



Up Holland Parish Council

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The Minutes of the meeting of Up Holland Parish Council held on **Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30pm** in the Up Holland Methodist Church, Alma Hill, WN8 ONR.

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

Public participation: Resident Neil Smith attended, as considering standing for Council. There is a long-standing, previously advertised vacancy for Tontine Ward. The Clerk was unsure if co-option can take place within 6 months of an election, which will be held in May 2024, so will contact the WLBC Elections Office for advice.

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

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

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Sinnott declared an interest in a Planning Matter at Item 9. Cllr Taylor made an amendment to his Register of Interest Form adding Membership of the Green Party.

3. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 12th December 2023

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

4. To record any police issues

On Monday 18th December 2023, PC 3196 Dominic Allen attended the clerk's house to discuss the bowling green vandalism log reference LC-20231125-0366 Crime Reference 04/188920/23. He had contacted WLBC to see if the camera on the building had caught any images but there was no footage available.

The wider issue of Mill Lane Play Area disturbance and the theory that it is the same group of young people, was discussed so he agreed to include both sites in patrols over Christmas and the New Year. No further anti-social behaviour had been reported.

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

A577 road surface from Abbey Lakes through to Newgate Road continues to be eroded, particularly by overnight HGVs when the Orrell Interchange is closed. There have been a large number of reports of damaged vehicles in the recent weeks and heavy rain has exacerbated this. Pot holes are obscured from the drivers view when filled with water. LCC workers had been seen filling one pothole near the former Stanley Public House, but others alongside it were not filled, presumably they had not reached the required depth. The Clerk was instructed to again inform County Councillor John Fillis and the LCC's District Highways Lead.

Lafford Lane: Concerns about flooding around the farmland nearest to Jollies Dean Farm, with roadside gullies and field drains appearing to be blocked.

Farley Lane/Lees Lane – spoil (sand and gravel), used to block entrance to St Joseph's, has spread over the road creating a hazard for drivers.

Residents complaining of these highway issues should report it on LCC Love Clean Streets App.

6. Financial Matters:

- **Accounts for ratification and payment**

Unity Trust Bank	311223	Bank charges (3 months)	d.d.	£18.00
Npower	090124	Pillar clock electricity	0961	£17.23*
B Keyworth	090124	Lamp post poppies	0962	£70.00
Methodist Church	090123	Room hire 090124	0963	£16.00
NEST (Employer pays 3%; clerk pays £160.74 to pension scheme)	090124	Pension scheme	d.d.	£218.43
E A Broad	090124	Salary and expenses Jan	0964	£1,458.46
Handelsbanken	120124	Bank charges	d.d.	£32.00
WLBC	150124	Inspection of play areas	d.d.	£1,709.33*

*Contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

- **To note next meeting of the Financial Committee**

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday 16th January 2024

- **To confirm Parish Precept Request**

It was resolved to set the required precept at £65,000.00 with the expected Concurrent funding of £5,100.00 and Council Tax Support Grant of £3,514.00.

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

The next area committee meeting for LALC will be held on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 7pm.

8. Any Update from Borough or County Councillors

Consultation on combined authority closes 26th January 2024 and Councillors were encouraged to respond to the consultation online.

9. To consider any planning issues or applications

Application Number: 2023/1102/FUL

Location: 5 Dean Wood Close, Up Holland, WN8 0BS

Proposal: Proposed Outbuilding

Cllr Gill Sinnott declared an interest in this item, as a neighbour to the development.

Parish Council Response: Conscious that this is within the setting of a Grade II Listed Building and Conservation Area, Up Holland Parish Council is concerned about the size and function of this outbuilding.

This section of land was originally garden land at 30 Parliament Street but was incorporated into 5 Dean Close, although this has ample garden land of its own and two outbuildings already.

The land has had a number of refused or withdrawn applications, when it was described as 30 Parliament Street, including enforcement action over a wall built without prior approval.

This proposal suggests the number of vehicles will be increased from 4 to 8 at the end of this narrow cul-de-sac so there would be some traffic implications for the neighbours.

Application Number: 2023/1089/OUT

Location: H Greaves & Sons Ltd, 1-3 Chequer Lane, Up Holland, WN8 0DA

Proposal: Outline application for the redevelopment of the site for residential use – 8 dwellings (some matters reserved)

Parish Council Response: Up Holland Parish Council does not object to development of this site in principle but eight properties on such a small footprint may be regarded as over development.

10. 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.

11. Provision of Goods and Services

- (a) Update on creation of a Miyawaki Woodland* at Mill Lane Play Area

Concerns raised by Hallbridge Gardens residents were considered with the proposal to relocate the woodland a little further down the hillside and away from this property.

The Clerk will prepare a covering letter and information for groups and schools, draft risk assessment for the tree planting event and liaise with Ian Wright as to the timescale, which is weather dependent as well as dictated by contractors' availability.

For future similar projects the Council will consider registering with the online app 'Neighbourly', as a source of volunteers.

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

This project is at the research stage with no further decisions made during this meeting.

- (c) Update on play equipment provision

The meeting noted that Wickstead Leisure will be removing the old slide at Lawns Avenue and installing the Matrix slide. The new MUGA wall at Lawns Avenue is welcomed but balls are still going behind the wall and through the open section alongside into the wooded area, encouraging children to retrieve them in quite a dangerous, sloped wooded area. Going forward further fencing, if finances permit might be considered.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm

***Cllr Jenny Whiting
Chairman of Up Holland Parish Council***

13th February 2024