WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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WILPSHIRE

Proceedings at a meeting held on 9 March 2016.

Present: Cllrs C Ward (Chairman), P Bradshaw (Vice Chairman), A Gaffney, S J Foote, J Foote, A Lund, J Bremner

Min 4343 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from Cllr D Briffett.

Min 4344 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January were approved as a true record.

Min 4345 Matters arising from the minutes

Buses – some no 22 services will cease

180/280 services to Skipton are now 2 hourly

Some routes are to continue but with extra stops to the original routes

£2million had been made available for bus services

Min 4346 Accounts for approval

L Lund February Salary £443.23 – tax 88.64 = 354.59

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Chris Walton – C000937 £309.45 January 2016

Paul Mollart – works to footpaths - £2400.00

HMRC - £177.28 (Feb/March)

C Ward £31.75 (VAT = £5.29) ink cartridges

Rotary Club of Blackburn – donation towards a defibrillator for Wilpshire £425.00

Concurrent Function grant £996.55 received from RVBC

Balances – bank £6578.87

Building Society - £16126.67 (interest from Oct 15 has to be added)

Min 4347 Correspondence

1. Tower Mint Ltd – commemorative medals for schools and councils to celebrate Queen Elizabeth’s 90th birthday. £1.99 each - noted
2. RVBC Grass Cutting Agreement 16/16 £594.80 + VAT £118.96 = £713.76 - agreed
3. Nigel Evans MP – reply to the Council’s email regarding the cut of subsidised bus services. – totally opposed to the proposals and has written to both the leader and Cabinet member for transport at LCC to request a meeting with them. He does not wish to turn this issue into a party political one and would be happy to work together with LCC in order to avert the changes. Will do everything in his power to ensure that these vital rural public services are protected and that the residents of our area are not left paying taxes for services they do not receive……………………. The Chairman read the letter to the Council which was duly noted by the Council
4. Blackburn with Darwen BC – Travel planning Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) – the SPD will provide guidance on the interpretation and application of the council’s adopted policies and identify good practice in the delivery of new developments which may have an implication upon the transport network. Consultation on a draft version of the SPD will take place in the summer when there will be further opportunities for comment and any potential amendments in response to consultation feedback. The purpose of the SPD is to provide supporting information and guidance on Blackburn with Darwen Council’s adopted travel planning policies. – noted there were no comments

Min 4348 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

3/2016/0161 Parsonage Farm Wilpshire

<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/site/scripts/planx_details.php?appNumber=3%2F2016%2F0161>

WPC – No objections

3/2016/0083 Dunsley 160 Whalley Road Wilpshire

<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/site/scripts/planx_details.php?appNumber=3%2F2016%2F0083>

WPC - have concerns about overlook from the dormer in the rear bedroom. It is in the SE (side) elevation and would have a direct overlook to the neighbour.

There is also concern that the space left at the rear is insufficient for a 4 bed family home in this area.

Additionally the proposal would reduce the number of dwellings in the area suitable for the elderly/disabled people

Min 4349 Footpath improvements – update – Cllr Gaffney informed the Council that 80 tonnes had been put onto the paths so far. There had been a good response from the public. The path at Vicarage Lane/The Hazels had been much improved. Cllr Gaffney had spoken to owners of properties at Snodworth and Parsonage Farm and had asked for a price for 20 tonnes which would be £1475 give or take £200. The Council agreed to improve the path when the fields had dried out. It was further agreed to put a noticeboard up publicising the footpath network – May Agenda. It was further proposed that a letter should be sent to the landowners when work had been completed.

Min 4350 Parking at the station – Cllr Bremner brought to the Council’s attention the lack of parking for the railway station. There was a skip in the railway car park and Bulls Head was barriers across the entrances at present. It was believed that the Railway had rented some spaces there – Cllr Ward would make enquiries and report back

Min 4351 Parish Council Liaison – Cllr Gaffney report

War memorials trust-website [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org/)  [warmemorialsonline.org.uk](http://warmemorialsonline.org.uk/)  
Two conservation officers gave an introduction  
Offers grants of 75% for gentle cleansing and repair, lime mortar etc to memorials upto £30,000 until 2018 for work not already started for all sorts of memorials ie Outside, inside, stained glass windows, clocks, obelisks, church fittings and plaques- majority 1st WW but can be any conflict.  
Apply using website or direct contact for further advice.  
No new memorials funded and no graves.  
  
 Parish grants are being processed as they are received but not many yet- have until Sept 2016 to use the funds.  
  
Community Land Trust Chipping-Local organisations set up to run,develop and manage affordable homes and other community assets.  
Chipping developed 7 x 2 bed  apartments.  
PC input: Housing needs survey,instigating, motivation and obtaining/identifying land.  
  
Withdrawal of bus services.  
Unanimous resolution -sending letter of complaint from PCLCM to LCC re -consultation and destruction of the bus service for rural and other areas. Individuals as well as PC's urged to take part in consultation until 22nd March. Holmswood stopping from 21st Feb. Possibility of other operators taking over some of the more profitable areas.  
  
5. Presentation of 'Report it LCC'-(I have put an explanation of this in the newsletter). Online easy means of reporting highway problems etc to LCC.  
  
Next meeting may be earlier than 7th April re -bus service and any further response by PCLCM.

Min 4352 Potholes – Cllr Bremner reported that the pothole at the bottom of Hollowhead lane was bad again – it had been repaired but within 2 weeks it was in the same state. At the left hand bend going down Ribchester Road from the traffic lights tar and chippings had been put down but the chippings had disappeared. All in all the roads were in a poor state.

Resolved: put the matter on the PCL agenda

Min 4353 Flooding – blocked gullies and drains – Cllr Bremner reported that gullies were still blocked leading to roads flooding.

Resolved: put the matter on the PCL agenda

Min 4353 Lengthsman Contract – review of duties – add an any other duties as requested to the contract.

Min 4355 20mph schemes – Cllr Schofield had emailed an update that the whole of Wilpshire and parts of Clayton le Dale would be included in the scheme. The Clerk was asked to email Cllr Schofield to ask if the officer involved would be able to come and talk with the Council.

Min 4356 Defibrillator – Wilpshire – Rotary – Cllr Julie Foote informed the Council that the Rotary Club of Blackburn had offered to fund a defibrillator for Wilpshire. Cllr Foote had offered the space outside of Right at Home for it to be placed. The Rotary Club had written to the Council asking if it would consider a donation and the Chairman read out the letter to the council. After discussion it was agreed to donate £425.00.

Min 4357 Newsletter – delivery – it was agreed that the Clerk would deliver them for a fee of £180.00.

Min 4358 Other Business

The Chairman informed the Council that the bench near to Parsonage Reservoir had been damaged by a vehicle – the repair would cost - £150 + vat. The Clerk was asked to contact the Police to see if any accident had been reported there.

Min 4359 NEXT MEETING – 20 April 2016 (annual meeting of electors) 18 May 2016 (AGM)