WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Proceedings at a meeting held on 1 July 2015

PRESENT: Cllrs C Ward, J Bremner, A Gaffney, P Bradshaw, A Lund, Julie Foote, County Cllr A Schofield

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Planning application in regard to Thorn Cottage – a number of residents neighbouring the property attended the meeting to address the Council.

Issues raised were:

Overdevelopment of the site, street scene ie a 2 storey house in between two bungalows, privacy issues. There was also Japanese knotweed on the site which had spread to a neighbouring property.

The red edge on the plan was not the same as the proposed plan showing the houses. There were also concerns about the access/egress from the site.

The Council would add the issue of access/egress issues and also the Japanese knotweed concerns to the comments already sent.

Min 4257 Apologies for absence

Cllrs D Briffett, James Foote, Borough Cllrs S Bibby and S Hirst

Min 4258 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2015

Were approved with the following amendment for clarification: Representatives Parish Council Liaison are Cllrs Gaffney and Bremner. Cllr James Foote to attend if the representatives are unable to attend. LALC the parish representative is Cllr Gaffney.

Min 4259 Updates from the last meeting

Bus Turnaround Whalley Road Litter Bin removed – the Clerk reported that she had contacted BwD Borough Council who said that the bin had been removed as it was not in Blackburn with Darwen Borough. The Clerk contacted RVBC who have agreed to provide a bin at the turnaround.

Rotted sign post near reservoir – this had been reported to LCC but the Clerk had not received a reply as yet. The sign had also disappeared. Clerk to report this with an update regarding the sign to fix my street.

The Knolle – Cllr Schofield and Cllr Ward had attended a site meeting with LCC. A void had been discovered at an earlier meeting and Cllr Schofield had now been emailed confirming that this had been attended to. A resident on Wilpshire Banks had a problem with debris from the water and a filter screen was been put in to alleviate this problem. The sweeping of the footway had not been done the clerk was asked to contact the lengthsman and ask him to sweep it.

Tour of Britain – some surface dressing will take place on Ribchester Road

Min 4260 Accounts for approval

L Lund June Salary £443.23 – tax 88.64 = 354.59

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RVBC Printing of Newsletter Inv no 00002422 £210.00

Chris Walton – C0002791 – April visits £209.80

Chris Walton – C0002812 – May £225.53

L Pickering - £160.00 (internal audit)

C Ward – reimbursement for plants at the Wilpshire/Ramsgreave Station

Min 4261 Facilities in Wilpshire

DRPA – Report from Play Area Working Group

There had been a short meeting prior to this meeting and it was resolved to look for areas of funding/ invite one company to send a representative to talk to the Council and contact the parish insurance company to discuss whether fencing off would be required if any equipment was to be put at the side of the field at the opposite side to the houses.

The Clerk reported that the Allianz Insurance engineer’s report flagged up damage to the toddler swing, broken fencing and also the bin – flagged up as all to be fixed immediately. The clerk immediately instructed Yates Playgrounds to do the repairs as soon as possible. Cllr Gaffney visited the area to make it as safe as possible in the couple of days interim. Also Yates said the other toddler swing was corroding so this will be replaced as well.

Min 4262 Correspondence

1. Little Green Bus – a thank you letter for the donation had been received
2. RVBC Tour of Farington Waste Technology Park – RVBC have arranged a tour of the Farington Waste Technology Park. The tour generally takes 1.5 hours. Transport will be provided departing from the Council offices Clitheroe more details to follow. One representative from each Parish only. Would like to know preferred date Thursday 13 August 2015 at 1.30pm or Monday 17 August 2015 at 3.00pm. Reply by 8 July.

Resolved : Cllr Bremner would attend on Monday 17 August.

1. Pensions Regulator – The law on workplace pensions has changed. Every employer with at least one member of staff must automatically enrol those who are eligible into a workplace pension scheme and contribute towards it. The Pensions Regulator is responsible for regulating workplace pensions and making sure employers comply with their automatic enrolment duties. All employers are being notified to inform them of their duties and their staging date when the law comes into effect. The staging date for Wilpshire Parish Council is 1 October 2016. The Clerk has registered Wilpshire Parish Council and put herself as the contact.Cllr Foote explained the new pensions law to the Council.
2. Letter received re 3/2015/0211 – proposed 4 bed dwelling on land between 52 and 54 Knowsley Road Wilpshire – raising concerns
3. Email received re 3/2015/0247 – proposals at Thorn Cottage – concerns raised - the residents meeting to address the Council. See public participation above.

Min 4263 PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

3/2015/0211 – land between 52 and 54 Knowsley Road Wilpshire

WPC object to the proposed 4 bedroomed dwelling as the proposed building will be in front of the building line of other houses on Knowsley Road. Other Buildings are set square to the road and not on an angle. WPC would also point out that a similar size building on this plot was refused.

3/2015/0331 – Head House 53 Knowsley Road Wilpshire – No objections

3/2015/0247 – Thorn Cottage 12 Knowsley Road Wilpshire – WPC feel that this will be an improvement to the site but possibly this proposal is overdevelopment resulting in very little outside space for the proposed houses fronting Knowsley Road. There are only minimum details of 2 of the proposed units and none for unit 3. This makes it impossible to comment on any potential impact on neighbouring properties ie overlooking from windows etc.

Extra Comments - The Council would like to draw to the officer's attention the issue of access/egress issues which is very tight and not suitable for 3 properties and also there it is believed that there is Japanese knotweed on the site .

3/2015/0461 – 55 Durham Road Wilpshire

WPC – No objections

Min 4264 FP 16 Durham Drive – to discuss quotations for resurfacing – Cllr Gaffney said that he had obtained 2 quotations one of £3,750 and one at £2,400.Cllr Gaffney proposed that the work be done as per quotation of £2,400 for scraping, some drainage 60 tonnes of material (1 tonne to be put on the path at the Hazels) this was seconded by Cllr Bradshaw. It was requested that a photo was taken prior to the work being done and after the work had been done.

Min 4265 Local delivery scheme – strimming of local footpaths – Cllr Gaffney had been looking into this scheme and speaking with LCC.It was suggested that this item was put on the 19 August agenda and Cllrs would get a list together of what needs doing.

Min 4266 Parish Council Liaison – Cllr Bremner attended the meeting and gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings:

PCLC 18th June 2015

David Peat ( Simonstone PC) is now the Chairman.

Tour of Britain 2015:

Stage 2 to be launched at Pendle on Tuesday 23rd June. The route would include Hollowhead Lane and Ribchester Road. – A notice should be put on the notice board near the time.

Dog Wardens – presentation by James Russell (Head of Environmental Services RVBC).

There are two part time dog wardens working as part of Env Health team.

Dog control orders 2014 - new regulations: need collars now will soon need microchips, must be on a lead if in field with livestock.

Responsibilities

Police: lost/stolen, dangerous, livestock issues, road traffic incidents, scene of crime.

RSPCA: welfare

RVBC Dog Wardens: strays, fouling, barking. (note ours do some patrolling ‘out of hours’) Any complaints should be made to the Dog Wardens on 01200 414464 rather than via the Parish Council.

Recycling. RVBC is the collection authority with LCC being responsible for disposal. Waste is taken to Salthill then in bulk for recycling to Farrington which is operated by Global Renewable. This governs what can be collected for recycling. A tour of this facility has been arranged for a limited number of Parish Councillors.

Bus Services. Blackburn with Darwen have summarily withdrawn their contribution of funding for cross boundary services and LCC has had to make cuts and changes to subsidised services to Blackburn from 26th July. More at Oct meeting and it was felt that BwD was being short sighted in effect discouraging people from RV going to Blackburn. A letter expressing disappointment to be sent.

War Memorials – possible Government funding for essential maintenance, where appropriate PCs asked to contact RVBC.

Draught Proofing Workshops to be held in Slaidburn 2nd July, Chipping 7th July and Longridge 7th July book a place by phoning John Barber, Housing Officer, 01200 413235

Dog Order Signs – no permanent signs were up at Durham Road Play Area as yet.

Min 4267 INTERNAL AUDIT – DONE AND AUDIT SIGNED OFF –

Matters arising from the internal audit – Reminder to send off VAT reclaim , would like more information re how newsletter payment was arrived at ie cost of delivery of each newsletter, reminder to show Local council tax support grant in other income rather than with the precept figure.

Min 4268 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bus Service Cuts on Knowsley Road – Cllr Bremner reported that Parish Council Liaison Committee were writing to LCC re the bus subsidies ceasing.

Min 4269 NEXT MEETING – 19 August 2015