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.Proceedings at a meeting held on 20 January 2016.

Present: Cllrs C Ward (Chairman), P Bradshaw, Miss A Lund, Mrs J Foote (arrival 1940hrs), A Gaffney + 23 Residents, Mrs Donna Atkinson and Cllr Ian Sayers – Little Green Bus

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Donna Atkinson from the Little Green Bus.

Donna informed the meeting that the Little Green bus had been operating since 1992. She was aware of the proposed bus subsidy cuts but as a small charity wouldn’t be able to solve all the problems which would be caused by the cessation of the services.

The Little Green bus was a membership organisation and the annual subscription was £20.00. The charge for a journey to Clitheroe on the bus was £2 each way. All buses are fully accessible for disabled clients.

The Little Green bus service was a door to door service and was predominately used for health appointments, the charge was 40 pence per mile for the journey. A 48 hour notice was required however if an emergency occurred the service would try and help out.The Little Green Bus operated in all the villages and towns in Ribble Valley and provided a door to door service. It mainly catered for elderly people up to now and all of the drivers were voluntary .

The Chairman told the meeting that although the Parish Council had some funds it was not able to administer and run a bus service. It was felt that bus services should be delivered by the transport authority.

The County full Council would be making a decision on 11 February.

County Cllr Councillor Schofield said that people should write to LCC or Cllr Fillis.

Borough Councillor Sue Bibby said she would be writing on behalf of the Senior forum (over 50s).

She was aware that 59 services were subsidised in the Ribble Valley and some of them were due to cease from 21/02/16 as the operator had deregistered following the proposed withdrawal of subsidies.

Parishioners comments:

The parishioners present felt that this would have a serious impact on the community. There were no shops in Clayton le Dale or Salesbury and for some residents it was impossible to walk to and from the main road.

It was felt that for two buses in the morning and two in the afternoon were needed for older residents.

The routes of the buses could be looked at ie the bus turns up Ramsgreave Road but could divert down Whalley Road to Brownhill for residents to use the facilities there.

Councillors: the 280/180 services to Skipton were included in the cuts as was the early and late services on the No. 22 Service.The service at Kemple View would be affected

Ribble Valley will be disproportionally affected due to the ruralness of the area.

The Parish Council would send a letter of complaint to LCC (copying in Nigel Evans MP) highlighting the disappointment of the cessation of the bus services used by vulnerable residents and also the need for services to continue in order to get people to work, college school etc ie early and late services and also highlighting isolation.

Min 4330 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Mrs J Bremner, D Briffett, J Foote, Borough Cllr S Hirst

Min 4331 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015

 The minutes were approved as a true record.

Min 4332 Matters arising from the minutes

Min 4283 – appeal re 52 and 54 Knowsley Road

Representations sent to the planning inspectorate.

Min4306 – Donna Atkinson is attending this meeting

Min4314 – Bus service cuts – WPC sent comments to LCC expressing the view ‘do not feel that parish councils running bus services is a viable option’ WPC see this as a retrograde step. Many parishioners rely on subsidised bus services to get to town, college and work. Parishes have no expertise or resources to enable them to run these bus services. WPC also feels that there should be a strategic way to organise public transport.

Min4315 Footpath 5 – reply from David Goode received – they will take our comments into account when considering the appropriate actions. Cllr Gaffney added that there was no more progress on this matter. It was not progressing with urgency.

Min4316 Flooding in Wilpshire \_ the Clerk reported that she had emailed Philip Durnell/Dwayne Lowe LCC asking if cleansing programme in place for cleaning drains/gullies – Dwayne replied that he had forwarded this to the Highways team and future requests should be sent to them . A reply had now been received from LCC now received:

The gullies are currently cleaned once every 18 months. If we encounter an issue with a gully we will endeavour to rectify this as soon as we can. The gully in question has been inspected (04/01/2016) and the jetter will attend within the next four weeks.The gullies are currently cleaned once every 18 months.If we encounter an issue with a gully we endeavour to rectify this as soon as we can.The gully in question has been inspected on 04/01/16 and the jetter will attend within the next four weeks. (date of response is 15 January 2016).

The path near to The Knolle and by Station Close was full of grit and sand and needed sweeping – Clerk to write to RVBC and ask for them to be swept

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Min 4333 Accounts for approval

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

C Walton – invoice C000927 **£173.08**

 Allianz – fragmentation policy **£ 441.46** (VAT£73.58 Net £367.88)

 HMRC £88.64

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 VAT refund received 14/15 = £282.94

Min 4334 Risk Assessment – annual update was undertaken –

RESOLVED: That the risks remained the same as 2015/16 and another review would be done in January 2017

Min 4335 Correspondence

1. RVBC – Stephen Barker – sent a letter informing the council of a presentation by the War Memorial Trust at the next Parish Council Liaison Committee meeting on 28th January 2016.

Peter Lloyd of the Trust has asked that Town and Parish Councils consider in advance if they have concerns regarding any war memorial that may need work or are considered to be in poor or fair condition.  If they are able to add the memorial to War Memorials Online ([www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk](http://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/)) including memorial details, condition and photograph, that would be appreciated.  If this is not possible, then if you wish photographs could be emailed to peter@warmemorials.org.uk in advance of the meeting to include close up photographs detailing the concern.

If there are any submitted, Peter and his colleague would be happy to view these  and possibly discuss a couple of real life cases at the meeting, including how support can be provided by grants and consideration of technical issues.  Whilst they may not be able to include all cases at the meeting, they would be happy to take contact details with a view to individual appointments with potential grant applicants after the meeting.

Cllr Ward mentioned Salesbury Memorial Hall which had been built as a War Memorial and wondered whether this would qualify for a grant. If Cllr Gaffney was able to attend the PCL meeting he would raise the matter, but in the meantime, the Clerk would email RVBC to ask the question to the War Memorial Trust – copy of email to Cllr Gaffney.

b) LALC – New Audit regime – NALC have set up a company to procure audit services on Parish Councils behalf. This letter officially invites you to become an opted in authority to this scheme

When the previous government abolished the Audit Commission, the NALC, The SLCC, and Association of Drainage Authorities (ADA) expressed concerns about the impact this would have on the workload of local authorities. NALC successfully persuaded the governed to let them procure authority audit services, simplifying arrangements and reducing the burden on us. They also successfully persuaded the government to fund the start up costs of £540,000 which the sector otherwise would have had to raise itself The NALC website [www.nalc.gov.uk](http://www.nalc.gov.uk) will give further information but at this stage we need do nothing unless we wish to opt out, set up your own independent audit panel and procure relevant services If we do not wish to participate we have to let them know by 31/01/16.

The Clerk asked if the cheque for the subscription to LALC could be sent. It was agreed that it could.

Min 4336 Planning Applications since the last meeting

3/2015/0848 Infilling of existing recesses to front and changes to fenestration. Single storey extension to the rear and creation of extra parking space to the front at 17 Hollowhead Avenue, Wilpshire- Cllr Ward declared an interest in this and took no part in the discussion or decision.

<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/site/scripts/planx_details.php?appNumber=3%2F2015%2F0848>

 WPC – No objections

3/2015/1030 Remove single conservatory and construct single storey garden room along rear of property. Remove hip roof to rear of garage and align with new extension at 7 The Dales, Langho

<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/site/scripts/planx_details.php?appNumber=3%2F2015%2F1030>

WPC -No objection

Min 4337 Seniors Christmas Meal – Wilpshire –

Cllr Gaffney brought this to the Council for discussion. It was thought that there was currently a Lunch Club which was open to all residents and that maybe a way forward would be for consideration of a grant to the club if they applied for one to help with costs.

Min 4338 Consultations County Council – Boundary County Cllr numbers and combined authority

The decision had been made to keep the representation in our area as 4 county councillors although it had been hoped that an extra county councillor would be approved as proposed new developments would create a greater population in the area.

Combined authority – the public were currently been consulted on this.

Min 4339 Public footpath improvement programme

Cllr Ward and Gaffney had now finished walking the paths in Wilpshire and had recommendations for improvements to the following paths:

Locations to be resurfaced with chippings using PC Funds in priority order:

FP16 – completion of Durham Road Path

FP21 – Old Station to Knowsley Road

FP16 – Vicarage Lane to The Hazels

The cost of the above would be £2400 (all done under one contract of 40 tonnes)

It was proposed by Cllr Bradshaw that the price could be increased by 10% if necessary without bringing back to a future meeting for resolution.

Resolved: unanimously agreed to the above improvements at £2400 with a leeway 10% without coming back for further approval

**Other suggested Paths for improvement:**

FP12 – Snodworth running south west from Snodworth Farm this is a well used path and forms part of the route from The Bull’s Head, Hollowhead Lane, golf course to York, Dean Clough etc. Its surface is covered in rushes, width obstructed by saplings and brambles and often waterlogged.

FP 9 – the last fifty metres (approx.) of this path where it leaves Whalley Road was resurfaced a few years ago but this surface has been washed out.

FP20 – Beaver Close to Whalley Road – this path has also had surface work done in the past ten years but, again this surface has suffered erosion and will need attention. This path is a well-used shortcut to te main road/shops/station by local residents and casual walkers.

FP16 – Somerset Avenue down to FP16 full of tree roots etc

**Proposed improvements using the Parish Paths Partnershiip funding – Cllr Gaffney has sent these to Linda Anderson, LCC**

FP25 - Wilpshire Glen to Hollowhead Avenue – vegetation clearance – a section of the footpaths route is becoming obstructed by brambles and bushes

FP5 – seasonal strimming required – path leading from The Follies (Vicarage Lane)

FP26 – seasonal strimming required – path across Public Open Space (Hollowhead Avenue to Hollowhead Lane)

Fp16 – Path from Durham Road towards Vicarage Lane

Min 4340 Lengthsman Contract – the Clerk circulated the present contract and

 duties -

RESOLVED: Next agenda

Min 4341 Newsletter - progress

Min 4342 Next meeting – Wednesday 9 March 2016