16th and end March 2008.

- Calderdale Council have advised that they have Supplementary Planning Documents to be included in the Local development framework.
- Clerks and Councils brochure received.
- Notification of a meeting of the Standards Committee to be held on 23rd January at 6pm at Nelson Town Hall
- Notification of a meeting of the Scrutiny Management Team to be held on 22nd January at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall
- Notification that there will be no meeting of the Executive in January due to lack of business
- Copies of minutes received for the Council and Committees from 3rd Sept to 8th November 2007.
- E-mail received from Kathryn Hughes following the comments made about the LBS conversion. Her reply was: With reference to the comments received from the Town Council regarding the above I have the following information which may be of assistance to you:
The building materials are listed on the application form as:
reclaimed natural stone (partial)
rendered masonry
aluminium windows
timber doors
timber and zinc type cladding
mixture of slate and dark grey zinc type monopitch roofs.
With regard to the cobbles on the old tram tracks they are outside of the red edge of the application site and therefore not part of this application so it is not possible to place any conditions on regarding them. The cobbles are currently unadopted and will remain as such if the development proceeds.
There was a query regarding the aluminium windows. Adele to ask planning if this could be changed to wooden windows.
- A 10 step guide in how to help Lancashire Locals has been received. It details the steps required by the Clerk if any Parish Councillor has any queries for the Lancashire Locals team.
- Letter received from Stephen Barnes advising that the Special Budget Council meeting has changed to Tuesday 26th February at 7pm.
- Letter of thanks received from Friends of Harmabee for the donation the Parish Council gave to them.
- Letter received from Lancashire Fire Services inviting the Parish Council to view and comment on the new Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Risk Management Plan. This can be viewed at www.lancsfire.gov.uk/index.asp
- Letter received regarding the Pendle Draft Conservation Area Design and Development Guidance. If adopted, this will form part of the planning process.
- Letter received regarding the revised locally-based ethical regime for the conduct of local councillors in England.
- E-mail received with the proposed date of the Lancashire Locals meetings in 2008.
- Colne and District Committee agenda received. Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th February. Only issue to be discussed is the planning application for Wellocks change of use for storage building.
- Notification from the audit commission that BDO Stoy Hayward LLP have been appointed as the auditors for the Parish Council for the next 5 years.
- Notification of changes to the submission of planning applications. One form will now have to be completed wherever the application is completed.

Finance

Cheque number 731 for £220 was issued to Adele Waddington for Clerks Services for the month of January

Cheque number 732 for £17.99 was issued to Adele Waddington for Clerks Expenses for the month of January.

Cheque number 733 for £115.90 was issued to Borough of Pendle for Gardening services to Harambee surgery in October and November

Cheque number 734 for £84.60 was issued to C&R Walne for the refurbishment of the Poetry Garden Plaques.

Cheque number 735 for £24.92 was issued for the cost of electricity for the Christmas Tree at Wycoller

Meeting closed 10.15pm.

Next meeting March 3rd 2008, 7pm prompt