

TRAWDEN FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday the 7th January 2008

Meeting started 7.05pm

Present-Parish Council

Vice Chairperson Barry Hodgson	Councillor Derek Holmes	Councillor Raymond Clough
Councillor Ian Hartley	Councillor Adrian Foulkes	Councillor Paul Reyner
Clerk Adele Waddington		

Also Present

David Pollard-Press Representative, Cllr Violet Vaughan, CCllr Mike Calvert, Arthur English, Jason Phillips, David Robertson, Mrs Riley, Mrs Williams, Mick Watson, Steven Wilcock

Apologies

Chairperson Melva Burton, Councillor Beverley Robinson, Councillor Gillian Greenwood, Councillor Ruth Crompton, Mark Gardner, PC Mark Whitehead

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd December were approved and signed correct. They were proposed by Cllr Reyner, 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. Cllr Holmes declared an interest in the Holme Crescent item on the agenda.

Police Matters

PC Mark Whitehead was unable to attend the meeting

SpiD sign

Cllr Hodgson and Cllr Reyner have attended the Health and Safety training in order for them to be able to erect the Speed Indication Sign. Adele to complete an insurance form and return it to Alan Cox so they can commence the job soon.

County Councillor Mike Calvert

CCllr Calvert arrived at the meeting at 7.25pm due to being delayed at a prior meeting. He wished Happy New Year to everyone present.

- CCllr Calvert advised that there are three options for the problems on Shellfield Lane. The first is a change of priority over the right of way. This is a lengthy process and the natural route is where it currently is. He feels that this will cause confusion and it is a dangerous option.
The second option is to create better sightlines by taking down walls. Again this is a lengthy and very expensive option and it has been looked into in the past.
The third option is for mirrors to be situated at the junction. This can be done in a matter of weeks. He advised that there has already been an improvement in signage but will look at the lineage as well. The County Council will have to assess the location of the mirrors due to the reflection of sunlight and car head-lights. David Robertson also advised that there is a similar problem at the end of Delves Lane. CCllr will look into this area as well.
- The Holmes Crescent 'No Balls Games' sign is due to be replaced very soon, with the original wording of 'No Ball Games after 7pm'. Cllr Holmes thanked CCllr Calvert for his prompt action, but advised that there are currently children playing on the area until 9pm, with balls hitting cars and children running into people's gardens without consent to collect their ball. Unfortunately, as the sign is incorrect, no action can be taken. Once the sign is replaced, the parents have the responsibility that their children do not become a problem. When the new sign is up, the police can approach the parents of the children to warn them regarding the ruling.
- CCllr Calvert advised that Footpath no 132 at Alderbarrow Farm is to be diverted rather than deleted. It would be very costly if the land owner wanted it deleting, but will cost nothing if it is diverted. Cllr Hartley proposed that the diversion should be backed, put to vote, 5 in favour.
- CCllr Calvert has requested 2 grants for the Village. One for Friends of Harambee Pilates class (1475). This has been submitted for approval and providing all is OK, they should receive their cheque by the end of January. The second for Trawden Show. This will hopefully also be approved on 9th January.
- Cllr Hodgson advised that the ditches have been cleaned out very well on Wycoller Road, but on Wycoller corner, the sough under the road is blocked. Someone did try to repair this approximately 8 months ago, but it is still blocked. CCllr Calvert will look into this issue.

CCllr Calvert left the meeting at 8.15pm.

Residents Issues

Mrs Riley and Mrs Williams attended the meeting with their petition of the noise coming from Wellocks. They were representing the residents of Lachman Road, Skipton Road, Leyland Close and Becksides. They advised that there were only 2 nights over the Christmas period where there was no night-time noise. Wellocks have been seen loading cars at night and produce into a building which is supposed to only be used for parking vehicles. The residents advised the Planning department at Pendle Borough Council, but they were told that they can use this building for storing produce. Their petition included 44 names. They want to be able to sleep at nights as noise carries out of the Wellocks area up to the houses. Pendle Borough Council have been out during the night to monitor the noise. VOSA are currently reviewing their licence as they had licences for 10 or 12 vehicles, but it has been increased to 24 without notification to the neighbours. At the last Colne and District Committee meeting, Cllr Davies suggested relocation Wellocks, and it is to be discussed again at the forthcoming meeting. Cllr Hodgson advised that, before the houses on Skipton Road were built, all the area where Wellocks are was industrial use. Wellocks have built up a very successful business very rapidly and are at the maximum of what the site can cope with. The residents feel that light industry during the day would be more acceptable on this site, but if Wellocks were to move out, housing would also be acceptable. Cllr Hodgson is concerned that, if this site did become residential, small businesses would have nowhere to rent a small building if they required one. The petition was handed to Adele and Cllr Hodgson proposed that a letter of support for the Parish Council and send to the Health and Safety Executive. This was seconded by Cllr Hartley and put to vote, 4 for, 1 abstention.

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

Cllr Vaughan advised that she has been approached by residents of Bankfield Street and Gladstone Terrace regarding the state of the approach road. The Council advised that if the residents paid for the work to be carried out they would take over the repair of the road if necessary. Cllr Hodgson advised that the resident of the end house of Bankfield Street put some stones down in order to make the ground better, but had to remove them as they were forming part of a footpath. This resident has been trying to get a co-operative for some time, but not all residents are willing to pay the money. There is an agreement, that, if a resident puts the issue onto the deeds of their house, once the house is sold, the Council will receive their money back. All this area is unadopted land, but Pendle Council agreed to repair the lower part as it was so bad. CCllr Calvert will supply the rules and regulations for unadopted highways. David Robertson advised that letters were sent out to the residents of both streets, but not all would commit to spending the money. He feels people are being short-sighted about this issue. If each person would spend the money, it could put thousands of pounds onto the value of their house. On an unadopted road, if someone was to trip outside your house, you would be responsible for their welfare. Cllr Holmes advised that it could be difficult for people to find the money for this due to the current economic situation. Cllr Foulkes advised that the residents of his street agreed to have theirs done, but not all people paid. Due to the original state of the road, it was decided that the whole street should be done anyway, therefore some paid in where others didn't. David Robertson commented that the most successful area was Dean Street/Clifton Street. Although some people didn't want the road to be surfaced it has made a massive improvement to the area. Cllr Hodgson advised that the back streets on Bankfield Street and Gladstone Terrace were fine, but it is the approach road where the problem lies. Tom Partridge has looked into this area in the past, but cannot get all residents in agreement. CCllr Calvert advised that most people must have known that the land was not adopted when they bought the house. He feels that, if some funding was to be given to this area, it would set a precedent for the whole village. Cllr Vaughan left the meeting at 8.10pm

Poetry Garden Plaques

The plaques are currently at Walnes for repair and Adele has chased for a completion date in order to contact Mark Gardener so he can collect. Adele to arrange for them to be put back up ASAP.

Village Lengthsman

Cllr Hartley has attended a meeting regarding a Lengthsman. The Countryside Agency (Tony Lund) need to get involved if Laneshawbridge/Trawden requires a Lengthsman. Roger Bucknell and Jerry Stanford are currently in talks about this issue and it is on the Lancashire Locals Agenda for 9th January. CCllr Clavert advised that LCC has been given an unexpected amount of money and he will propose that some could be allocated for this. If Trawden only require a few hours, maybe Cliviger/Worsthorne could help out as their Lengthsman currently has spare hours. Following the meeting on 9th January, he will find out what exactly Laneshaw Bridge require and bring the details to the next meeting. A formal list needs to be done to identify what jobs the Parish Council would like him to do.

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.

Allotments

Adele has written to the Allotment tenant and asked him to clear the area ASAP. The resident who first complained will contact Adele if nothing is done.

Chair Person/Vice Chair Person

Cllr Hodgson agreed to become the chair person, but as the meeting was not fully attended, he felt it would be unfair to vote on a Vice Chair Person. Carry forward to next meeting.

Colne Connected

Cllr Hodgson attended the last Colne Connected meeting, and was advised that they are still waiting for the invoice from Mark Gardener for the work carried out on the Village Green.

Planning Applications

- PLA13502 – Mr J Phillips would like to erect a triple bay domestic garage with granny annex above at Great Hill Farm, Wycoller Road, Trawden. Closing date for comments is 24th December. E-mailed Parish Councillors 17th December, no comments received.
- PLA13529 – Miss H Holmes would like to convert the existing outbuilding at Souteril Latihe, Keighley Road, to form a garage and workshop. Closing date for comments is 4th January 2008. E-mailed Parish Councillors 17th December, no comments received

Precept for 2008/2009

The Parish Council feel that there is currently enough money in the bank not to apply for a precept. As we do not have the details of costs for running the Community Centre, and the details of the Lengthsman have not been finalised, the Parish Council feel that this year, a precept should not be applied for. Cllr Holmes asked that we consider the tax payer and proposed that we do not apply. This was seconded by Cllr Foulkes. Put to vote 5 in favour.

Parish Matters

Cllr Clough advised that work had started on the Winewall Bridge replacing the stones, but feels that, if the work is not completed soon, the original stones will disappear. Cllr Hodgson to contact the contractor and chase.

Cllr Clough advised that the lights were still not working on the Ball Grove car park. Adele to chase.

Cllr Clough advised that the height bar and one of the upright posts on the entrance to Ball Grove car park had been damaged. Adele to report and ask it is repaired ASAP.

Cllr Foulkes advised that there is excessive dog fouling on Skipton Road to Forest Bank, on Winewall and Joe Lane. Adele to contact Pendle Borough Council and ask that more signs be put up advising the dog owner may be fined. Steven Wilcock advised that he had seen somebody on the Recreation Ground letting their dogs foul, and didn't clean up after them. He took the registration number of the vehicle, the time they were spotted and the date and contacted the dog warden. This person has since been fined £50. Adele to ask David Pollard to put something in the paper reminding them of the fine.

Cllr Reyner advised that there was also excessive dog fouling on White Lee Avenue and that the residents of Thornlea were upset about this. Adele to ask for signs to be put up here also.

Cllr Crompton advised that the dog fouling bin from opposite Cemetery House has disappeared. Since then, it has come to light that the one next to the bench on the bad bend at the top of Mire Ridge has also gone. Adele to contact PBC and ask why.

At the top end of the Recreation Ground there is a gap in the wall where some of the stones have fallen out. Adele to ask it be repaired ASAP.

Cllr Hodgson attended the Lancashire Forum meeting. He met Jerry Stanford who advised that there was a memorial to Wallace Hartley in Colne Town Hall, but it has been moved. He will enquire as to where it is. The Waterside Group attended the meeting and advised what good work the Youth Club had done at Waterside. Jerry Stanford commented that Colne Centre is currently struggling to attract both business and visitors to Colne Town Centre. There is to be a Tourist Information Centre at the new Bounday Mill Store, but currently, no bus service will run from there to the Centre.

Correspondence

- Letter received from Friends of Harambee with copy invoices for their Pilates sessions. The Parish Council agreed to give a one-off contribution of £300.
- Letter received advising there would be no Development Control Committee meeting on 17th December.
- Notification of a meeting of the Climate Change/Planning Policies Scrutiny Panel to be held on Tuesday 11th December at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Notification of a meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 13th December at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.

- Notification of a meeting of the Executive to be held on Tuesday 18th December at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- Letter received from LCC regarding the deletion of footpath 132. A copy of the letter sent in December supporting the deletion has been sent to DEFRA as they are now dealing with this.
- New Glasdon products brochure received.
- Agenda received for the Colne Connected meeting which was held on Thursday 13th December.
- Advice received regarding the Joint Lancashire Minerals and waste development framework managing our waste and natural resources core strategy.
- Letter received from LCC regarding the Bridleway from Will Moor to Thursden. The work will commence on 10th December for 8 weeks by Terra Firma Environmental Ltd.
- Newsletter from Selrap received
- E-mail received from Overview and Scrutiny Work programme. Melva has some ideas but the form needs to be completed and returned ASAP.
- E-mail received from Geoffrey Cole regarding the complaint about the chickens on the burial ground at Hill End. There are no rules regarding the keeping of animals in such an area.
- Colne Area Committee meeting agenda received. The proposed diversion of Public Footpaths 59, 60 and 76 at lower Draughts Gates Farm is to be discussed.
- Notification of a meeting of the Accounts and Audit Committee is to be held on Monday 14th January at 7pm at Nelson Town Hall.
- A letter from Steven Wilcock was read out following correspondence from Adele regarding the Parish Council vacancy. It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson that he would be voted onto the committee with immediate effect. This was seconded by Cllr Reyner. Put to vote 5 in favour.

Finance

Cheque number 727 for £220 was issued to Adele Waddington for Clerks Services for the month of October

Cheque number 728 for £17.99 was issued to Adele Waddington for Clerks Expenses for the month of October.

Cheque number 729 for £300 was issued to Friends of Harmabee for the continuation of their Pilates Class

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Next meeting February 4th 2008, 7pm prompt