

Minutes of the AGM of Great Ponton Parish Council held on 21st May 2018 at Great Ponton Village Hall at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs E. Booth, P.Jackson, D.Booth and G.Taylor.

One member of the public.

Chairman's welcome.

Cllr Eileen Booth welcomed everyone..

Public forum.

1. Apologies.

- a. Apologies were received from Cllr Cruickshank, reason given and accepted by all.

2. Declarations of interest.

- a. None received.

3. Election of Chairman.

- a. It was proposed by Cllr G.Taylor and seconded by Cllr D.Booth that the current Chairman Cllr E.Booth be re-elected. ALL AGREED.

4. Cllr Eileen Booth duly signed the acceptance of office.

5. Election of Vice Chairman.

- a. It was proposed by Cllr D.Booth and seconded by Cllr E.Booth that Cllr P.Jackson be re-elected at Vice Chairman. ALL AGREED.

6. Cllr Jackson duly signed the acceptance of office.

7. Appointment of designated person to provide the Community Speed watch report.

- a. Proposed by Cllr E.Booth and seconded by Cllr P.Jackson that Cllr David Booth continue in this role. ALL AGREED.

8. Appointment of designated person for the Camping and Caravan Club.

- a. It was proposed that Cllr Gordon Taylor continue in this role. ALL AGREED.

9. **The notes of the meeting held on 14th March 2018** be accepted as a true copy of the minutes. ALL AGREED.

10. Matters arising from the minutes.

- a. The vehicle parked on the public grass verge along Dallygate has now been removed. Various potholes have been reported and now filled in, still awaiting more to be done. The broken wooden bridge on the public footpath has been reported and due to be repaired. This has been blocked off several times for public safety, but this had been broken down and the request for using it has been ignored.
- b. Community Speed watch. Cllr D.Booth reported that 30577 vehicles had been recorded, with a maximum speed of 50mph making an average of 22 mph. The speed limit is 30mph.
- c. Boundary Village Centre. A reminder that the boundary of one property is incorrect.

11. Village Centre matters and reports.

- a. The roof space insulation had now been installed. A new pool table had been purchased. Staff are urgently required both helpers and bar staff. Air Conditioning units had been donated by a villager and thanks expressed by the Parish Council over this and also to the local who installed it. Quiz Night booked for July, rooms rented out for birthdays, funerals etc. General maintenance of the building ongoing.

12. Community Playing Field.

- a. A request had been received from a villager on behalf of the Under 12's Rugby Team, to be able to use the playing field during the summer months. This was agreed by all and to ask for a donation for the field upkeep.
- b. Football Club currently has only one team using the field. Damage to football posts had been noticed and these reported to Dave Rawlings.
- c. Caravan and Camping Club. Update there is a Rally at the end of July. The PC had received a Rosette from the Camping & Caravan Club as the campsite had been nominated for the most friendliest site.

13. Financial matters.

- a. It was resolved and all agreed to accept the financial report. It was resolved and all agreed to accept the Financial report from Playing Field account.
- b. It was resolved to accept the Internal Auditor's report.
- c. It was resolved to accept the Annual Governance Statement.
- d. It was resolved to accept the Statement of Accounts.
- e. It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the Annual Return to be sent to the external auditors.
- f. All audit paperwork Duly signed by Cllr E.Booth, Chairman.

14. Brown's Trust.

- a. The Browns Trust accounts stood at £86.87 and £8.38.

15. Planning matters.

- a. Planning application at 25 Cringle way was discussed, although this had been approved, concerns raised as to whether the external building walls will encroach on the public footpath. It was agreed to monitor the situation accordingly.

16. The Paddock.

- a. Meeting of General Project Consultation to purchase The Paddock had taken place on 7th May. 45 people attended. Discussions had taken place as to why it was necessary to buy the piece of land, how much it had cost and also to apply to the PWBL for a loan. The loan would cost £1366 per annum in repayments and this would be added to the annual precept.

Those in favour: 45

Those not in favour: 0

It was resolved from this meeting to apply for a loan.

- b. Meeting of General Project Consultation to purchase The Paddock had taken place on 16th May. 63 people attended. . Discussions had taken place as to why it was necessary to buy the piece of land, how much it had cost and also to apply to the PWBL for a loan. The loan would cost £1366 per annum in repayments and this would be added to the annual precept.

Those in favour: 63

Those not in favour: 0

It was resolved from this meeting to apply for a loan.

- c. The next general Project Consultation will take place after this meeting and recorded accordingly.

17. Correspondence. A list was made available to view.

18. Councillors report & items for inclusion at the next meeting.

- a. None requested.

19. Date of the next meeting will be on Monday 9th July at 7pm at Great Ponton Village Centre..

20. None.

21. General Meeting closed at 8.10pm

The General Project Consultation of purchasing The Paddock opened with 59 people arriving at the village hall.

The Chairman Cllr Eileen Booth , Cllr Peter Jackson and Parish Clerk Carol Mackenzie gave a talk on the proposed purchase and loan to pay for the purchase of The Paddock, Dallygate.

Over the past 30 years the Parish Council had to seek permission from the owner to cross the land and at times this permission was stopped, causing great danger as the only other access was direct from the A1. As villagers, visitors, the village school and other groups use this playing field, the Parish Council deemed it necessary to make the purchase. The figure of £25,050 was offered and this amount had been accepted. To pay for this, the Parish Council will seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £25,000 up to 30 years for the purchase of land to form extension to the playing field and provide a new cemetery.

Those who were in favour. The whole room raised their hand.

Those who were not in favour. No one raised their hand.

It was resolved to apply for a PWLB loan.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

