



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.00pm at St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth

**Present:** Councillor Nick Webster (Chairman)  
Councillors Tim Dant, Denise Parrett, Kevan Walton and Heather Ward  
City Councillor Tim Hamilton-Cox  
Derek Whiteway, Parish Clerk

### 23/027 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor Abi Mills.

### 23/028 Minutes of the previous meeting

- 1) The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, were approved without further amendment.

#### Matters arising:

- 2) **23/012(4) Aldcliffe Cycleway Wildlife Opportunities.** The Clerk is maintaining contact with Natural England with the aim of arranging a meeting with Natural England and other parties in the next month or two. City Councillor Hamilton-Cox suggested that Councillor Mandy Bannon (Marsh Ward) be included in the arrangements.

**Action:** The Clerk will continue to liaise with NE and other parties to arrange a meeting.

Councillor Dant joined the meeting at this point.

- 3) **23/023 Stodday Picnic Site.** Following a brief update from the Clerk, Councillors agreed that arrangements should be made for an official opening of the picnic site on either Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> or Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The Clerk will invite the Lancaster Guardian to attend and Councillor Dant agreed to contact Lancaster University regarding their attendance.

**Action:** The Clerk and Councillor Dant will liaise in making arrangements for the official opening of the picnic site.

### 23/029 Declarations of Interest

No further declarations or changes to existing declarations were made.

Councillor Parrett joined the meeting at this point

### 23/030 Lancaster South Area Action Plan (LSAAP)

Councillor Ward provided an update on developments regarding the proposed M6 J33 reconfiguration and link road. The City Council's Conservation Team and the County Archaeology service had commented on further work necessary in the area, which now included areas to the East of Galgate as well as to the South and West.

Councillor Ward advised that there were no matters to respond to at the moment, but that progress would be monitored over the coming weeks.

### 23/031 Councillors' Roles

**Resolved:** Councillors agreed the following roles for the current municipal year:

- a) Highways: Councillor Dant
- b) Amenity, including Lengthsman liaison: Councillor Webster
- c) Stakeholder liaison, including United Utilities: Councillor Walton
- d) Neighbourhood Development Plan: Councillor Parrett
- e) Broadband: All (no lead Councillor)
- f) Lancaster South Area Action Plan: Councillors Walton and Ward

### 23/032 Planning Applications

- 1) No new planning applications had been received.
- 2) The Clerk presented a report providing an update on previous applications and those that had been recently decided.
- 3) Councillor Dant advised that application number 22/00885/OUT, for the erection of up to 70 dwellings on land North of Ashford House, Ashton Road was to be considered at Planning Regulatory Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. It was noted that the Planning Officer's recommendation to the Committee was to refuse the application. Councillors Dant and Walton indicated that they would register to speak at the meeting.

**Action:** Councillors Dant and Walton will register to speak at the Planning Regulatory Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### 23/033 Public Discussion and Updates

#### City and County Councillors' Reports

No further reports were received.

#### Clerk's Report:

Nothing further to report.

## Members' Updates

### 1) Highways (Chairman)

Nothing further to report.

### 2) Amenity, including the Lengthsman (Chairman)

The Chairman advised that local grounds maintenance contractors Rose and Thistle had been engaged to undertake weed spraying work in Aldcliffe.

City Councillor Hamilton-Cox advised that the City Council had recently been experiencing staffing issues, which had affected the collections from litter bins in the district. A review of staffing arrangements was being undertaken.

### 3) Stakeholder Liaison.

Councillor Walton reported concerns over a grinding/whining noise from the WwTW. He was intending to contact United Utilities about the matter.

**Action:** Councillor Walton will contact United Utilities regarding noise issues from the WwTW site.

### 4) Broadband.

The Chairman advised that he was maintaining contact with Openreach over the provision of broadband to the area. Councillor Ward reported that several residents in Stodday had opted to use the Starlink satellite-based internet service and initial reviews were favourable.

### 5) Other Matters

Nothing further to report.

### Public Discussion:

No further matters were raised.

## 23/034 Payments

Payee & Detail	£
St Paul's Parish Hall – Room Hire 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 (note 1)	25.20
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, April 2023	211.41
HMRC – PAYE deductions, April 2023	48.60

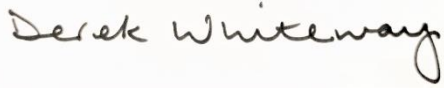
Note 1. Invoices from St Paul's Parish Hall are now received at the end of each calendar month and are processed separately.

**Resolved:** That the above accounts be approved for payment.

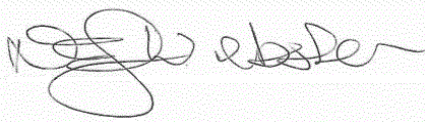
**23/035 Date and venue for next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm



Clerk of the Council



Chair

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

