

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Minutes of Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Meeting Held at Barley Village Hall Cross Lane, Barley on Tuesday 12th October 2021

Persons present

Councillors: Ainsley Macadam, Kathleen Wilkinson, Frank Shiers, Brian Nutter

Lancashire County Councillor: Howard Hartley

Clerk: Heather Robbins. In Attendance: Anthony Dawson, Adrian Paling

21/22/50 Welcome to members and visitors

The Chair explained, as had been previously done at the September meeting, why the September agenda had been posted late, and consequently why the meeting was being re-held, as a precaution and although awaiting PBC's decision on validation.

21/22/51 Statement As Councillor Ryder has sent apologies it is appropriate that his statement is held over until the next meeting.

21/22/52 Public forum No questions were asked.

21/22/53 Apologies Councillors Ryder, Cowell, and Borough Councillor C Lioni

21/22/54 Declarations of interest none were made

21/22/55 Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2021 were approved with the following amendments.

21/22/27 Councillor Wilkinson will deputise, for the Chair, at the Barrowford & Western meeting when necessary.

21/22/36 Clarification that there would not be a December meeting.

21/22/42 Chair to investigate financial limits

21/22/56 Reports from Council officials from Cllr Ryder (via email) a dangerous tree was felled on the playing field and reported a second dead ash adjacent that would also needed felling.

The Clerk had spoken to the site manager of the Spenbrook development who declined attendance at the next meeting but suggested a visit by Councillors at a future date.

21/22/ 57 CCTV update planning consent is not necessary if the camera is attached to a building, but if the camera is on a pole, consent must be sought. It was asked if the raising of an existing pole would be similarly treated. As requested, Cllr Shiers detailed a procedural plan on line prior to this meeting. The Chair proposed that the procedures are adopted, Cllr Nutter seconded, and all voted in favour. Councillors approved the new policy document.

21/22/58 Playing field storage The updates on transporting the mower container were thwarted by it being inaccessible at Cllr Ryder's premises. Cllrs Ryder and Nutter will liaise to arrange a new date. Cllr Ryder regretted (by email) that the plan had not progressed and he will arrange for staff to arrange access.

21/22/59 Risk assessments The risk assessment format was provided on-line and would be updated regularly. Cllrs approved the format of the assessment.

21/22/60 Review of asset register Cllr Wilkinson is most familiar with the asset register and will check that it has been correctly updated. A report is deferred until the next meeting.

21/22/61 B & W capital fund award Discussion re the play area project which incorporates clearing and building steps on Sparable lane resulted in an agreement to apply to the Section 106 fund for the shortfall. The Chair having spoken to Tom Partridge explained that we need to commit to the project or risk losing the £5,000 that has been allocated. This amount along with the 2 x £3,500 from B & W will mean applying for £4,909 in line with the quote. Cllr Shiers proposed and Cllr Nutter seconded and all approved.

Cllr Shiers suggests Pendle Borough Council should be taken to task re 'closed shop' with respect to contractors. Chair explained this had already been done and a PBC representative acknowledged the situation was less than ideal but due to staff shortages it was currently unavoidable. The improvement of Sparable Lane will allow dog owners another route when the ban is in place.

21/22/62 Spen Brook Mill update A 'near miss' incident was reported by a local resident involving a tipper truck which could potentially have been dangerous. The site manager was extremely concerned and investigated the matter fully before reporting back to the Chair. He gave his assurance that the sub-contractor involved had been taken to task and that it wouldn't happen again.

21/22/63 Queens Jubilee celebration Cllr Wilkinson updated the council on plans. The original plan to hold the event on June 4th may be reconsidered as there is a local wedding on the day. Feedback awaited. Projects were allocated to various individuals and the next meeting is Oct 27th. Cllr Wilkinson said all was on track.

21/22/64 Planning application

Ref: 21/0736/TCA: No objection re felling of conifers at Dene Cottage. It was felt this was better decided by Lee Johnson of PBC.

Ref 21/0617FUL: The application by Ruth Nutter is for Minutes only as consultation period has ended. 3 councillors had stated a declaration of interest (Cllr. Wilkinson, Cllr. Nutter and Cllr. Macadam).

Ref: 21/0750/VAR - The application for variation on original plans at Moss End was considered before the deadline of 6/10/21. There were no further objections than on the original application which had already been approved by PBC.

21/22/65 Section 106 monies As discussed in a previous meeting, it became clear that it is the top play area that residents want to improve/refurbish. The Chair met with a rep from Sovereign who said each play item could be assessed individually for suitability and replaced as necessary. The Chair is meeting with another company on Oct 14th to provide a quote. Quotes will be submitted to the Council at the next meeting.

Also see item 21/22/60.

21/22/66 Parish maintenance

The present gardener's invoices will be available at the next meeting to assess if we are making the most effective use of the budget. A resident in the village has shown an interest in tendering.

Quotes need to be obtained re repairs or replacement of boskins. Cllr Nutter said repairs must be cost effective long term. The Chair suggested a bench could replace the boskins. Cllr Nutter will ask Cameron Hill to look at the boskins to see what is possible.

Cllr Ryder received a quote for one-off grass cutting by Lathams at £35 per hour (expected to take approx. 3 hours). Cllr Shiers proposed acceptance of this quote, seconded by Cllr Nutter and agreed by all.

The Chair said that, for whatever reason, the current mowing solution didn't appear to be working and the situation should be reviewed at the next meeting. It should be decided whether having a mower to be used by residents is the best solution or should the mower be sold and the work contracted out. In preparation for this discussion the Chair informed that she had contacted Balmer's Garden Machinery for an approximate valuation. The serial number and number of hours the mower had been used are necessary to determine an accurate valuation. Cllr Shiers proposed that we gather the valuation and evidence but take the winter to make the decision. This was seconded by Cllr Nutter and agreed by all.

An independent inspection was carried out on the top play area and passed with recommendations. Play items deemed low risk can remain; tape has been wrapped around the monkey bars where hazardous. The lower play area requires rotten posts replacing or repairing. Cllr Nutter has previously volunteered to remove the rotten posts.

21/22/67 Financial transactions Cllr Wilkinson clarified that the Public Right Of Way fund allocated by PBC should be allocated against the gardener's relevant invoices. The Clerk is receiving guidance from the previous Clerk on this matter.

21/22/68 Anonymous donation This is in abeyance for the present as interest rates are very low and best for long term investments.

21/22/69 GBPC Facebook page The new Facebook page is up and running and thought to be successful. Anthony Dawson commented that it was a positive forum managed by the Council and therefore comments are more reserved.

21/22/70 Parish community events Anthony Dawson requested permission to organise a community bonfire on Parish Council land (the top playing field) on Saturday Nov 6th. The Chair pointed out that to ask permission to organise an event meant that AD was taking responsibility for it, this was agreed. Cllr Shiers had assessed the matter from the PC's point of view and raised the following points with AD; question of parking, first aid, expected numbers of attendance, no permission for fireworks, whether food or drink would be for sale, and returning the site to its previous state. AD replied that although it would be publicised on local Facebook pages he only expected about 30 residents so parking not an issue. The Chair volunteered as a First Aider. AD confirmed that he is the responsible point of contact although it will be Jay Gardner on the night. AD agreed there would be no fireworks, or food/drink for sale, and that the site will be returned to its former state. The Chair stated that 2 of the fruit tree saplings would need to be moved to facilitate the bonfire and that a volunteer work party would be arranged to do this.

21/22/71 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Howard Hartley representing Lancashire County reported that unsociable behaviour and crime had been reduced in recent weeks. Cllr Shiers commented on the Safe Lanes project which he considered to be an effective road safety measure.

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Cllr Wilkinson expressed concern about the Chair acting autonomously by sending a letter to St. Mary's school regarding safe and considerate parking by school parents. Cllr. Wilkinson said communications should be agreed by the council before being sent and should be signed by the Clerk. The Chair reminded Cllr Wilkinson that communications were circulated and agreed by email beforehand, and, in line with other official communications, i.e. planning applications (which are often presented and need determination between meetings) etc., they would continue to be - as and when necessary. Cllr Shiers agreed that this was the case and that Cllrs had seen the emails and approved the letter. The Clerk's signature would be used as and when available.

21/22/73 Items for next agenda

Statement from Cllr Ryder

CCTV update

Queen's Jubilee update by Cllr Wilkinson

Asset register report by Cllr Wilkinson

Sparable Lane funding - Section 106

Play equipment quotes

Parish community event - Christmas lights

New council member applications

Discussion of way forward re village maintenance (boskins, garden, mower)

21/22/74 date of next meeting Nov 9th 2021

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ainsley Macadam', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Ainsley Macadam (Chair)