WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Proceedings held at a meeting held on 16 December 2015.

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

Min 4308 Apologies for absence

 Cllrs D Briffett, Borough Cllrs Mrs Bibby and Hirst.

Min 4309 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2015

The minutes were approved as a true record with the following amendment Min 4294 should be S Hirst and not C Hirst and the following updates were noted:

Min 4283 – 3/2015/0211 land between 52 and 54 – this application has been refused - an appeal has been lodged- Cllr Bremner pointed out that the appeal statement said that planning permission had been granted for a substantial 4 bedroomed house on the site this is inaccurate as it was a 2 bedroomed property that was approved.

Resolved: to bring this to the Planning Inspector’s attention.

Play area – the play equipment is being installed in February 2016 and Chris will sort out the overhanging bushes prior to installation.

Salesbury tennis courts – people had expressed an interest in keeping the tennis courts

Min 4301 – Now card wold be honoured on a parish partnership bus route but the operator wouldn’t get the full amount back and would have to stand this cost.

Min 4306 Little Green Bus - Cllr Schofield met with Donna Atkinson and it was established that she did serve Wilpshire. The membership is £20 per annum plus a charge to use. They do have wider services ie Bury market. Several people at Showley court use the service. Cllr Ward said he would put it in the newsletter again.Donna Atkinson would attend the 20 January meeting.

Min 4310 Accounts approved for payment

L Lund December Salary £443.23 – 88.64 = **£354.59**

C Walton **£351.41** (October) invoice C000900

 Paul Mollart – Footpath Durham Road **£2400.00**

**LALC subs 536.44 (subs 15/16) – after discussion it was felt that more information was required about the benefits to SPC prior to payment – clerk to write to LALC**

C Walton £277.00 invoice C000913 (November)

Min 4311 PRECEPT

In order to calculate the precept I present the following figures:

C/Fwd from 14/15 £18859.84

Income

Precept 15/16 £15395.00

Skipton Interest £ 117.25

Concurrent Function Grant expected £ 996.55

VAT claim expected £ 282.94

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 £35651.58

Expenditure

Spent to 4/11/15 £ 9445.22

Estimated spend to 31/03/16 £7203.52

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 £16648.74

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Minus estimated spend to 31/0316 £16648.74

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 £19002.84 estimated c/fwd to 16/17

The estimated spend includes path works, clerk salary and lengthsman payment and fragmentation insurance premium.

The tax base for 2016/17 is 1065 (latest number of Band D properties in Wilpshire)

Government Grant is £131

After discussion it was unanimous to increase the precept by 5% to £15875.76

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Min 4312 Correspondence

1. Blackburn with Darwen BC Notice of adoption of the Blackburn With Darwen Local Plan Part 2 – Site Allocations and Development Management Policies. Can be viewed at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/newlocalplan) -Cllr Bradshaw had looked at this online and said that there was land Sout of Warrenside Close marked for development.
2. Boundary Commission – electoral review of Lancashire – draft recommendations which can be viewed at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5383>

The commission has considered all the submissions received in the previous stages of the review before drawing up the draft recommendations.

They have sought to balance the criteria they must follow when drawing up recommendations, namely:

To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county

That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.

That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

The Commission will consider all representations made on the draft recommendations and has an open mind about amending the scheme if an alternative pattern of divisions would better meet the statutory criteria. It is also important for respondents to the consultation to indicate where and why they support the draft recommendations.

Further information on drawing up a pattern of electoral divisions and putting forward alternative proposals is available in their guidance document: Electoral reviews: technical guidance which can be found at:

[www.lgbce.org.uk/\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0006/10410/technical-guidance-2014.pdf](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/10410/technical-guidance-2014.pdf)

Cllr Schofield said that Wilpshire was still within Ribble Valley South West the commission had recommended adding Little Mitton, Hurst Green and Stonyhurst.

Ribble Valley had submitted a proposal to stay as it is as they will have extra housing to make up the required quotas.

Min 4313 Planning Applications since the last meeting

3/2015/0985 Proposed 2 storey side extension and a single storey rear extension at 5 Sutherland Close, Wilpshire

 <https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/site/scripts/planx_details.php?appNumber=3%2F2015%2F0985>

WPC – No objection

Min 4314 Reports from Councillors

PCL – report from Cllr J Bremner re special meeting to discuss Parish Partnership bus services at RVBC – Cllr Bremner reported that it had been unanimous at the meeting that the Parish Partnership to run buses was a non starter. From 1/4/16 LCC were withdrawing subsidies and no one knows what services will be affected.

It was emphasised that all parishes should email before the End of December to say that this was not a viable option

Great concern was raised on how we can meet the needs of the community. We have to gauge what people might want ie routes.times needed. There would be more information in January at the next PCL meeting.

LALC – report from Cllr Gaffney

Min 4315 Footpath no. 5 Wilpshire – Cllr Gaffney had reported earlier

Min 4316 Flooding Ribchester Road - Cllr Gaffney reported on the recent flooding which was caused through blocked drains/gullies. Was there any way to pre-empt this situation to make sure that the gullies and drains are cleared. The Clerk was asked to write to LCC Philip Durnell to investigate the reasons why the gullies are not cleaned and ask how frequently this was done around Wilpshire.

Min 4317 Reports from County/Borough Cllrs

Cllr Schofield reported on the problem on Knowsley Road with water flowing across the road. The issue was just before the Railway bridge and grids were blocked, there was also vegetation problems there . There has been a meeting with the engineer and the gullies were now clear.

Lancashire combined authority - discussions were taking place.

Min 4318 Any other business

Hollowhead Lane /A666 during the recent heavy rainfall water was coming up through the grid

The Knolle – the copy letter received from LCC does not mention the pond and water running into the houses is not mentioned either. – Cllr J Bremner

Min 4319 Next meeting – Wednesday 20 January 2016