

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 30th October 2024 at 7.00pm at St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth

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

24/062 Apologies for Absence

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

24/063 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2024 were approved without further amendment.

24/064 Declarations of Interest

No changes or new declarations were made.

24/065 Public discussion.

None

24/066 Planning Applications

1) Planning Consultations

None received

2) Update on Previous Planning Applications

The Clerk presented an update on current applications.

Recent Lancaster City Council decisions:

24/00819/FUL Replacement of front door and window frame. 4 Arna Wood Barn, Arna Wood Lane, Aldcliffe. **Application Permitted.**

24/00855/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, a first-floor side extension over existing garage, replacement porch and a loft conversion including rooflights. 8 Craiglands Court, Aldcliffe. **Application Permitted.**

Application 23/01140/FUL Partially retrospective change of use of land to 3 no Gypsy/Traveller pitches comprising 3 touring caravans and 3 mobile homes, siting of a day room, erection of a barn, installation of a septic tank and creation of an area of hardstanding.

The City Council's Planning Regulatory Committee had considered the application at its meeting on Monday, 28th October 2024. Planning officers had recommended approval, subject to conditions, and the Committee resolved to permit the application. Parish Councillor Walton and a planning consultant engaged by the Parish Council had attended the meeting and made representations seeking refusal of the application. The applicant's agent had made representations in support of the application.

Councillors discussed the implications of the approval for the local area and agreed that clarification should be sought from the City Council as to the nature of the planning conditions to be applied.

Resolved: That a letter be sent to the Planning Officer requesting details of the planning conditions to be included in the decision notice and to ask that the implementation of the planning conditions is rigorously pursued.

3) Other Planning Matters

Councillors discussed various ongoing matters relating to developments within the Parish.

24/067 Clerk and Councillor Updates

City and County Councillor's Reports:

No further reports were received

Clerk's Report:

- 1) The Clerk presented a 'Decisions and Issues Tracker' report which had been previously circulated to Councillors.

Main matters arising and agreed actions included:

Item	Decision / Issue	Update / Action
6	Stodday hedgerows	Lancashire County Council had advised that they had met with the landowner of the Southern section of vegetation and agreed cutting back. They had not met with landowner of the Northern section.
11	Junction of Lunecliffe Rd and Aldcliffe/Stodday Lane	New white lines had now been painted at the junction, as requested by the Parish Council. White lines are also to be requested at the junction of Arna Wood Lane and Aldcliffe Lane.

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15	Broadband Provision	City Councillor Hamilton-Cox is to make enquiries about B4RN developments, to provide a service to the end of New Quay Road in liaison with the City Council's contractor. To enquire whether there is any scope to extend to the Parish.
16	Stodday Picnic Site	The post restricting access to the estuary path at Aldcliffe Hall Lane had not been replaced – Clerk to follow this up with the PRow team. Revised arrangements were considered for emptying the picnic site litter bin.
20	Junction of Lunecliffe Rd and Stodday Lane	Councillor Ward provided a verbal update on the condition of the path and communications with Lancashire County Council PRow officers. There were ongoing concerns over flooding, with a view that this must have been caused by the County Council's contractors working on the multi-use estuary path. Councillor Ward had requested a site meeting with the PRow officer and the contractor.
23	Fly-tipping and abandoned caravan	City Councillor Hamilton-Cox advised that the City Council had posted a parking enforcement notice requiring removal of the caravan abandoned at the estuary path car parking area.
24	Missing grit bin on Aldcliffe Hall Lane	Councillor Parrett had reported the missing grit bin using the 'Love Clean Streets' app. No feedback or action had yet been seen.

Members' Updates

2) Highways (Chairman)

Nothing further to report.

3) Amenity, including the Lengthsman (Chairman)

Nothing further to report.

4) Stakeholder Liaison.

Nothing further to report.

5) Broadband.

Nothing further to report.

6) NDP.

Nothing further to report.

7) Other Matters

None raised

24/068 Payments

Payee & Detail	£
Scotforth Parish Hall. Hire of Meeting Room for Parish Council meeting, 30 th October 2024 (see note 1)	25.20
Stephenson Halliday – Representation at Planning Regulatory Committee, 28/10/24 (see note 2)	tbc
Zurich Insurance – Annual Premium 2024/25	241.00
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, October 2024	153.82
HMRC – PAYE deductions, October 2024	38.40

Note 1. St Paul's Parish Hall Invoices for PC meetings are approved in advance and paid at the end of each calendar month.

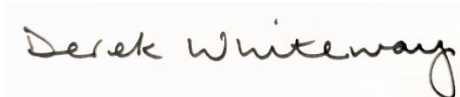
Note 2. Councillors resolved that delegated authority be given to the Chair and Clerk to approve this invoice when received.

Resolved: That the above accounts be approved for payment.

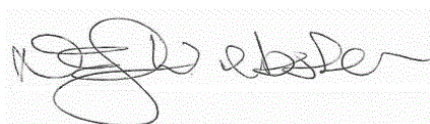
24/069 Date and venue for next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4th December 2024 at St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth, commencing at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm



Clerk of the Council



Chair

Date: 4th December 2024