



Up Holland Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Up Holland Parish Council held on **Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.30pm** in the Up Holland Methodist Church, Alma Hill, WN8 ONR.

Present: Cllr Jenny Whiting (Chairman), Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Gill Sinnott, Cllr Alex Stoddart, Cllr Richard Taylor.

7.15pm to 7.30pm - public participation

Greenfield.co.uk representatives attended to answer questions about their proposals for a green energy project in the Tontine area.

MINUTES

1. To record apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Grant, Cllr Jones, Cllr Mackrell, Cllr Owen, Cllr Smith & Cllr Swales.

2. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Gardner declared a non-pecuniary interest, as a governor at Up Holland High School, (already recorded on Register of Interest form) for Item 4 due to its proximity to proposed site.

3. To ratify as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held 8th October 2024

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

4. To receive representation from Greenfield Renewable Energy Project Developer for Tontine area

Due to the confidential nature of this item, discussion was moved to the second part of the meeting, after Item 11 excluding the press and public.

5. To record any police issues

The meeting noted emails to the Chief Inspector had not been responded to. It was suggested that the Clerk email again and copy in the Police and Crime

Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw to inform him that there is no reliable contact between parish councils and police. All matters of concern must be reported by the witness to the incident using the online or 101 and not by the parish council as a third party to the events.

6. Ward Reports:

Tontine Ward: Billinge Running Club meet-up at Janet Lally field had 200 entries. It was commented upon that the Lawns Avenue Play Area was clean and tidy and the new equipment was appreciated. It was suggested that it could be further enhanced with provision of equipment for younger children, particularly the under 5's.

Crawford Ward: Some residents had received a pre-consultation letter regarding proposals for another wind turbine at Pimbo. Some residents are inconvenienced by the noise from the current wind turbine at Walkers Crisps Factory and so are concerned that this, seemingly innocuous proposal, might in fact be detrimental to them. The Pimbo Bushes Quarry scoping opinion was a concern in that currently the footpath alongside is well used and the proposal suggest increased traffic along Chequer Lane.

Village Ward: Dean Wood footpaths work is underway with a lot of stone being put down to structure the footpaths properly.

Roby Mill Ward: At the Community Hub there was an information stand about LCC Safe Trader Scheme – a crime prevention scheme run by Trading Standards and LCC who offer information of keeping safe from fraud, particularly internet scams.

Newgate Ward: Speeding along Mill Lane continues to be a huge problem. The Clerk will email Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to ask if a speed indicator device could be put up along here. It was noted that there was one recently on Newgate Road and another on Crawford Road.

7. Financial Matters:

- **Accounts for ratification and payment**

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| LCC | 161024 | Rent for noticeboard | d.d. | £5.00 |
| Water Plus Ltd | 291024 | Water bill bowling green | 1035 | £20.14* |
| Gyles Charnock | 291024 | Book exchange – deposit | 1036 | £1,008.00* |
| Unity Bank | 311024 | Bank charges – monthly | d.d. | £3.60 |
| Handelsbanken | 111124 | Bank charges - monthly | d.d. | £28.60 |
| NEST | 111124 | Pension payment Nov | d.d. | £274.38 |
| Methodist Church | 121124 | Room hire 12 th November | 1037 | £16.00 |

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| E A Broad | 121124 | Salary and expenses (includes back pay) | 1038 | £1,768.60 |
| Wm Fernandes | 121124 | Cleaning noticeboards | 1039 | £15.00 |

*VAT included

The accounts were ratified and authorised for payment.

- **Circulation of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 15th October 2024**

The Minutes had been circulated by email. In view of the recent budget announcements, and an expected increase in employer's NI payment, the proposal not to increase the precept from £65,000 will be revisited. A decision will be made at the next meeting so that the information is available when the precept figure is requested by the Borough Council.

- **Consider recommendation of WLBC Councillors Remuneration Panel**

It was resolved to continue to follow the Panel's recommendation of a basic allowance to the Chairman of £200 and meeting travel and subsistence costs for those on council business or any previously agreed, receipted, outgoings.

- **Suggestions for Capital Grant application**

Councillors were asked to consider projects for capital grant application, approximate project cost of £5,000 with match funding to come from the parish funds and to email any ideas to the Clerk. Fully costed applications will be requested by WLBC (usually in December, though no contact from WLBC to date on this issue.).

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

- **Update following AGM on Saturday 2nd November 2024**

The Clerk gave a brief update from the LALC AGM, which had been somewhat chaotic as the agenda had not been circulated in advance and it's contents took some Members by surprise. Parish Councillors are encouraged to attend the quarterly branch meetings of the West Lancashire LALC Area Committee in order to guide the committee to address issues of importance to them, alongside other parishes.

9. Update from Borough or County Councillors

- **WLBC Wellbeing & Leisure Consultation**
- **WLBC Skelmersdale Town Centre Consultation**

The Clerk completed the online consultations on both of the above on behalf of the Parish Council and encouraged individual Councillors to do the same. It was agreed

to send a letter by email to WLBC to explain that this method of consultation does not lend itself to a corporate response from a parish council.

- **Update following Town & Parish Councils Conference at LCC County Hall – Saturday 2nd November 2024**

The Clerk reported a successful conference with LCC, though the reality of financial constraints on departments such as highways left little room for optimism. Posters and information from the conference was distributed for use across the Wards.

10.To consider any planning issues or applications

WLBC Matter:

Reference Number: 2024/0884/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension. Render to front extension.

Location: 7 Brookfield Road Up Holland Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 0NZ

Parish Council Response: No objection to this proposal.

LCC Matter:

Reference Number: SCP/2004/0002

Proposal: Scoping opinion for quarry

Location: Pimbo Bushes Quarry, Crawford

Parish Council Response: To be submitted administratively.

Neighbouring Authority:

Reference Number: TR0510001

Location: Intermodel Logistics Park North

Proposal: a new strategic rail freight interchange (SRFI) on the St Helen's Wigan border.

Location: On the eastern extent of Newton-le-Willows in a flat, agricultural landscape. The DCO Site is located within the local authority areas of St Helens Borough Council, within the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, and Wigan Council, within the Greater Manchester Region Combined Authority. The DCO Site also lies adjacent to the local authority area of Warrington Borough Council

Parish Council Response: This proposal has little effect on Up Holland Parish so no comment will be submitted.

11.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.

12. Provision of Goods and Services

- (a) Conclude discussion on Greenfield proposal for easement over Janet Lally field

In principle, Up Holland Parish Council agree to permit an access easement for the road under the Parish's ownership, title number LAN70209,

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- (b) Walled Garden at Hall Green (outside Good Catch Chip Shop) LCC declared land as surplus to requirements; further consideration of a long lease to maintain this as a public space

It was resolved to accept the Community Asset Transfer for this section of land on the terms offered by LCC. This would be a long leasehold interest in the site (typically 125 years) with community use restrictions at a value of £1 per annum. The transfer to be subject to a contribution towards the County Council's surveying and legal fees of 3% (1.5% each) of market value subject to a minimum of £1,500 (£750 each).

This decision was taken to avoid the County Council's disposal at market value, which could restrict the Parish Council's current use as a community garden, with commemorative benches and the site for the village Christmas tree.

- (c) Proposal to replace the bench at Janet Lally field

It was resolved to purchase a David Ogilvie mining bench for installation at the Janet Lally field, using neighbourhood community infrastructure levy. The bench will have a QR code attached to scan and reach the parish council website, where a brief outline of Janet Lally's life will be available.

- (d) Update on Capital Grant for book exchange and table tennis table

The book exchange boxes have been ordered. It was decided to have one dark blue and one light blue, perhaps one can be positioned lower than the other and used for children's books.

It was decided not to order a table tennis table because there is no suitable location to install it, with enough area surround and not under trees.

- (e) Update on Allotment trees

The Tree Kings quotation of £180 to cut off the ivy on the trees and crown the sycamore was agreed.

- (f) Update on replacing climber at Mill Lane Play Area

Two quotations for a cone climber had been obtained with two more still awaited. It was resolved to delegate the final decision to the Clerk and Chairman so that the climber can be replaced expeditiously.

- (g) Accept National Association of Local Council's agreed pay award as per clerk's contract of employment

Following NALC negotiations, the agreed pay award was accepted by the Parish Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm

***Cllr Jenny Whiting
Chairman***

10th December 2024