



Minutes of the **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held on
Monday the 6th September 2021 at Cottam Community Centre commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs C Abram, N Abram, Butler, Smith, Parker, Brown, Foster, Brizland, Lambert, Coward and Whitham

There were two members of the public present.

57/21 To receive Apologies

None

58/21 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th July 2021 (enclosed)

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th July 2021 should be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

59/21 To receive Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Parker and Smith both declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item referring to the co-option of a new member because they are both on the Committee of Cottam Community Association along with the applicant. They left the room and did not take part in the debate and voting on this matter.

60/21 To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation

Members were advised that 6 Afghan families are to be relocated in the Preston area.

Concern was raised that local schools are full to capacity and that local children are having to travel to get school places. There is provision for a high school and 2 primary schools in the Local Plan however no work has yet commenced despite they are needed now.

It was mentioned that no decision had yet been made concerning refurbishment of the Tram Bridge in Preston due to costs and lack of available funding.

The Clerk confirmed that the removal of hedges and trees on the Cottam Way Barratt development was in line with the planning permission. It was suggested that this sort of thing should be looked at by members when considering future applications. Mention was then made that under the Government White Paper proposals there might be less involvement at local level in approving future applications.

An update was read out on behalf of the Chairman of the Community Centre in response to the deferment of their application for the funding of an external defibrillator suggesting that the rationale behind the deferment were not viable, that to have approached the Co-op would only have delayed matters and that the request was simply a request for funding rather than about the how or why. It was noted that residents had raised the funds themselves.

A report was read out concerning Phase 5 Cottam Development to be considered later on the agenda. Broadly speaking local affected residents had been engaged with and as a result the developers had amended the plans by widening the space between new houses and existing, relocating some dwellings and agreeing to put in a french drain to take away surface water. It was felt that the plan was much better, and that considerable progress had been made in response to resident concerns. The revised plans as shown with agenda papers were now to be submitted by the developer which might include further amendments which were currently under discussion with residents.

61/21 To consider the following planning applications full details available on Preston CC web site:

06/2021/1022 – Reserved matters application approval being sought for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale only since outline permission has already been approved 06/2016/0046 for the development of up to 210 dwellings on this site referred to as Phase 5 Cottam Development. The revised plan is attached following initial consultation with residents.

It was resolved that whilst the Council was in agreement with revised plans that comment should be made asking that:

- 1. All existing hedgerows on the boundary of the site be retained to protect the environment and existing wildlife habitat and that where this was not possible, due to access points, then it be limited to 10% of the existing and alternate natural screening be provided.*
- 2. That all oak trees on the site be retained and a TPO placed on them by Preston CC.*
- 3. That the proposal to incorporate ‘low cut’ grass pathways be amended and replaced by more substantial paths so as to cater for the needs of less able-bodied residents, especially wheel chair users.*

06/2021/1122 – Demolition of existing public house and erection of roadside services development, including petrol filling station and a drive through coffee shop at Saddle Inn Sidgreaves Lane PR4 0RS

It was resolved that this Council should object to the proposals set out in the application above for the following reasons:

- 1. That the site is classed as a non-designated heritage asset locally and should therefore be preserved.*
- 2. That with the substantial growth in development around the area there is a significant potential for the site to prosper in the future in its current usage.*
- 3. That a Petrol Station at this location is out of character with the immediate area*
- 4. That with Government policy being to remove petrol driven vehicles over the next few years, a large part of the site would soon become redundant and whilst the installation of electric charging points could be a replacement, such points could just as easily be incorporated into the existing site whilst it remains as a public house / eating establishment and thus cater for both motorists, and the local community as an eating and drinking venue.*

62/21 To approve the following payments:

04/06/2021	REIMBURSE CLERK STONE FOR PATH	20	751.68
04/06/2021	STEEROSE FAB HANGING BASKETS BRACKETS	21	84.00
14/06/2021	BG FENCING FENCE REPAIR	22	138.00
14/06/2021	FRETFOIL LITTER BAGS	23	121.20
14/06/2021	SANDERSONS GRASS CUTTING APRIL	24	794.40
21/06/2021	CLERKS SALARY WV MCWHITTLE 1ST QTR	25	2402.25
21/06/2021	ST MARYS SCHOOL DONATION NOTICE BOARD	26	250.00
21/06/2021	SANDERSONS GRASS CUTTING MAY	27	912.00
21/06/2021	HMRC	28	1768.58
21/06/2021	BDS SERVICES	29	555.79
21/06/2021	MILJUE GARDEN SERVICES	30	656.25
21/06/2021	GREENWOOD GARDEN SERVICES	31	2140.69
21/06/2021	NEWGATE NURSERIES PLANTS	32	23.04
23/06/2021	SAR SERVICES	33	420.00
28/06/2021	REIMBURSE CLERK STONE FOR PATH	34	785.28
30/06/2021	SERVICE CHARGE UNITY TRUST	35	18.00
05/07/2021	GGs LENGTHSMAN	36	164.25
19/07/2021	MILGUE GS ASSIST LENGTHSMAN	37	740.25
19/07/2021	SAR SERVICES ASSIT LENGTHSMAN	38	357.00
19/07/2021	GGs LENGTHSMAN	39	2134.64
19/07/2021	DBS SERVICES ASSIST LENGTHSMAN	40	462.00
19/07/2021	SANDERSONS GRASS CUTTING	41	1095.60

63/21 To approve the enclosed Financial Statement as at the 30th June 2021

It was resolved that the payments referred to above should be approved.

64/21 To consider a suggestion from Cllr Lambert that three additional three tier planters should be purchased at a cost of approx £1200 and situated subject to LCC permission and the agreement of the neighbouring property on the grass verge at the top of Aldfield Ave adjacent to Blackpool Road so as to improve the visual aspects of the area. Maintenance of the planters and grass verge to then be undertaken by this Council.

It was resolved that the suggestion detailed above being the purchase of three (green) 3 tier planters should be approved and installed subject to necessary permissions and that the area should then be maintained by this Council.

65/21 To consider a suggestion from Cllr Smith that this Council purchase and instal two baskets ball nets on the fenced recreation area on the Storey Development adjacent to Cottam Way, once the park area has been adopted by PCC (due shortly). Permission has been given verbally by PCC subject to final approval of equipment type. Two estimates have been obtained (enclosed) for consideration however it is proposed that the more expensive equipment is provided since it is considered more robust. Total cost, if approved, as recommended is £5832.36 plus Vat (recoverable) including installation. Equipment will remain in ownership of Parish Council who will be responsible for any repairs and maintenance and will need to undertake weekly inspections for H and S purposes and undertake any statutory inspections as may be lawfully required from time to time.

It was resolved that the suggestion outlined above should be approved at cost of £5832.36 (Net of Vat) subject to formal confirmation from PCC, including ongoing maintenance arrangements being undertaken by this Council.

66/21 To resolve to exclude the public and press from the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the next item to be discussed.

It was resolved that the public and press should be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

67/21 To consider the application to fill the one current Council Member vacancy (Cottam Ward) , details of which will be circulated to Members before the meeting.

It was resolved that Carolyn Gibson should be co-opted onto this Council

68/21 To note that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on the 11th October 2021

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