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Proceedings at a meeting held on 9 November 2016.

PRESENT: Cllrs D Briffett (Chairman), A Gaffney, Julie Foote, James Foote, J Bremner, Borough Cllr S Bibby, County Cllr A Schofield, Clerk

Min 4439 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C Ward, A Lund and P Bradshaw

Min 4440 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2016

The minutes were approved as a true record subject to the following amendment Cllr Bremner recalled that she had suggested that old consultations which had been put onto the website should be moved from the news area to the consultations area.

Min 4441 Updates from previous minutes

Min 4430 Consultation RVBC Development Plan - Response sent to RVBC as per the last meeting. Cllr Gaffney added that at the LALC meeting held the previous evening the Chairman of Salesbury PC had shown some interest in the proposed boundary for Wilpshire which included some of Salesbury in respect of the 36 houses outstanding in Wilpshire and whether any sites for the houses would be looked for in Salesbury.

Min 4436 Footpath from Vicarage Lane to Rydings-Cllr Gaffney soon to contact RVBC & Co-op bank (formerly Britannia BS), in respect of possible dedication to provide a connection to the Rydings highway. This would be required in order to facilitate a claim or dedication of the path.

Min 4437 Hollowhead Lane – the water leak has been sorted out. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Schofield and Bibby for their efforts in getting the matter attended to.

Min 4418 – Footpath notice board – no reply to the Council’s letter re putting the board on the side of Wilpshire Hotel – Clerk to email them, Cllr Bremner would let the clerk have it . Cllr Briffett had brought the land registration plans for Wilpshire triangle and the Wilpshire Hotel as discussed at the last meeting. The cost was £12.

Min 4431 – and agenda item 8 moved to this update

 Boundary Commission electoral review – Cllr Bibby had been asked to attend the meeting to give the Council an overview of what was happening in regard to the parliamentary and also local electoral review:

Parliamentary – a final report would be published in 2018. The review was being done as they wanted to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600. The law requires 600 constituencies.

How the proposal affects Ribble Valley: it was proposed to have part of Ribble Valley in a constituency known as North Lancs which will take in part of Ribble Valley,part of Cumbria, estuary of River Lune, Preston.

And Clitheroe and Colne which will take in the other parts of Ribble Valley, the A59 towards Bamber Bridge and Colne.

Ribble Valley had to change because of constituencies elsewhere – RVBC’s response is to reject the proposal and urge them to keep Ribble Valley as one . The Council have set up a working group who will write to the Boundary Commission that RV does not accept the proposal as there is no correlation between communities. Under their proposals Ribble Valley would be divided.

An option was to be joined with Hyndburn and form a constituency called Ribble Valley and Hyndburn West.

If anyone wanted to comment to the Boundary Commission the deadline is 5 December 2016.

WPC agree with RVBC in their preference for Ribble Valley and Hyndburn West .For the following reasons :

Local community ties

Sense of community

Community identity.

The chairman asked the councillors to vote on this proposal – the vote was unanimous to support Ribble Valley and Hyndburn West as a choice.

The Clerk would comment to the boundary commission.

Local Ward Boundary Commission proposals

At the moment the Boundary Commission were asking for information from Councils in regard to number of councillors required. The Council had, in their consideration, taken into account new house building in the area and agreed that they still needed 40.

Because of housebuilding in other areas there is a lower number of electorate in Wilpshire which may mean that Wilpshire councillors could end up with a wider area in order to even the numbers out.

Wilpshire Cllrs asked about settlement boundaries and referred to a plan showing Wilpshire housing extending to Pleckgate. Cllr Bibby said that this was just a study for housing. Settlement boundaries were around current housing including new build. She added that Ribble Valley were slow at building houses which causes problems with the 5 year housing supply and that land banking was a problem.

Cllr Bremner asked if parish boundaries would be redrawn in the next process?

Cllr Bibby said that parliamentary boundaries were very strict but local ones were not as strict.

Cllr Briffett thanked Cllr Bibby for her input.

Min 4435 – The Clerk had visited Mrs Rawlinson to explain the misunderstanding concerning directional signs to the play area. Whilst she was there Mrs Rawlinson had shown concern re the trees at the bottom of the garden/play area boundary.This was an Item on the agenda.

Min 4442 Accounts for approval

L Lund November Salary £443.23 – tax 88.64 = 354.59

C Walton [September 2016] £270.00 inv C0003044

Wreath for armistice day - £30.00 – J Ormerod

HMRC Sept/Oct/Nov £265.92

Paul Mollart £1830.00

W Robinson Bilsborrow £679.40 (VAT £113.24)

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£3000 parish grant has been received

The Clerk also reported that VAT for 15/16 had been claimed £407.67

Balances as at 30/10/16 - Bank £6795.37 [including parish grant]

 Building Society £16244.37

Min 4443 Payphone Removal – letter received from RVBC who had received a notification from BT regarding consultation on their current programme of proposed public payphone removals with the Borough – in respect of Wilpshire are:

 JNC Sunnyside Avenue

 PCO Church View listed as Wilpshire but is Salesbury

There are three possibilities to consider:

1. That the Community adopts the kiosk and loses the phone service. BT offers the opportunity for Parish Councils and registered charities to adopt a kiosk for just £1, thereby protecting the heritage of the community.
2. No objection to its removal
3. Objection to its removal and a statement specifying the reasons for the objection.

For information BT has provided some examples of factors that may be relevant:

* If there is predominantly privately rented or council housing in the area
* There may be concerns about access to telephone services in areas with particularly low population densities
* The payphone may be sited in an area of particularly poor mobile phone coverage
* There may be a higher than average need to access emergency services, including breakdown services, due to specific local factors for example, the call box is near a known accident black-spot.

Comments to:

planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk by Wednesday 30 November 2016

WPC: Object to the removal of the JNC Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire and the Parish Council would like to see the service retained . The phone box is on the A666 and has had accidents on it including a fatal accident.

 Min 4444 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

 None

Min 4445 Request for help with the cost of Microsoft application and broadband/internet provision - deferred

Min 4446 Boundary Commission proposed changes –

1. Letter received from Chief Executive RVBC - The Boundary Commission have been asked to carry out a parliamentary review of England. In respect of proposals for Ribble Valley part is in Clitheroe and Colne and part is in North Lancashire. The reason for writing is twofold to make the parish council aware of the proposals and also to let the council know of RVBC’s initial response. – discussed Min 4441 (min4431)
2. Letter received from Nigel Evans MP – previously circulated to Cllrs and making the Council aware of the proposals, together with a note of how to respond and maps showing the proposed areas as referred to by the Boundary Commission. Discussed Min4441(min4431)

Min 4447 Little Snodworth Path – Cllr Gaffney informed the meeting that the path had been finished. 60 tonnes of stone had been put on the path (It was 200+ metres long and l ft thick with the stone chippings in the middle). There was a small amount of stone left on site, and after discussion of options available ie paying for it to be moved, the Council felt that this was the most cost effective solution.

Min 4448 Wilpshire Boundary Sign – at the reservoir Parsonage Road Cllr Schofield would follow this up and also look at other signs in that area.

 Min 4449 Meetings attended by Councillors

 PCLC – Cllr Bremner circulated notes of the meeting as follows:

 PCLC Meeting 27th October 2016

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

LCC Closures There is a need for feedback from residents before the Working Party is set up.

Boundary Commission Reviews - both RVBC and Parliamentary Reviews are on our Agenda for Nov 9th.

Reception for Parish Chair/Representatives (max 2/Parish and could include the Clerk)- likely to be in January with possible subjects Finance (precepts) and Transport

5. Homewise

Presentation by the Manager Sue Sincalir. This Charity seeks to serve the whole community of Hyndburn & Ribble Valley by providing a ‘comprehensive, impartial help and advice service on all aspects of home improvements, adaptations, repairs and maintenance, with additional support for older and disabled people’. Access to the service is not means tested though funding for some work may need assessment or proof of entitlement to Benefits. There is help and advice for all, including a list of local reputable tradesmen who have been recommended by local people. For those in greater need there is more help including assessment for and provision and/or sale of Aids for the disabled. I have various of their leaflets which I will scan to all.

6. BT Telephone Box Closures - This is also on our agenda for Nov 9th.

7. Community Safety Survey Feedback

Previous survey was in 2010 and this was updating the results. There was a 58% response rate. There was still a general feeling of a high sense of safety within homes though this was somewhat less in the larger towns. Concerns raised were safety fears from speeding vehicles and overgrown hedges. It was felt there was insufficient police presence. Another concern was dog fouling. Action is being taken on antisocial behaviour and a Safe Driving programme for Young People is being delivered to CRGS 6th form.

8. Local Plan Update.

There are not many issues. Landowners have responded and there will be a follow up in January.

9. AOB

Council Tax. LCC and RVBC are capped unless a costly referendum is undertaken. The Chief Executive warned that there was a move to introduce a cap for larger Town/Parish Councils (not applicable to any in RV at present)

Min 4450 Items for the website - Homewise information to be put on the website.

Min 4451 Signs DRPA – Cllr Gaffney circulated photographs of signs at Billington and Whalley Play areas to councillors – deferred to the next meeting.

Min 4452 Carr Hall lighting – Cllr Bremner reported that additional lighting had been put on the gable end facing the Valley, there was also lighting around the signs. Cllr Bibby would follow this up and report back to the Parish Council.

Min 4453 Correspondence – none

Min 4454 Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Tony Gaffney to represent the Parish Council and lay the wreath on Sunday 13 November 2016.

Min 4455 Trees DRPA – the clerk informed the meeting that when visiting Mrs Rawlinson she had shown her the trees from the play area which were overshadowing her garden. In particular a large tree at the corner of the plot. I spoke with the tree officer at RVBC who suggested that it would be advisable to have the treestock . An arboricultural report containing a tree risk assessment outlining the location, species, age, height canopy spread defects, targets, probability of failure and management plan on any tree with a diameter at Breast height above 150mm. The targets areas will be quite high as they consist of either Play areas, Gardens and Property. Once these have been carried out the results/POB might be so low that no management is required, but if a tree failure was to occur [tree failure due to adverse weather conditions] the Parish Council would have shown due diligence. The Clerk was asked to get a quote and bring to the next meeting.

 Min 4456 Concurrent Function Grant [RVBC] 15/16 –

The concurrent function grant is a grant up to a maximum of 25% of expenditure on eligible concurrent functions: burial grounds, bus shelters, footpaths, footway lighting, litter collection, dog waste bins, parks and play areas. The scheme will not cover capital items or big one off schemes.

I have included in our grant: The two footpath improvement schemes done during the 15/16 financial year £4800 [may or may not be eligible but they are improvements and concurrent], the lengthsmans fees £2967, work to the play area - £1477. 25% claimed back is £2310.00 [ with the footpath scheme included and £1110.00 if it isn’t]

Min 4457 PRECEPT Clerk to bring figures to next meeting. It was suggested that an explanation of how we have arrived at the precept figure should be put in the newsletter. The Chairman took a vote: 2 for and 2 against 1 abstain the Chairman used his casting vote ‘for’.

 Min 4458 Any Other Business

1. Drains - Cllr Schofield reported that LCC Highways did not clean the blocked drain 86-88 Whalley Road because the other at 92 Whalley Road near to it was ok and there shouldn’t be a problem. Cllr Bremner remarked that a couple of drains across the road from the ones reported also have problems.
2. Bus stop Whalley Road (moved from Sunnyside Avenue) Cllr Bremner had received a letter from LCC Highways and the bus stop was being moved between 96 and 98 Whalley Road and opposite a high hedge. Cllr Bremner asked about the bus shelter? Cllr Schofield would like a shelter but the footpath was narrow.

 Min 4459 Next meeting – 14 December 2016