



## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 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

### 23/040 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor Abi Mills and County Councillor Gina Dowding.

### 23/041 Minutes of the previous meeting

- 1) The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023, were approved without further amendment.

#### Matters arising:

- 2) **23/028(2) Aldcliffe Cycleway Wildlife Opportunities.** No further update to report.

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

- 3) **23/028(3) Stodday Picnic Site.** Councillor Dant has contacted Lancaster University with an invitation for newly appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor, Sarah Kemp to attend an official opening.

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

- 4) **23/033(3) Stakeholder Liaison – United Utilities.** Councillor Walton had reported concerns over a grinding/whining noise from the WwTW. Councillors agreed that the Council should accept United Utilities' request for a meeting and that a previous offer of a site tour be pursued.

**Action:** Councillor Walton will contact United Utilities regarding arrangements for a meeting and the possibility of a tour of the WwTW.

### 23/042 Declarations of Interest

No further declarations or changes to existing declarations were made.

## 23/043 Planning Applications

- 1) **23/00567/OUT Outline application for erection of 7 dwellings with associated access and landscaping.** Land South of Aldcliffe Hall Lane, Aldcliffe Hall Lane, Aldcliffe.

This application had been the subject of an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 27th June 2023 which had been attended by 36 members of the public.

Following a review of the application and views expressed at the extraordinary meeting, Councillors unanimously resolved that a letter be submitted objecting to and asking for refusal of the application.

City Councillor Hamilton-Cox advised that, should the Planning Case Officer not recommend the application for refusal, he would 'call-in' the case for consideration by the Planning Regulatory Committee.

**Resolved:** That a response letter be submitted objecting to and seeking refusal of the planning application.

- 2) **23/00687/FUL Temporary change of use of agricultural land and construction of an area of hardstanding to allow for compound parking in association with proposed development at land off Ashton Road.** Land at Grid Reference 347281 459157, Ashton Road, Lancaster.

Councillors discussed several aspects of the application, including traffic issues and concerns over reinstatement and future use of the site. Councillors resolved that a response be submitted objecting to and asking for refusal of the application.

**Resolved:** That a response letter be submitted objecting to and seeking refusal of the planning application.

### Update on Previous Planning Applications

The Clerk reported that planning application 22/00885/OUT for 70 dwellings on land north of Ashford House, Ashton Road had been refused by the City Council.

## 23/044 Lancaster South Area Action Plan (LSAAP)

Councillor Ward provided an update on developments following notification that the proposed M6 J33 reconfiguration and link road had been suspended. Parish Councils will continue to engage with Lancaster City Council regarding revision to the LSAAP.

## 23/045 Public Discussion and Updates

### City and County Councillors' Reports

No further reports were received.

### **Clerk's Report:**

#### **1) Signage on Arna Wood Lane**

An email had been received from a resident of Arna Wood Barns expressing concerns over inappropriate parking in the lay-by on Arna Wood Lane. The resident had suggested that improved signage was required and requested the Council's help in reporting the matter. Councillors agreed that the resident's concerns be supported and a request be made to Lancashire County Council to consider the issues.

**Action:** Lancashire County Highways will be requested to consider the reported issue, with County Councillor Dowding copied into the request.

#### **2) Enquiry from Lancaster Ramblers Association**

An enquiry had been received from Lancaster Ramblers Association regarding a possible re-routing of a public footpath in the parish. Councillor Ward agreed to consult the affect landowner and request a formal response. Following discussion of issues raised by the request and potential alternative solutions, Councillors agreed that an informal discussion with the Lancashire County Council PRoW team should also be considered.

**Action:** Arrangements are to be made for an informal discussion with the County Council's PRoW team about the issues raised by the request from the Ramblers Association.

### **Members' Updates**

#### **3) Highways (Chairman)**

Councillor Ward reported problems experienced with farm contractor vehicles speeding on the lanes in Stodday. Councillors noted the concerns but felt that further information and evidence was required before any action could be taken.

#### **4) Amenity, including the Lengthsman (Chairman)**

Nothing to report.

#### **5) Stakeholder Liaison.**

Nothing further to report.

#### **6) Broadband.**

Nothing further to report.

#### **7) Other Matters**

Nothing further to report.

### **Public Discussion:**

No further matters were raised.

### 23/046 Payments

Payee & Detail	£
St Paul's Parish Hall – Room Hire 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 (note 1)	25.20
Quaker Meeting House – Room Hire on 27/06/23	24.00
Rose and Thistle – Weed Spraying in Aldcliffe 14/06/23	108.00
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, June 2023	239.28
HMRC – PAYE deductions, June 2023	60.00

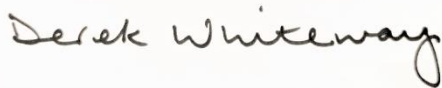
Note 1. Invoices from St Paul's Parish Hall are now received at the end of each calendar month and payments are processed separately.

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

### 23/047 Date and venue for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm



Clerk of the Council



Chair

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023