

**Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on the 03/02/2025 at Bretherton Endowed Primary School, Bretherton at 8pm**

Present: Cllr Farbon, Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Mercer, Cllr Pope, Cllr Wait, and Mrs. G Southworth, Clerk to the Parish Council

In attendance:

Cllr Debra Platt, Chorley Council  
CC Whittaker, Lancashire County Council and Chorley Council  
Two members of the public

**Matters raised by members of the public, Police or County or Borough Councillors**

County Councillor Whittaker reported on;

- Local Government Reorganisation and that County Council Elections will still be held in May
- A request for information in relation to Bus Routes he had received. Information on the current position to be supplied to CC Whittaker

Signage for Public Footpath No 16. A new sign is to be provided and advice sought from the County Council on the path being impassable

Hedges near Bowling Green. An estimate for the cutting of the hedges is to be obtained

Path from the Institute to Bowling Green. An estimate for repair work is to be obtained

Tidying of shrubs around the War Memorial. To be discussed at the Match Meeting

Request for a pledge to the Prison Objection Group. Not considered due to the previous decisions of the Parish Council.

**175/24 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ellison

**176/24 Declarations of Interest**

The Clerk declared an interest in Item No 196/24 and left the meeting during discussion of the item

**177/24 Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on the 02/12/2024**

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting held on the 02/12/2024 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair

**178/24 Energy Project Group**

It was **RESOLVED** to;

Note that;

A meeting to discuss a Pre application is to be held on the 28/2/25

A meeting with the Solicitors has raised some issues which need to be considered

Advice on the constitution of the Energy Club is to be obtained.

Agree that Richard Lucy and John Pigott be the contact for the County Council

Note the contents of the Next Steps and Legal Brief document

Agree to consider the Declaration of Understanding once further consultation has taken place

**179/24 Neighbourhood Plan Project Group**

It was **RESOLVED** to note that work on the Plan is continuing

**180/24 Flooding**

It was **RESOLVED** to;

Ask Paul Foster MP to attend a future meeting to allow the problem in Bretherton to be raised

Ascertain who is responsible for putting flood warning signs in place

**181/24    Bus Service**  
 It was **RESOVED** to;  
 Note and support the revised arrangements  
 Provide information in the Newsletter and on the Noticeboards

**182/24    Highways Issues**  
 It was **RESOVED** to note the running list of accidents

**18324    Planning**

Ref	Location	Details	Decision
25/00007/PIP	Highfield Farm North Road Bretherton Leyland PR26 9AY	Permission in principle application for the erection of 1no. dwelling	It was <b>RESOVED to object to the application on the following grounds</b> It constitutes over development of the site Could lead to traffic generation The design is not considered to be sympathetic to a village environment It was unclear if an environmental survey had been carried to identify protected species Drainage could be a problem

**184/24    Chorley Council Neighbourhood Priorities Scheme**  
 It was **RESOVED** to;  
 Note that Cllr Farbon will attend the meeting on the 17/03/2025  
 Consider the submission of an application at the March meeting

**185/24    Consultation on Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for Local Authorities in England**  
 It was **RESOVED** to respond to the Consultation

**186/24 Finance****186/1/24 Payment**

It was **RESOLVED** to;

Pay the invoices listed below. The invoices having been inspected/authorised by Cllr Pope and Cllr Wait

Note the use of the Debit Card

Cheque No	Recipient	Description	Amount
1964	Glenys Southworth	Nov Salary and back pay	321.16
1965	Glenys Southworth	Nov expenses	45.86
1968	Glenys Southworth	Dec/Jan salary	466.96
1969	Glenys Southworth	Dec/Jan expenses	105.91
1970	Wignalls Landscapes	Grounds Maintenance Work in Jan	684.00
1971	Lancashire County Council	Room Hire Oct/Nov/Dec	75.00
1972	Bretherton Primary School	Donation	250.00
1973	Wignalls Landscapes	Erection of PROW Signposts	210.00
Use of debit card			
	Cllr Farbon	Payment for Autumn Newsletter	220
	Cllr Farbon	Payment for waste bin	409.95
	Cllr Farbon	Weed killer	96.99

**186/2//24 Monitoring Statement.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the monitoring statements for the periods to the 30/11/24 and 31/1/25 be approved and the Chair signed the statements on behalf of the Parish Council

**187/24 Decision taken by the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair and or Vice Chair**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the decisions;

Payment of the Nov and Dec invoices from Wignalls Landscapes

Installation of new Public Right of Way signs

**188/24 Allocation of Public Rights of Way**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of the public rights of way until the April 2025 meeting

**189/24 Chorley Liaison Committee Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the dates of the 2025-26 meetings

**190/24 Planters**

It was **RESOLVED** to replace the damaged planters

**191/24 Dates of the 2025-26 Parish Council Meetings**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the dates of the 2025-26 Meetings

**192/24 Adverse Possession**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the provision of the information requested by Forbes Solicitors

**193/24 Work needed on Play Area**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the work needed

**194/24 Date and Time of the Next Parish Council Meeting**

The date of the next Full Meeting of the Parish Council is the 03/03/2025 and will be held in the Primary School, South Rd, Bretherton at 8pm

**195/24    Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the next agenda item

**196/24    Home Working Allowance**

It was **RESOLVED** to agree the allowance in principle, subject to the obtaining of additional information

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 10.10pm

Signed.....

Position.....

Date.....

**Minute Reference 9/24**