



# **Up Holland Parish Council**

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The Minutes of the meeting of Up Holland Parish Council held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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 Gaynar Owen, Cllr Gill Sinnott, Cllr Alex Stoddart, Cllr Richard Taylor.

## **7.15pm to 7.30pm - public participation**

No Members of the public present.

## **MINUTES**

### **1. To record apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Barry Hale, Cllr Andrew Grant, Cllr Christopher Mackrell, Cllr Neil Smith.

### **2. To receive declarations of interest**

None declared.

### **3. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

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

### **4. To record any police issues**

No issues raised.

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

Cllr Gardner told the meeting that the Rangers had cut the tree line along the proposed Miyawaki Woodland site and contractors have prepared the land in readiness for the tree planting. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Whiting will be attending on the day.

Cllr Sinnott noted that graffiti with probably tagging has been posted over road signs along Church Street and at Abbey Lakes on Wigan Borough signs.

Cllr Stoddart reminded the meeting that the Crawford Village Hut & Playing Fields Committee will be meeting this coming Friday.

## 6. Financial Matters:

- **Accounts for ratification and payment**

Handelsbanken	120324	Bank charges	d.d.	£32.00
NEST	120324	Pension scheme	d.d.	£218.43
(Employer pays 3%; clerk pays £160.74 to pension scheme)				
Bernard Keyworth	120324	Installation of cameras	0971	£295.00
P & R Electricals	120324	Christmas lights	0972	£1,100.00*
Methodist Church	120324	Room hire 120324	0973	£16.00
E A Broad	120324	Salary & expenses March	0974	£1,495.09
(Includes gloves and stamps)				
HMRC	120324	Tax & NI x 3 months	0975	£972.57
Wicksteed Leisure	120324	Slide at Lawns Ave	0976	£23,508.49*
Unity Trust Bank	310324	Bank charges	d.d.	£18.00

\*Contains VAT

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment. The asset register was updated with the new items purchased.

- **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

It was resolved to appoint Mrs Sandra Jones as Internal Auditor.

## 7. Up Holland Cenotaph War Memorial – to address concerns about climbing on the fragile structure and the overgrown conifers

The Clerk was instructed to ask Cllr Ask Neil Furey, portfolio holder for Street scene, if the conifers can be cut back and whether WLBC might consider a 'no climbing' sign to deter misuse. The cenotaph design is misleading in that it has steps that appear robust but are being damaged when people sit on them.

## 8. Update from LALC (Lancashire Association of Local Councils)

No update available.

## 9. Any Update from Borough or County Councillors

Borough Councillor Owen reported dealing with a number of issues. Muddy, impassable sections off Ayrefield Road, pot holes (particularly around the former Stanley Public House), the WLBC carpark junction of Dingle Road and Tithebarn Street, where the grassed area is being damaged. Also noted that there had been so many youths in the bowling green recently that surrounding residents believed it had been an organised event. Borough Councillor Nicole Pryce-Roberts had revealed that Hall Green House remains part of the Housing Revenue count and Tawd Valley Developments are producing a feasibility study for the site.

### **10.To note Update on WLBC Local Plan**

The following information was given by WLBC:

The Local Development Scheme provides the project plan for the preparation of the new Local Plan for the Borough and in summary shows that:

- The next stage of public consultation will take place at the end of 2024; and
- A consultation on the publication version of the Plan will take place in 2026 with the Plan being submitted for independent examination later that year.

The following table sets out the remaining expected steps and timescales for the preparation of the Local Plan.

Stage Regulation	Stage Description	Date
Regulation 18	Preferred Options Consultation	Q4 2024
Regulation 19	Publication Version Consultation	Q1 2026
Regulation 22	Submission	Q3 2026
Regulation 26	Adoption	Q3 2027

Under this timetable Examination In Public is likely to take place over Christmas of 2026 (between September 2026 and March 2027) with receipt of the Examiners Report in April 2027, and adoption in the third quarter of that year – July/August/September 2027.

The parish council meeting noted the timetable with concern that there is no room for slippage in dates and that adoption may be delayed as councils are in recess during August.

### **11.To consider any planning issues or applications**

Ref. No: 2024/0143/PNP

Application for Determination as to Whether Prior Approval is Required for Details - Silage storage building.

Ayrefield Farm Bank Brow Roby Mill Up Holland Lancashire WN8 0SY

Parish Council Response: Noted.

Application Number: 2024/0126/LBC

Proposed timber shed to the rear of the garden 12ft x 8ft. Proposed hit and miss fence to the rear of the garden to match the existing timber fence. Proposed timber fence and gates to drive.

30 Parliament Street Up Holland Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 0LN

Parish Council Response: No comment on this proposal because the plans are not clear.

Application Number: 2024/0068/FUL

Construction of garden room/ shed in place of two sheds now removed.

4 Manor House Drive Crawford Village Up Holland Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 9QZ

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

The meeting noted that the following application has now been granted with stringent conditions on the 12-page decision notice:

Application Number: 2022/1368/FUL

Location: Land to the south of Ashton Hall, Tontine Road, Up Holland.

Proposal: Construction of a Battery Energy Storage System

Ref. No: LCC/2023/0043

County Matter - Restoration of Ravenhead Quarry through the importation of non-hazardous material.

Ravenhead Quarry Chequer Lane Up Holland Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 0DD

The letter to residents from Booths Ventures Ltd was considered, noting that it is stated to be handing back 'a valuable asset to the local community'. However, further requests for information as to how there might be public access to this private land have not been answered.

At 8:25 pm Cllr Stoddart left the meeting.

Application Number: 2024/0147/CON

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition no's 11, 14 & 23 of planning permission 2017/0880/FUL relating to Car Parking, Travel Plan Performance, Landscape Structure & Drainage Management Plan. |

Location: Land Adjacent To The M58 Motorway Chequer Lane Up Holland Lancashire

Was discussed in brief, noting that Morris Homes has left a degree of building rubbish on site.

Application Number: 2022/1289/FUL

Proposal: Erection of two storey detached 4 bedrooomed private dwelling and single storey garage

Location: Land Adjacent To 11 Heathland Up Holland Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 0BP

Planning permission refused and appeal dismissed.

## **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. Provision of Goods and Services**

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

Plans are in place to meet at 10am for risk assessment briefing at Mill Lane Play Area for tree planting. Beacon Rangers have already cut back the existing hedgerow, to allow the new trees some light, and contractors have prepared the ground. LCC Treescapes Officer Ian Wright will be leading the project. Two local primary schools are involved and certificates of participation will be given to children attending.

### **(b) Update on play equipment provision and removal of basketball hoop at Farley Lane**

All work at Lawns Avenue Play Area is now complete.

Work inside the fenced area at Mill Lane Play Area is expected to be done in April 2024.

It was agreed to relocate the picnic benches in the hope that they will be less attractive to use as pedestal by vandals throwing mud if they are further away from the road.

It was agreed to remove the basketball hoop at Farley Lane and consider prices for a new piece of equipment there, perhaps talking flowers.

### **(c) Consider further the anti-social behaviour at Mill Lane Play Area & the Bowling Green**

As above, the picnic tables will be moved further into the park. The exact location will be determined by those attending the tree planting on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

An updated cost of repairs will be obtained but an insurance claim can't be started until the area can be properly secured.

There are two ends of the hedge, where trees have been removed in the past, that

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are vulnerable and used as access points. Ideas such as planting holly, berberis, quick thorn to deter trespassers were considered and the Clerk instructed to ask Steve Bissett at WLBC if fencing might be available to close the gap.

(d) To consider request for easement over Janet Lally Memorial Field

There was no further contact from the company so this item will be removed from future agenda.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

***Cllr Jenny Whiting***  
***Chairman***

***9<sup>th</sup> April 2024***