WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Proceedings at a meeting held on 29 June 2016

Present: Cllrs C Ward (Chairman), Cllr P Bradshaw (Vice Chairman), Cllr A Gaffney, Cllr D Briffett, Cllr J Bremner, Cllr A Lund, County Cllr A Schofield

Min 4382 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Julie Foote, Cllr James Foote, Borough Cllr S Bibby, Borough Cllr S Hirst

MIN 4383 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2016

The minutes were approved as a true record proposed Cllr Gaffney and seconded Cllr Briffett.

Min 4384 Matters arising from the minutes

Matters from the last meeting were discussed as agenda items.

Min 4385 Accounts for approval

L Lund June Salary £443.23 – tax 88.64 = 354.59

L Pickering internal audit £165.00 (£5 increase in fee)

Chris Walton – C0002989 £270.11 May2016

CPRE £36.00 as agreed at the last meeting

Cllr A Gaffney £48.61

Cllr C Ward £3.58 compost for station

Parish Delivery Grant received from PROW LCC £250.00

The Chairman reminded the Clerk to claim for 50% of the plant cost from Ramsgreave PC

Min 4386 INTERNAL AUDIT – completed with the following comments

Concurrent function grant – ensure all invoices are submitted (min 4288 – one wasn’t included – try and claim with this years)

Signed end of year accounts

WPC - Noted

Min 4387 Pension Regulator – Cllr Julie Foote updated the Council by email in regards to options. The options were discussed and it was decided that the Clerk contact other similar parishes to see what they were doing in this regard.

Resolved: Next Agenda

Min 4388 Allianz Engineers Report DRPA – the inspection has been carried out and the following highlighted:

Rubber matting cracking – Twin swing, twin toddler swing, spring mounted pig.

Internal gate will not close leading in to the football field. Perimeter fence is insecure and rotten in pieces are evident. Wire fence damaged at the top of the park and to the right upon entry.

Two councillors had been to the site and felt that the rubber matting was not cracking.However pointing and weeding was required,

Internal gate needs a new catch and the ground clearing to allow use (gate itself and posts are sound)

In respect of the buffer zone of hedges at the boundary with 30 Durham Road the wire between the posts should be removed but the posts would remain as markers for trimming the shrubs/hedge.

The field overgrown buffer area should be taken back to its original size and then the edge of that ‘buffer zone’ should be marked with posts (so that creep of the rough did not recur). Initial actions:

WPC: Clerk to ask Yates Playgrounds to have a look and send a copy of the engineers report /Cllr Bremner to look at size of ‘buffer zone’. /Clerk to contact RVBC about the extent of the mowing and possibly Lengthsman if strimming needed.

Min 4389 PROW extinguishment of footpath 5 Wilpshire – Cllr Gaffney reported that the residents of The Glen had applied for an extinguishment order which had been sent to LCC. People had already written to LCC confirming the path had been that way since 1970. The claimants were asking for the PC to confirm that it had no objection to this..

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Min 4390 RVBC Parish Lengthsman Scheme – in partnership with and the support of LCC and the Forest of Bowland AONB Ribble Valley Borough Council operates a Parish Lengthsman Scheme in some parts of Ribble Valley, mainly in the designated AONB area.

Funding for the individual Parish Lengthsman Schemes are provided by LCC and AONB RVBC and participating parishes and without this partnership funding package the Parish Lengthsman Scheme could not operate.

RVBC invite Parish Councils to consider whether or not they would like to participate in the Parish Lengthsman Scheme. However RVBC advise that LCC RVBC and AONB have limited funds for the operation of the existing Lengthsman Schemes. Therefore in your consideration to participate in the schemes please note that the contribution of funds from these sources should not be relied upon.

WPC - Noted

Min 4391 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

3/2016/0462 – I Durham Road, Wilpshire

The application is for outline planning permission for one new dwelling including access and layout.

.Cllr Gaffney declared an interest in this application and took no part in the proceedings.

WPC – object to this application on the following grounds:

Overdevelopment of the site

Access – within 2 metres of a major junction

Street scene

3/2016/0460- Brambles, Vicarage Lane, Wilpshire

The application is for: Demolition of existing porch. Proposed two storey side extension and porch to front elevation.

.WPC – No objection

3/2016/0327 – 10 The Hazels

The application is for: New extension to rear. Loft conversion to create additional bedrooms and additional bathroom. New dormer windows to front and rear of premises. New balcony area above ground floor extension.

.WPC – object to this application on the following grounds:

Loss of amenity for neighbouring properties from the proposed balcony.

It is also believed that a property has been missed off the location plan (4?

Min 4392 PCLC – report from Cllr Bremner

NHS- New models in Primary Care

This is to address the requirement to extend access to GP services from 8am to 8pm, 7days/week.

The idea is that a phone call to a patient’s GP practice will give access to the extended hours. Within standard surgery hours (may vary from practice to practice) this will be dealt with by the Practice but outside those hours there will be an automatic transfer to a Local Hub (manned by local GPs with access to patients’ records, with consent) which will offer routine appointments beyond practice hours and, additionally, between 8am and 8pm Sat & Sun a GP led urgent care service.

Blackburn with Darwen is looking to implement a similar model and dialogue with East Lancs CCG is taking place. Some residents in Wilpshire will have GPs in East Lancs CCG area whilst others will have GPs based in Blackburn. This ‘cross boundary’ aspect is not uncommon in the Ribble Valley and that message was loud and clear at the meeting; hopefully it will be addressed.

Comments on the proposals are being sought and I think we need to look at the proposals critically in case there is anything constructive to add.

WPC- Clerk to email East Lancs CCG and ask how this will be co-ordinated with Blackburn CCG making them aware that some Wilpshire residents had GPs in Blackburn.

LCC Serviced Properties  ‘Neighbourhood Centres Strategy’

Basically concentrating services in fewer building. At the meeting it was felt that Ribble Valley residents are in danger of becoming isolated. Reducing the number of LCC service buildings together with the lack of public transport and, in some areas, no or unsatisfactory broadband is making the region unsustainable.

LCC is reducing from 238 buildings to 132 with RV going from 13 to 6 (I think). Whilst there was dismay at some other closures it was the one at Whalley which was felt to be totally beyond comprehension. It was felt that Parish Councils should make their views known during the consultation period.

WPC – Clerk to write to support Whalley Library being retained.

Min 4393 Wilpshire Triangle – The Cllrs agreed that the triangle was looking well kept. Cllr Ward informed the Council that he had planted some begonias and suggested that in the Autumn it needed some compost and then next spring some perennials would be planted.

Min 4394 Knowsley Road – speed cushions – Consultation taking place at the moment comments before 7 July 2016.

Wpc – support this

Min 4395 20mph – Various Roads, Wilpshire – notices posted at roads – comments before 7 July 2016 – this was revisited and a vote taken the on the proposal :

Does Wilpshire Parish Council support the blanket 20mph coverage on side roads in Wilpshire?

3 in favour

2 against

1 abstention

Clerk to inform LCC

Min 4396 Centenary Fields – protecting valuable Green Spaces across the country. British Legion and National Playing Fields Association working together to deliver the Centenary Fields Programme, which aims to protect the war memorial parks and playing fields given in memory of those who lost their lives or other green spaces that have an existing or planned link to WW1.

Once the appropriate site has been agreed the Council would be required to complete a Deed of Dedication to protect the green space(s) in perpetuity. Ownership and Management would remain at local level.

Min 4397 Post office locations (question on newsletter) - Cllr Julie Foote had sent an email with some locations.

Min 4398 Durham Drive Footpath – the lengthsman had sorted it out.

Min 4399 Public Footpath Scheme – Cllr Gaffney said the risks included cattle grids, the getting through the fences. Permission had been given by both landowners. Cllr Gaffney would walk paths to cut down any vegetation on the Snodworth path. Concerns had been expressed about the limestone 20mm to dust but on reflection it was felt that it was acceptable. Authorisation for more stone if necessary was required by Cllr Gaffney, The current estimate was £1675 for 20 tonnes the Council agreed that if more was needed then a total of £2500 could be spent without coming back to this Council for further discussion.

Min 4400 Notice board re footpaths in Wilpshire – further discussion – deferred to the next meeting

Min 4401 DRPA – there had been a query from the resident of 30 Durham Road regarding the state of a wooden fence at the boundary with the Play Area/and her garden. And also the state of the hedgerow backing onto the fence. The matter was discussed at length following visits to the play area and it was felt that the wooden fence (boundary) was the responsibility of the homeowner,the bushes would be trimmed to 4ft and the laurel would be trimmed.The wire inbetween the marker posts should be removed.

Resolved: Clerk to inform resident of the above

Min 4402 Any Other Business

1 Hollowhead Avenue – the resident has extended the curtilage – Clerk to inform RVBC

2 Foothpath Hollowhead Avenue down field to stile needs clearing as an extra job from the £250 from LCC

Min 4403 Next meeting – 17 August 2016