WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Proceedings at a meeting held on 30 September 2015.

Present: Cllrs C Ward, A Gaffney, James Foote, P Bradshaw, A Lund, D Briffett.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Bremner, S Hirst, J Foote.

1. Public Participation

Mr and Mrs Seddon addressed the meeting in regard to amended plans in respect of planning application 3/2015/0211 they expressed their concerns that the East and West elevations inaccurately show their garage roof and terrace to be far higher than in reality. There were also privacy concerns – 9 windows will face their property. Their conifer hedge has wrongly be shown to run alongside the full length of their garage giving the impression that privacy would not be lost.

The Chairman thanked Mr and Mrs Seddon and it was agreed to send a response to Ribble Valley Borough Council outlining their concerns.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2015

The minutes were approved as a true record.

1. Matters arising from the minutes

Min 4272 – Tour of Britain – A fantastic day! The triangle was planted out and banners and bunting decorated the triangle together with other banners from On yer Bike. Unfortunately the Wilpshrie banners and bunting had been taken following the race end.

Rotted sign post near reservoir – ref no 83017 – status reported Chris Nolan, LCC had rang the Clerk and said if it was a boundary sign it was either the responsibility of the Borough Council or the Parish Council the Clerk would write to RVBC.

Min 4278 – parking at Fairway Court – Cllr Hirst to report re contact with St Vincents Housing Association this matter was ongoing.

Hollowhead Lane – repairs were being done to it.

1. Accounts approved for payment

L Lund September Salary £443.23 – tax 88.64 = 354.59

APS Banners for Tour of Britain - £88.80 (VAT14.80)

C Walton £ 361.10 = (225.53) – August visits and £135.57 (plants for triangle)

HMRC £354.56 (June/July/August/September) 4 x £88.64

A Gaffney – spray paint reimbursement £22.35 (tour of Britain to paint bikes)

BDO – External Auditor - £120.00 – no items to bring to the Council’s attention

L Lund £12.99 reimbursement for bunting for Tour of Britain race

C Walton £419.60 Sept payment invoice C0002871

The payments were approved.

1. Play Area – Cllr Ward reported that he had been in touch with Playdale and Yates Playgrounds re a wooden trail for the play area. It was decided to order trail no.1 from Yates Playgrounds at a price of £4960.00
2. Correspondence
3. Parish Grant – parishes have been given a grant of £3000 to spend but must have Borough Ward Councillor approval. The full amount can be claimed for one project or several smaller projects up to £3000. It was agreed to spend this on Play Area upgrade.
4. RVBC – Licensing Act 2003 – Section 5 of the Licensing Act requires that each licensing authority formulate and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy. At its meeting on 15 it was decided that prior to the revised policy being adopted it should be subject to a 6 weeks consultation period during which consultees and members of the public may submit any comments. Deadline 28 October 2015.

<https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/10360/revised_statement_of_licensing_policy_2016-2021> - noted

1. RVBC – Statement of Principles 2016 – 2019 Gambling Act 2005 12 weeks consultation period deadline 9 December 2015 - noted
2. Mr Nolan – Hedge damage from broken branch - copy of letter sent to Ribble Valley borough Council concerning the gentleman reported the dangerous branch 6/6/15 on footpath 16/17 Wilpshire Parish. It took 5 phone calls and a visit from local Cllr before a tree surgeon said he could almost have just pulled the large heavy branch away due to its perilous condition. He is concerned that it took a week before any action was taken. His hedge is damaged and want advice as how he can claim for restitution to the large hole in his 8’ high mixed hedge. Sent to prow reports. - noted
3. Mr and Mrs Sneddon – 3/2015/0211 – discussed in public participation
4. Planning Applications since the last meeting

None

1. Reports from Councillors

PCL – report from Cllr J Bremner

PCLC Sept. 10th 2015

**Matters arising from the minutes**

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership – application has been submitted

Continuing problem of A boards etc on A59 – RVBC now have a working agreement with LCC to remove them but at RVBC’s cost.

**Policing in the Ribble Valley – presentation by Inspector Ian Cooper**

Budget in Lancashire has been cut from £350m to £250m, planned economies so far account for £60m of the needed £100m.

In Ribble Valley there will be 12 ‘community police’ covering days and late shifts. Whilst this is an increase in numbers their duties will now also include some ‘response’ work. There will also be response teams and investigative teams for ‘spates of offences.

Response times will be monitored.

999 – emergencies- will continue to be a priority.

101 – target is to respond within an hour. It might well be there will be no ‘site visit’ as this will depend on availability of manpower.

It was again stressed that incidents should be reported even if there may not be a response. This is so that patterns of activity can be identified and, hopefully, dealt with.

There is good cooperation with the N. Yorkshire Police.

Processions: Discussions are still ongoing but at present police will advise on traffic management – contact Gary Makin.

Parking and obstruction: There are problems in some of the villages and Whalley in particular. Police can deal with obstruction but not parking offences, LCC Parkwise is responsible for enforcing parking restrictions

**Ribble Valley Parishes Grants**

Parishes which precept are to be allocated a maximum of £3000 each (£5000 for Whalley, Longridge and Clitheroe). This is a one-off grant and should be used for capital scheme(s). Parishes will be receiving details and application forms soon.

**Feedback on Tour of Britain**

Deemed a success. RVBC will have a copy of the recording of the whole event. Reports of an increase in tourist interest. Costs: £175k between RV and Pendle (Pendle paying more than half because of hosting end of race plus traffic management costs. Approx total cost to RVBC £125k (i.e. £2/head)

1. Claim for definitive map modification order – ongoing
2. Any other business

Foot path scheme – after discussion it was decided to split the parish into 2 – Cllr Gaffney would survey the norther footpaths and Cllr Ward would survey the Southern footpaths and would do a list of jobs required to them in priority order.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bradshaw for arranging the purchase of the projector. Would we be purchasing a screen? It was decided to see how we got on first. Clerk to bring lap top to the next meeting.

Knowsley Road – Speeding cars – it was reported that a scheme for calming measures was still ongoing.

Litter Picking on York Road, Pasonage Road and Hollowhead – Clerk to contact RVBC

Luncheon club – details to go on the website.

1. Next meeting – Wednesday 4 November 2015