



Up Holland Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Up Holland Parish Council on **Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Up Holland Methodist Church, Alma Hill, WN8 ONR.

Present: Cllr Jenny Whiting (Chairman), Cllr Andrew Grant, Cllr Gill Sinnott, Cllr Richard Taylor.

7.15pm to 7.30pm public participation: No items raised.

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Stoddart, Cllr Mackrell, Cllr Owen, Cllr Hale, Cllr Jones, Cllr Gardner and Cllr McGunigle.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None declared.

3. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 10th October 2023

The Minutes were accepted as a correct record of the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. To record any police issues

- **Including discussions with police over problems for Millers Nook residents due to antisocial behaviour from Mill Lane Play Area**

The meeting returned again to the report from the Design Out Crime Officer. The offer to include more patrols and to promote "In The Know" and "Lancashire Talking" to residents was welcomed. On the whole however the parish council was disappointed with recommendations. They are not compatible with the vision for the park, which is driven by residents' requests. Most are outside the scope and budget of the parish council.

Cut down and back areas of vegetation

Grass cutting and hedge maintenance remain the responsibility of WLBC. However, we would not wish to lose the natural rural nature of this field. 'Providing a window of

surveillance is commendable' however, no-one is surveying the site and currently the foliage provides some noise and nuisance masking for surrounding residents.

Illumination

Lighting is the responsibility of LCC. The lighting column within the play area was disabled when experience showed young people actually stayed longer into the night and residents complained that it illuminated their properties to an unacceptable degree.

CCTV

This is a rural site with no electrical supply or building, and though specialised CCTV systems are available, they are extremely expensive. They require a wifi contract to be linked to an individual. A corporate structure of volunteers with no dedicated address such as this parish council, makes this problematic. To be effective, this would need to be supervised cctv. As the land is WLBC owned (long lease to Up Holland Parish Council) perhaps it could be added to the cctv suite at Ormskirk?

Remove seating

The Change.org petition of 2021 and on-site surveys during 2022, made it clear that residents thought the park had insufficient seating, so more seating and picnic tables were installed. Gym equipment and more interesting play equipment was also requested and the parish council has complied with these requests. These have been well received and are used legitimately most of the time. Increased legitimate use of this site decreases opportunity for illegitimate use.

Perimeter Fencing:

The wooden gates have been replaced by metal gates following the report and consideration will be given to replacing the low wooden fencing along Mill Lane.

The meeting noted that the problems of anti-social behaviour, gang nuisance and violence are not limited to this site, complaints continue across the parish including Crawford and Hall Green. It is essential that residents contact the police to report such behaviour, to build an accurate picture of the problem and so that police resources can respond to it.

5. Ward Reports: Update the meeting on issues Councillors are attending to

Cllr Whiting: The Church organised Remembrance Service at Up Holland Cenotaph War Memorial was well attended despite heavy rain. The poppies on the lamp posts were well received. The walled garden at the Good Catch Chip Shop has been tidied and is ready for the Christmas tree installation.

Cllr Grant: Water is running along Mill Lane and the drain at the junction with Mayfield Road appears to be blocked. This blocked drain will be reported using the Love Clean Streets App.

Cllr Sinnott: The Community Hub has been granted a full licence; the creation of additional parking for funeral vehicles and those with disabilities has been put on hold due to lack of funds to proceed at this time; the Christmas Lights Switch on will follow an afternoon of activities on the 2nd December 2023.

The Daniel Baird Bleed Control Cabinets are now installed at Mill Lane Play Area, Lawns Avenue Play Area, Hall Green Bus Stop (Opposite Victoria Hotel), Artz Centre and Crawford Village Hut & Playing Fields. The Slow Down, Save Lives sign has been attached to railings at Crawford School.

6. Financial Matters:

• Accounts for ratification and payment

Water Plus	201023	Tap at bowling green	0942	£14.84
Handelsbanken	131123	bank charges	d.d.	£32.20
Andrew Greenough	141123	Walled-garden tidy up	0943	£220.00
Laurence Davis	141123	Cut bowling green hedge	0944	£390.00
Bowls Buddies	141123	Children's bowls (Capital Grant supported)	0945	£477.99
Methodist Church	141123	Room hire - 141123	0946	£16.00
Cheque Number 0947 cancelled.				
E A Broad	141123	Re-imbusement Event equipment (capital grant supported – bowls equipment)	0948	£118.29*
Andrew Greenough	141123	Trees at Allotments	0949	£1,200.00
E A Broad	201123	Salary and expenses Nov	0950	£1,699.45
NEST	201123	Pension scheme (Employer pays 3% = £64.29; clerk pays £205.73 to pension scheme)	d.d.	£270.02

*Contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment

• Minutes of Finance Meeting on Tuesday 17th October 2023

It was resolved to accept in principle the committee recommendation to increase the precept from £62,000 to £65,000 from April 2024 to meet the need for increasing costs of day-to-day running of the council. The Parish Council reserves the right to

revisit this decision should circumstances change before February 2024. If circumstances remain the same, the precept request will be for £65,000.

- **Notification of UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

The scheme was introduced by workshop attended by councillors and the clerk. It was decided not to make an application at this time.

7. Update from LALC (Lancashire Association of Local Councils)

The Clerk reported attending the LALC AGM at County Hall Preston on 4th November 2023.

8. Consider response to WLBC Parish Remuneration Panel on Basic Parish Allowances Recommendations

It was resolved to support the recommendations of the Parish Remuneration Panel. A basic parish allowance of £200 be paid to the Chairman only. All other payments to Parish Councillors are limited to reimbursement of any costs, including travel and subsistence, incurred undertaking council business.

9. Consider community engagement stall at Christmas event

It was resolved to hold a stall at the Rotary Christmas Charity event on Sunday 26th November 1pm – 4 pm at St Teresa's Roman Catholic Club Hall.

10. Any Update from Borough or County Councillors

No update available.

11. To consider any planning issues or applications

The following planning applications were noted, with no objections raised and no comment required from the parish council.

Application Number: 2023/0861/FUL
Proposal: Erection on an agricultural building and concrete yard area
Location: Land South Of, Ayrefield Road, Roby Mill, Up Holland, Lancashire

Application Number: 2023/0950/FUL
Proposal: first floor extension to side at
Location: 12 Chequer Lane, WN8 0DE

Application Number: 2023/0923/FUL
Proposal: Change of window fenestration
Location: 38 School Lane, WN8 0LW

Application Number: 2023/0917/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and structures and erection of new industrial/warehouse building

Location: Allied Business Centre, Potter Place, West Pimbo, WN8 9PH

12. Resolution for the Exclusion of Press and Public

It is recommended that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and as, in all circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Section 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Resolved.

13. Approve pay award in line with National Association of Local Councils Guidelines

The NALC recommended pay award was approved.

14. Provision of Goods and Services

- (a) Update on creation of a Miyawaki Forest

It was agreed to proceed with this project, with the location of Mill Lane Play Area. The Clerk will liaise with Lancashire County Council Project Leader Ian Wright.

- (b) Update on proposal to provide additional land to rear of St Thomas the Martyr for a non-denominational memorial garden or burial site

It was resolved to meet with Rev Paul Lock to discuss this proposal further.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

Cllr Jenny Whiting
Chairman

12th December 2023