

## Farington Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7pm at Bashall Grove Community Centre, PR25 4JU.

**Present:** - Councillor Karen Walton (Chairman); Councillor Shaun Bradbury (Vice-Chairman); Councillor Michael Green (7.26pm); Councillor Tony Green; Councillor Baz Howard (7.03pm); Councillor Phil Lawson; Councillor Haydn Williams

**In attendance:** - Lisa Burton - Clerk to the Parish Council  
35 Members of the Public

The meeting opened at 7.02pm

#### 30. (23/24)

##### **Apologies for Absence/Chairman's Health and Safety Announcements**

Councillor Karen Walton welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the Health & Safety announcements to the meeting.

Apologies received from Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman, due to a holiday abroad

**Resolved**

#### 31. (23/24)

##### **Declarations of Interest**

*Members are requested to indicate at this stage in the proceedings any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that if the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined in the Members' Code of Conduct) they must leave the room for the whole of that item. If the interest is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but is such that a member of the public could reasonably regard it as being so significant that it is likely that it would prejudice their judgment of the public interest (as explained in the Code of Conduct) then they may make representations, but then must leave the meeting for the remainder of the item.*

Councillor Haydn Williams declared an interest in planning matters as he sits on the Borough Council Planning Committee

Councillor Michael Green declared a pecuniary interest in the issue to be raised by the Ulnes Walton Action Group.

**Resolved**

#### 32. (23/24)

##### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

2 corrections to the minutes from the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were requested and agreed. The corrected minutes will be sign at the next meeting in July.

Chair Karen Walton provided an update on Item **21. (23/24)**.

She advised that an extension to timescales for the planning portal is not usual practice and that the consultation has been carried out in line with SRBC procedures.

Chair Karen Walton has been in touch with the Public Rights of Way Team at LCC to

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discuss the footpath at the bottom of Mill Lane. An extension for the closure of the footpath has been granted until the end of September 2023.

Chair Karen Walton has written to the leader of SRBC regarding a public meeting with the MP to discuss the Caddick development. There has been no reply.

**Chair Karen Walton has spoken to SRBC regarding the wastebins on Croston Road and will follow this up again.**

Councillor Phil Lawson advised that he had seen Mike Otter working on the Mill Street Garden and would like to note the Parish Council's appreciation for Mike's continued community support.

**Resolved**

### **33. (23/24)**

#### **Neighbourhood Policing Team Update**

PCSO Slater attended the Parish Council meeting (7.11pm). He advised that a cannabis farm has recently been removed from the area and asked members of the public to report any cannabis-related smells via crime stoppers.

Operation Sceptre has just concluded in the area and there is now a new knife bin in Leyland for the safe disposal of knives by all. The Operation also carried out undercover sweeps of shops potentially selling knives.

There have been reports of ASB around St Ambrose, photographs of individuals have been provided and this will be followed up.

New speed guns are being deployed on Croston Road with the intention of raising speed awareness.

A new initiative 'PALS' will see a project involving school children as mini police officers. Chair Karen Walton advised that the Parish Council would offer any assistance it can.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the ASB on St Pauls Park seems to have died down, and that it was good to see that the Parish Council funded CCTV at St Ambrose was working well. These initiatives should be included in the Parish Council newsletter.

A member of the public advised that individuals have been seen on Mill Lane in the afternoon obviously dealing drugs. A car and 2 scooters are involved. PCSO Slater advised that individuals should not be approached but it should be reported online, with the more reports being made the higher the priority given.

Borough Councillor Mary Green advised that there is a strong smell of cannabis from the building on the left-hand side of the opticians on Chapel Brow.

A member of the public advised that speeding on Croston Road has been going on for some time. Over the last 12 months there has been no police presence. On Sunday afternoons and weekday evenings there are scooters racing from the Anchor PH, down School Lane and round like a race track. It appears to be a father and 2 sons. There has also been ASB on St Pauls Park. It needs the Police to park up and act as a deterrent.

A member of the public stated that the speed signs on Croston Road need to be replaced, also weight restrictions need to be enforced and further restrictions added.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that there have been 4 recent accidents on Croston Road. Wearing Hi-Vis jackets assists in slowing drivers down but a 20mph limit needs to be established. There are also boy racers on Schleswig Way.

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A member of the public asked if there was any PCC funding available for the Parish Council. PCSO Slater advised that the issue is with resources and the public can assist by reporting more.

Councillor Haydn Williams advised of issues with the 'Tank' roundabout at Farington Mews with people overshooting at the lights.

Chair Karen Walton advised that she has asked LCC to look into this.

**Resolved**

PCSO Slater left the meeting at 7.28pm.

**34. (23/24)**

**Clerk's Report (Including Lengthmans Update)**

Lengthmans update available at meeting.

**St Paul's Playground**

Play and Leisure have been asked for a date to complete the remedial works (out of term Time). Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that St Paul's school had requested that disruption during term time be kept to a minimum.

They have advised that the earliest date will probably be in the summer break.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury has requested that the mowing strip not be included in the remedial works, but will be considered under phase 2, which is being discussed with LCC. LCC have been asked to quote for the works.

**St Paul's Phase 2**

A consultation regarding the phase 2 works will be completed.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that a public meeting will be held.

The drainage issues will be addressed and will be discussed at full Parish Council.

Notice board to be added

Councillor Phil Lawson advised that it is important that parking as made available, and also the bin collections along that stretch of Croston Road are made around 9am on Thursdays which also causes issues.

**Other**

Year-end accounts have been completed

Internal audit is in progress

Asset register has been updated

Insurance renewal completed

Councillor Paul Wharton-Hardman has signed his acceptance of office form.

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### 35. (23/24)

#### Financial Matters

The Parish Council is asked to:

- I. Note the current bank balance in the HSBC Account.  
The account balance is currently £263,537.37 (online balance available 29th May 2023).

- II. Note the invoices paid since the last meeting.

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
16/05/2023	£1,149.02	£229.81	£1,378.83	31/05/2023	SRBC General Maintenance	SRBC	2324-017
19/05/2023	£990.00	£0.00	£990.00	31/05/2023	Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	2324-018
15/05/2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49	31/05/2023	Salary	Lisa Burton (Employee 1)	2324-019
19/05/2023	£463.02	£0.00	£463.02	31/05/2023	Pension	Lancashire County Pension Fund	2324-020
28/05/2023	£2,810.00	£562.00	£3,372.00	31/05/2023	Bus Shelter Upgrade	Phil Smith (Autocross Euroshel)	2324-022
24/05/2023	£241.43	£12.07	£253.50	31/05/2023	Electricity	British Gas	2324-023
24/05/2023	£329.01	£16.45	£345.46	31/05/2023	Electricity	British Gas	2324-024
16/05/2023	£66.10	£13.22	£79.32	31/05/2023	Plants	Newgate Nurseries Ltd	2324-025
18/05/2023	£66.87	£0.00	£66.87	31/05/2023	Water	Water Plus	2324-026
16/05/2023	£93.70	£18.74	£112.44	31/05/2023	Plants	Newgate Nurseries Ltd	2324-027
18/05/2023	£390.00	£66.00	£456.00	31/05/2023	Website	NetwiseUK	2324-028
18/05/2023	£1,867.10	£0.00	£1,867.10	31/05/2023	Insurance	Parish and Community Council Team (Zurich Insurance)	2324-029
18/05/2023	£50.29	£10.05	£60.34	31/05/2023	Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	2324-030
18/05/2023	£899.78	£0.00	£899.78	31/05/2023	LALC Membership	Debra Platt (LALC)	2324-031
17/05/2023	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00	31/05/2023	ICO:00013268232	ICO (Information Commissioners Office)	2324-034
31/05/2023	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00	31/05/2023	Bank Charges	HSBC	2324-021

- III. Approve outstanding invoices for payment.

Date	Net	Vat	Total	Cashed Date	Description	Supplier	Minute Ref
01/11/2022	£8,732.49	£1,746.50	£10,478.99		Play Area Refurbishment	Vicki Buckley (Play and Leisure)	2223-112
05/06/2023	£313.36	£16.09	£329.45		Expenses	(Employee 1)	2324-003
06/06/2023	£16.96	£3.39	£20.35		Maintenance Supplies	C & W Berry	2324-032
05/06/2023	£32.85	£4.11	£36.96		Plants	Newgate Nurseries Ltd	2324-033
15/06/2023	£1,260.49	£0.00	£1,260.49		Salary	(Employee 1)	2324-035
17/06/2023	£1,004.30	£0.00	£1,004.30		Lengthsman	Pete Heise (Peter Heise)	2324-036

- IV. Other payments/Receipts

Leyland Albion Football Club £50 received 01/06/23

Payment to Play and Leisure – 10% of the invoice withheld until all issues are resolved (£8,732.49). (Councillor Karen Walton & Councillor Shaun Bradbury)

Precept of £97,120.00 received from SRBC

- V. Consider the requirement for additional bank accounts to protect the Parish Council Funds.

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- VI. Internal Audit Completed and it is requested that the AGAR be signed off at this meeting.
- VII. Sign the end of year paperwork and AGAR forms

**Resolved**

**36. (23/24)**

**Adjournment for Public Participation**

Councillors Michael Green and Tony Green declared a prejudicial interest in the issue to be raised by Ulnes Walton Action Group.

The group provided some background to the issues faced with the building of a new prison at the current HMP Wymott & Garth.

The group was formed in 2021 to oppose the planning application with Chorley Borough Council (CBC).

CBC subsequently refused permission for the development however in March 2022 the Minister of Justice appealed the decision. There was a face-to-face enquiry in June/July 2022 at which the action group spoke. The Appeal was called in by Katherine Fletcher MP.

The application was removed from the planning Inspectorate and approved by the Secretary of State as long as road mitigations were put in place. The enquiry reopened on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2022. Road Safety and Road Transport mitigations were added. The Ministry of Justice provided over 400 pages of evidence agreeing 5 acceptable routes for construction traffic. Routes 3 and 5 will directly impact on Farington. The preferred route is Flensburg Way.

A member of the public stated that there is a weight limit on the railway bridge on Farington Road (leading to Flensburg Way)

It is estimated that there will be 61 HGVs per day, giving a total of 122 journeys. The construction phase will take 5 years.

There will be 100 trucks per day accessing the site plus 750 contractor vehicles.

Will the Police ensure that the vehicles use the preferred routes during the period of 7am to 5.45pm daily?

Councillor Haydn Williams suggested that the vehicles will use Golden Hill Lane.

At the enquiry the Action Group were represented by a Barrister who carried out the work pro-bono.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 the enquiry will consider transport and safety. The Action Group are looking at engaging an independent Transport Consultant at a cost of Circa. £5,000. The Action Group are approaching all Parish Councils who will be affected by the planning application, and also CBC and SRBC. Responses have been received from Borough Councillor Paul Foster and Borough Councillor Matthew Tomlinson.

The Action Group are asking all parties to pledge an amount towards the cost of the Transport Consultant.

Please feel free to contact the Action Group for any further information.

Borough Councillor Mary Green advised that she and Borough Councillor Michael Green attended the first enquiry.

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The public session at the beginning of the enquiry is important as this is logged as evidence.

The Action Group ask that the Parish Council send a representative to represent the views of the local Community.

The Action Group advised that the new prison will double the capacity of the site to 1750 prisoners.

Borough Councillor Mary Green attended to represent the ward adjacent to the prisons. The enquiry will be held at Chorley Town Hall.

Councillor Michael Green advised that he will attend if possible.

The Action Group advised that once the construction phase is completed, then there will still be additional traffic. There should be better investment in the highways and better infrastructure. There is currently no street lighting and no footpaths.

Councillor Michael Green stated that the proposal is not appropriate, they have pushed for better infrastructure in order to price the development out. There will be double the number of prisoners and the staff needed plus additional vehicles.

The proposal was opposed by SRBC and CBC. He attended the enquiry and spoke against the development. The Inspectorate agreed with the views of the local community. Well done to the Action Group for the work undertaken so far, all be it with professional help. A member of the Parish Council should attend to speak at the enquiry. The impact will be felt by Farington during and after the construction phase. It will be worst closer to the site but will still impact upon the Farington Community.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked what the impact would be following the completion of the construction phase.

The Action Group suggested that if the prison is to double in size then the number of staff would also double, plus there will be the impact of shift changes. There will be 65% more traffic on Ulnes Walton Road, there will also be service vehicles and visitors to consider.

At this point Councillors Tony Green and Michael Green left the meeting (8.06pm)

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that given the traffic average over the 5 years for construction, it may not be in Farington, but will have a significant impact on Farington. With the building of the Cricket venue and Caddick the amount of traffic on Golden Hill and Schleswig Way is unsustainable. We cannot continue to put that amount of traffic on single lane roads. The impact can be seen every day just with Children trying to cross Croston Road.

Chair Karen Walton advised that the proposal would be discussed and the Action Group will be advised.

Councillor Haydn Williams advised that the report from the Ministry of Justice states that they have tested and certified that no kerbs will be hit by traffic, but even if they have got this right, then there needs to be consideration of cumulative effect and forecasting of forward traffic levels. The Ministry of Justice have been in full consultation with LCC and both are in agreement.

Chair Karen Walton brought the discussion to a close. She asked why there is a need for a Transport Consultant.

The Action Group advised that the qualification of an expert is required.

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Councillor Phil Lawson asked if Ulnes Walton Parish Council have pledged? Is there any legal issue in terms of spending public money on this project?  
The Clerk advised that the supplier would need to be paid direct.  
The Action Group advised that any group that pledged would pay a prorated amount.  
The Action Group left the meeting (8.13pm)

**37. (23/24)  
Planning**

Councillor Haydn Williams left the meeting whilst planning matters were discussed  
Councillors Tony Green and Michael Green returned to the meeting (8.16pm)

07/2023/00337/REM Reserved matters relating to permission of  
07/2022/00808/OUT (all matters reserved) for erection of one dwelling and ancillary works | Land Adjacent Oakfield Fishery Lodge Lane Farington Moss Leyland Lancashire  
No comment from the Parish Council

07/2023/00257/FUL Model Farm

Chair Karen Walton advised that there is currently no date set for SRBC planning committee. LCC have raised concerns regarding the access from Croston Road. Councillor Shaun Bradbury raised the point that the plans show the access is from Croston Road, but very close to the roundabout. The area is also greenbelt and a working farm.

A member of the public asked if enforcement could be used, as children are at risk  
**Chair Karen Walton advised that she would email regarding the overgrown grass and hedges, and would also email planning.**

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that a subway is already in situ.

Councillor Phil Lawson stated that the planning requested a change of use, although the developers claim it is not. Plus the area is greenbelt.

A member of the public asked what the impact of the prison would be on this?

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the Parish Council will continue collectively to chase.

A member of the public stated that Golden Hill is already very busy at 10am

Councillor Michael Green advised that the entrance to the Model Farm although it remains on Croston Road, is too close to the roundabout. Also, there is a proposal for a new hospital in South Ribble which will also generate more traffic.

A member of the public advised that even more traffic would go down Croston Road. Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that one solution would be too close Croston Road except as a cycle route and bus lane. Also, dual the carriageway from the M65 to the other end.

Councillor Haydn Williams returned to the meeting (8.27pm)

Councillor Michael Green suggested that rather than waiting on a response from Councillor Paul Foster regarding Caddick, the Parish Council should arrange the meeting themselves.

Chair Karen Walton advised that she would follow up on the agreement with SRBC

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A member of the public advised that the issues with dust from the Caddick site are horrendous.

Chair Karen Walton advised that she has a meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June with Caddick.

A member of the public advised that the amount of humming and beeping coming from the site is intolerable. The state of the River Lostock has been reported to the EA as it has turned to mud. The EA have advised that they believe iron ore is leaching into the river.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that this is a habitat for Otters and Fish.

A member of the public advised that they had traced along the river from Leyland motors to halfway down Bispham Avenue, and this is where the issue begins and is also where the otters are.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised the pollution can be seen from the bridge at Mill Lane.

A member of the public advised that there are now weeds and mossy mud on the riverbed. There is black flowing mud like treacle. There is concern about the fish. This cannot be coincidental.

A member of public advised that the run off from Caddick used to run onto the footpath, but now runs into the river. There were 3 drainage points but 2 have been blocked by Caddick.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked if the EA could enforce.

The member of public advised that they continue to report to the EA but Caddick are checking the land.

Chair Karen Walton advised that there is a meeting regarding Phase 2 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

A member of the public raised the issue of mobile phones.

Chair Karen Walton advised that there had been no planning condition attached regarding mobile phones, and therefore this is not an issue Caddick will address.

Councillor Michael Green suggested that something should be sent to Caddick from the Parish Council.

**Chair Karen Walton agreed to draft a letter to send**

Councillor Tony Green asked about the measuring of the land

A member of the public advised that they are currently building the road

Councillor Tony Green stated that there has been an enormous build up with the land.

Councillor Phil Lawson asked about mobile phones and what would happen if wi-fi goes down.

A member of the public stated that in the future there would also be no landlines.

A member of the public advised that friends cannot use mobile phones at all and asked if there was any information on the land lever yet?

Councillor Shaun Bradbury asked if a date can be set for taking action.

Chair Karen Walton advised that first of all a response is needed from SRBC.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that a response is required before the July meeting, as there is no meeting in August.

Chair Karen Walton advised that the proper channels must be followed.

Members of the public asked if the SRBC Leader has attended the site? A bigger venue will be required for a public meeting. Can the building be stopped? Will the footpath become a cycle route?

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Chair Karen Walton advised that she is not sure, but that the original plans show a cycles route on the pathway joining the Leyland.

A member of the public stated that it would be easier to walk into Leyland.

Chair Karen Walton advised that as a Parish Councillor and Borough Councillor she will do her best. Please leave it until the end of the week.

A member of the public asked if it is worth getting a professional involved.

Chair Karen Walton advised to use the complaints procedure and the Ombudsman.

**Resolved**

9 members of the public left the meeting (8.42pm)

**38. (23/24)**

**Trustee to the Hutton Grammar School Foundation**

Foundation constitution has been provided to all Councillors

It was agreed that either Councillor Phil Lawson or Councillor Tony Green would be appointed as trustee to the Hutton Grammar School Foundation.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Green, seconded by Councillor Shaun Bradbury.

**39. (23/24)**

**Handover from Mike Otter**

Following a meeting with the Clerk on 25<sup>th</sup> May 23

Defibs including replacing any ancillaries

It was agreed that Mike Otter will continue, but the Clerk will report on any issues

Wreaths (1 provided by Mike for re use)

The Clerk will order wreaths moving forward.

Remembrance Service at Bashall Grove Memorial Garden, including the installation and removal of the 55 poppies for the fallen soldiers, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November each year (currently with Mike at his house, but will need to be collected and stored)

Councillor Tony Green agreed to take over this role

The garden at the corner of Church Lane (where the bench is located)

It was agreed that the bench needs to be replaced, and the maintenance work will be passed to the Lengthsman. Councillor Shaun Bradbury will forward pictures of the area to the Clerk.

**40. (23/24)**

**Grants**

No applications received

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that he has been approached by St Paul's Church regarding a grant.

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council are not allowed to provide grants for Churches or Church property, but could provide a grant to a club or society that utilises Church property.

**Councillor Shaun Bradbury will forward on the contact details for the group**

**involved.**

It was suggested that Councillors could be involved to support the Church in alternative ways.

**41. (23/24)**

**Projects for 2023/2024**

Training for new Councillors

Councillors Shaun Bradbury and Baz Howard have enrolled for 'New Councillor Training'

The Clerk advised that there is a training budget.

**Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that he will email around other suitable course information.**

Chair Karen Walton asked that anyone attending training to let the Clerk know.

Councillor Michael Green advised that there is a budget for training. He also suggested that all Councillors should have a Parish Council email address.

**The Clerk is requested to ask for a quote from NetWise for this.**

Councillor Haydn Williams advised that research into appropriate training is required.

**Chair Karen Walton advised that she will chase up on Code of Conduct training from SRBC**

Parish Council Newsletter

Chair Karen Walton requested that articles for the newsletter are to be forwarded to the Clerk.

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The Clerk asked about distribution lists, as the electoral role does not necessarily include all properties.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury suggested following the ward boundary (Central Ward)

**Chair Karen Walton advised that she would ask Darren Cranshaw at SRBC**

Councillor Michael Green advised that professional delivery wouldn't work.

Both Councillor Michael Green and Chair Karen Walton advised that SRBC must know the streets and boundaries.

Councillor Haydn Williams suggested asking local businesses if they would like to advertise.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury suggested that Greenman Marketing could assist with advertising.

A member of the public advised that in the recent elections they had not received their postal vote.

Councillor Michael Green advised that Royal Mail had managed to deliver postal votes to all other boroughs. The issue does not lie with the elections team. No one seems sure what happened.

St Paul's Park play area refurbishment

The Clerk advised that she is still waiting from Play and Leisure to provide a start date for the remedial works.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that during a meeting with LCC it was suggested to get a Play Area specialist to check the area before the works commence.

Chair Karen Walton queried the cost.

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Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that he is happy to arrange the inspection before and after the work is completed.

Councillor Phil Lawson proposed the inspections, Councillor Tony Green seconded.

**The Clerk is requested to provide dates and costs to the next meeting.**

#### St Paul's Park (Phase 2)

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the design team at LCC is engaged, and that drainage and footpaths need to be considered before winter. A consultation will be carried out.

The Clerk explained how a consultation usually works.

A member of the public advised that they will object to any football goals, and any further footballs found in the garden will be provided to the Parish Council.

A member of the public asked the point of the signs on the play area itself if these are not governed at all – please can this be minuted.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that he had been at the Play Area on Saturday morning and seen people using bikes on the slides. He has emailed Sergeant Atkinson and asked that the area be patrolled between 7pm and 10pm.

A member of the public asked if a perimeter fence could be placed around the play area.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that he is unsure of where the comments regarding Phase 2 are coming from. This has not been discussed at the Parish Council.

A member of the public advised that there was not consultation in 2004 or in 2020 when work was carried out on the Play Area.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that the area could be fenced off

The member of public advised that this isn't necessary, please just ensure a proper consultation.

Councillor Phil Lawson advised that he has heard from parents that they do not want goal posts.

A member of the public advised that it has been much better this year without them

The Clerk explained the Consultation process

Councillor Michael Green advised that a physical consultation is required, it must be genuine, and the Parish Council must listen to the Community, There should be a presentation at a meeting.

Chair Karen Walton advised that the consultation would be carried out properly.

A member of the public advised that the Play Area is brilliant.

#### Refurb of the Bobbin Seats at Mill Street

A quote has been received from JTW-Ltd for the replacement of the bobbins at Mill Street,

Councillor Shaun Bradbury proposed that the Parish Council go ahead with the quote. Councillor Phil Lawson seconded.

#### Name badges for new Councillors and Business Cards for all Councillors

**The Clerk is requested to advise at the next meeting**

#### New Venue for meetings

Councillor Shaun Bradbury advised that he has secured the use of the lounge at Lowerfield Community Centre for Parish Council meetings.

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There is no cost for the use of the room.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury proposed that the next meeting in July be moved from St Paul's School to Lowerfield. Councillor Phil Lawson seconded. Unanimous decision. Councillor Michael Green thanked Councillor Shaun Bradbury for his efforts and suggested that a letter of thanks be sent to St Paul's School.

**Councillor Shaun Bradbury will provide the contact details for Lowerfield and forward to the Clerk.**

**The Clerk will arrange the new meeting venue.**

#### **42. (23/24)**

##### **Borough Council and County Council reports – for information only**

Chair Karen Walton advised of the issues with the ticket machines on the Hope Terrace Carpark. She has held a meeting with SRBC Officers to show them the issues, and some Customers also raised issues at the time. There are now issues with parking on Croston Road. There is no resolution so far, however Business Owners also came out to talk to the Officers.

The Mayor Making and Deputy-Mayor Making took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

The bins on Croston Road have been discussed with SRBC, and Miller Homes will add bins to the footpaths once these are repaired.

Councillor Michael Green advised that the Cricket Ground has been approved, and that the Cuerden Development is in progress.

With regard to the Lancashire Deal, no government reorganization is on the table.

There is no consideration of Unitary Councils, there will be no elected Mayor of Lancashire, LCC oppose this. LCC are working toward 2050 with the Government to secure a deal to improve the County.

The remaining members of public left the meeting (9.47pm)

#### **43. (23/24)**

##### **Proposal from Ulnes Walton Action Group**

Further discussion regarding the request from Ulnes Walton Action Group

Councillor Shaun Bradbury provided some background to the request.

It was suggested that aggregates would be transported by train.

Councillor Haydn Williams advised that the roads in Farington are decent and suitable for vehicles, the frequency will be higher, but is the impact that severe.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury stated that there are reasons for providing the funding due to the impact.

Councillor Shaun Bradbury suggested a vote to make a pledge to the group and then consider the amount later.

Councillor Haydn Williams suggested that if something was to be done it should be done properly – will it be effective enough? There is a need to clarify the purpose of the report – what are we getting for the money?

A vote was held on whether to pledge towards the campaign. It was agreed with 5 votes to make the pledge.

In terms of the amount to pledge, it was agreed that further detail is required, and

then a final decision will be made.

Councillor Phil Lawson proposed a maximum pledge of £500. Councillor Baz Howard seconded.

**The Clerk is asked to pass this information onto the Action Group.**

**Resolved**

**44. (23/24)**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at Lowerfield Community Centre, Croston Road, PR26 6QQ

The remaining members of public left the meeting.

Chair.....

Date.....

Local Government Act 1972

That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which is specified against the heading to each item, and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

Appraisal update

Salary review update

**Notes to be provided by Councillor Shaun Bradbury**

Clerk request for Annual Leave 10 days between the 24<sup>th</sup> July and 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Lengthsman on leave 3<sup>rd</sup> July to the 14<sup>th</sup> July (2 weeks)

Lengthsman on sick leave on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

The meeting closed at 11pm

Chair.....

Date.....