

# Withnell Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT WITHNELL FOLD METHODIST CHURCH ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

**PRESENT:** Councillors; S Perry, A Crompton, M Evans, G France, M France, C France, S Grime, D Hardy, K Jones, D Metcalfe, R Ogilvie and A Perry.

Also in attendance; County Councillor K Snape and Mr. B Golding

13.96	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors P Duke and C Howard</p>
13.97	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>There were no changes to report.</p> <p>Members of the Council were reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest in respect of matters contained on the agenda.</p>
13.98	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July having been circulated, were accepted and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:</p> <p>13.83 (13.69) correct spelling of Drinkall          13.83 change of sentence to read ...the bird hide was not an issue as no hide was planned...          13.83 change of sentence to read....Wild flowers would be sown and others plug planted.          13.88 to read...Iron Man <u>competition</u>          13.88 to read.....cricket pitch at Brinscall....</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed A Crompton          Seconded S Grime          Carried with 1 abstention</p>
13.99	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported on progress with the web site and the development of a content management system.</p> <p>The benches were to be delivered the following day and would be sited at Lodge Bank. The grit bin would be sited in Withnell Fold adjacent to the recently moved waste bin at the end of the Memorial Garden.</p> <p>Councillor Metcalfe reported he had met with Mr J Drinkall regarding the trees on Dick</p>

	<p>Lane. It had been suggested that other trees on route to Monks Hill (in Heapy) also be replaced. Mr Drinkall would dig holes and supply and fit [protective fencing but was concerned about tree cover which could prevent growth. The Chairman agreed to contact the Borough Council's Tree Warden to discuss the proposals and seek advice.</p> <p>No further news had been received regarding Abbey Village Play area, alternative sources of funding were being looked into by the Borough.</p> <p>(13.77) Councillor Metcalfe reported that the road signage had now been removed.</p> <p>(13.84) It was confirmed that once the web site was fully functioning that Quality Status would be sought as all the tests would be met. The clerk confirmed that all the information sought by Mr James had been provided and that no further contact had occurred.</p> <p>Councillor Crompton queried the invitation to Councillor Hansford. It was reported that Councillor Hansford had been invited and had received the papers but had sent her apologies on this occasion.</p> <p>The Chair suspended standing orders and invited County Councillor Snape to report on the County Council's views on fracking. Councillor Snape reported that the major issues perceived by the County Council related to gas storage, the impact on communities of repeated vehicle movements and compensation for the whole community affected. Planning applications were anticipated in 2014.</p> <p>Councillor Metcalfe expressed a view on a possible method of the distribution of compensation for the wider community. It was agreed that once more facts were available a further discussion on the impact of fracking could be held. It was anticipated that this would be around the time of planning applications.</p> <p>Councillor Snape explained that the planning application on Thirlmere Drive had been withdrawn whilst an ecological assessment was undertaken.</p> <p>It was confirmed the Bowland Mountain Rescue area covered the area to the north of the parish.</p>
<p><b>13.100</b></p>	<p><b>BOROUGH COUNCIL'S REPORT</b></p> <p>Councillor France reported on recent issues he had been involved with which included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• feasibility study of extending yellow lines at Calder Road/Bury Lane</li> <li>• feasibility study of providing a ramp at Abbey Village zebra crossing</li> <li>• parking on double yellow lines had been an issue</li> <li>• possible changes to the speed limits at Thirlmere Drive and a speed survey planned for the area.</li> <li>• Complaints from residents on Withnell Fold Old Road regarding pot holes on the un-adopted road. The possibility of a charge on each house to pay for maintenance was suggested.</li> <li>• Drainage had been a problem at the first house on the un-adopted section of road as the run off was blocked by made up road.</li> <li>• Support had been given to Brinscall &amp; Withnell junior football club.</li> </ul>

<p><b>13.101</b></p>	<p><b>LENGTHSMAN REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Work undertaken in July/August</b></p> <p>Litter Picking/Fly Tipping Removal</p> <p><b>Undertaken in; Brinscall, Abbey Village, Withnell Fold, Withnell Mill, Bus Shelters, Play Area.</b></p> <p>General repairs/Maintenance</p> <p><b>Nil</b></p> <p>Drainage</p> <p><b>Withnell Fold</b></p> <p>Grass cutting/Strimming</p> <p><b>Footpath rear of St Paul's Church, Withnell Fold Old Road</b></p> <p>Clearing leaves &amp; weeds</p> <p><b>Nil</b></p> <p>Tree/Shrub/Bulb planting Hedgerow Laying/planting Conservation projects</p> <p><b>Planting of stone trough Well Lane</b></p> <p>Public Rights of Way Improvement</p> <p><b>Hedge cut Withnell Fold/Thirlmere Drive</b></p> <p>Walling</p> <p><b>Nil</b></p> <p>Liaise with Parish Council, Farmers/landowners/Countryside service</p> <p><b>Nil</b></p> <p>The Lengthsmen were asked to improve the appearance of boundary stones along the canal towpath.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed K Jones Seconded D Metcalfe Carried unanimously</p>
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13.102	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <p><b>Correspondence July/August 2013</b></p> <p>Cancellation of Equality Forum 22<sup>nd</sup> July</p> <p>Borough/Parish Councils Liaison July 17<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Chorley Local Plan –Inspectors modifications</p>																								
13.103	<p><b>APPLICATION FOR GRANTS</b></p> <p>There were no applications for grants.</p>																								
13.104	<p><b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>Planning applications since last meeting</p> <p><b>Applications</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 869 1417 1016"> <tr> <td>Stanworth Farmhouse</td> <td>Timber stable block</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Toll Bar, Moulden Brow</td> <td>Part single part two storey rear extension</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Permission</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1088 1417 1128"> <tr> <td>nil</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Refusal</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1200 1417 1240"> <tr> <td>nil</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Withdrawal</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1312 1417 1352"> <tr> <td>nil</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Tree Preservation Orders/Tree Works</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1424 1417 1496"> <tr> <td>Top and bottom Lodges, Oakmere Avenue</td> <td>Fell one beech tree and crown another.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Amendments</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 1568 1417 1608"> <tr> <td>nil</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Stanworth Farmhouse	Timber stable block		Old Toll Bar, Moulden Brow	Part single part two storey rear extension					nil			nil			nil			Top and bottom Lodges, Oakmere Avenue	Fell one beech tree and crown another.		nil		
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13.105	<p><b>COUNCILLOR ISSUES</b></p> <p>Councillor Evans requested a copy of the full updated Parish Plan</p> <p>Councillor Evans requested that consideration be given to widening the pavement outside the post office on School Lane to allow for better vehicle exit from Withnell Fold Old Road. It was agreed to check if this was possible.</p> <p>Councillor A Perry reported on concerns regarding the welfare of pigs kept in an area at Lodge Bank. The boundary wall of the wall was considered a hazard, other gaps were</p>																								

	<p>covered in netting and animal welfare was considered an issue.</p> <p>Councillor Grime raised the issue of problem parking on Harbour Lane caused by a member of staff of the school. County Councillor Snape undertook to resolve the issue.</p> <p>Councillor Metcalfe reported on a number of thefts of stone and the potential theft of around 100 yards of stone walling. It was agreed to put an item on the web site (when operating) to remind of the prevalence of stone theft in rural communities.</p> <p>Councillor G France reported on the issues with regard the steps on Pleasant View, the provision of a bench and the need for a litter bin at that end of the park.</p> <p>Councillor Perry reported that there was still around 10 metres of path in that area to be repaired/improved and would contact Lindsey Blackstock regarding both matters.</p> <p>Councillor G France reported on that Peter Roworth was planning some green/eco/sustainable development at the end of Lodge Bank. He would discuss this with the Chair and report back.</p> <p>Councillor M France reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• she had attended the Brinscall &amp; District Drop in held at the BAWRA club at the top of School Lane. A member who attended on an electric scooter had access difficulties as there was no drop kerb at the car park entrance. It was agreed to raise this issue with LCC.</li> <li>• The ginnel on Larch Drive was in need of some form of lighting, possibly a street light. It was suggest that LCC may be the necessary point of contact.</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Crompton enquired about progress with the speed indicator device. It was reported that the outcome of the speed survey being undertaken may help to inform the locations of the brackets to mount the Spid.</p> <p>Councillor Jones reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A work day at Withnell Fold Memorial gardens was scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• The wild flower meadow had not flowered and yellow rattle had taken over. The Parish Council were asked to assist with purchasing wild flower seed. The Chair agreed to discuss this with Lindsey Blackstock.</li> <li>• There were issues with deer in the orchard which may need resolving with fencing</li> <li>• The sign on Chorley Road which pointed to Withnell Fold had now been joined by another sign which indicated 'School', this had created an impact on the village sign. It was agreed to enquire how the signage had been placed and to seek to resolve the visual impact created by the two signs being placed in this way.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13.106</b></p>	<p><b>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</b></p> <p>See Appendix A</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Proposed D Metcalfe Seconded A Crompton Carried with one abstention</p>

<b>13.107</b>	<b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b>
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	The next meeting was arranged for 7.30pm on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October at Abbey Village School and 7 <sup>th</sup> November at St Joseph's School.
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