WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Proceedings at a meeting held on 16 January 2018

Present: Cllr C Ward (Chariman), Cllr J Bremner (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Briffett, Cllr A Gaffney,

Cllr M Williams, Sgt David Simpson (arrival 7.30pm) Cllr A Schofield (arrived during the discussions with Sgt Simpson)

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| 4846 | The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting which started a little earlier than scheduled |  |
| 4847 | Apologies for absence  Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs James Foote, A Lund and the Clerk |  |
| 4848 | Public Participation  None |  |
| 4849 | Declarations of interest  Cllr Julie Foote declared an interest in The Luncheon Club |  |
| 4850 | Procedure – code of conduct  Deferred |  |
| 4851 | Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 05 December 2018.  The minutes were approved as a true record – proposed Cllr Gaffney, seconded Cllr Williams |  |
| 4852 | Updates from previous minutes  Land top of Hollowhead Close – Ribble Valley will be looking at the brambles and saplings in the next few weeks.  Xmas Tree scheme – grant of £110 received from RVBC  Durham Road Play Area – new gate in place  No Cold calling stickers and information sheets have been obtained and were available for distribution  Sgt Simpson arrived at 7.30pm and explained the new organisation of policing in Lancashire East Division, which is still evolving, and that more officers were now being recruited. Community policing is based in Clitheroe and operates from there until 11pm. The Rapid Response Team serving the Wilpshire area is based at Greenbank (Whitebirk), from where night time response for us also operates, so we are well located for very good response times. There was no longer a Community Police Officer but PCSO Caroline Pemberton can be contacted for Community policing in Wilpshire (along with other parishes in the locality). The area is patrolled but this may not be realised by the public as plain clothes officers are often used. This is still a low crime area and although there has been an increase in reported offences this should not cause particular alarm as numbers are low. Also any increase is not out of line with national figures. He answered Cllrs’ questions on various aspects – house alarms and security lighting. Sgt Simpson answered Cllrs’ questions on various aspects – house alarms and security lighting do tend to deter burglars, car theft is usually unlocked vehicles or by theft of keys left visible/accessible in the house and that he would ascertain the situation regarding police support for Speed Watch. |  |
| 4853 | Accounts for approval  L Lund October Salary £452.14 – tax £90.42 = £361.72  HMRC £90.42  Webdesign by Magic - £50.00 – for update and back up inn December 2018  Paul Mollart £835 as agreed for path work cheque signed for posting when work completed and inspected w/c 21/1/19  Wm Robinson final invoice £341.66 plus Shaw & Sons Asset Register £54.66  All accounts were approved |  |
| 4854 | PLANNING APPLICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING  3/2018/1129  Rentention of 2.5 metre high fence at 14 Shropshire Drive Wilpshire  WPC objects to this application as the fence, which is already is situ, has an adverse affect on the neighbouring property's amenity in so far as the height of the fence overshadows the property thus taking away light from it;  it also has an adverse visual impact on the residential area. The Council also wishes to comment that in parts, especially near the house and patio, the fence is significantly higher than the stated 2.5m above the ground level of no12.  The Council also believes that a business, which might adversely affect neighbours, is being run from the property and wondered if this needed to be the subject of a further planning application.  ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  3/2018/1130 change of use of barn to form one dwelling (modifications to scheme approved under 3/2013/0713). Resubmission of application 3/2018/0027 at Dewhurst Farm, Longsight Road, Wilpshire  Wilpshire Parish Council feels that the large areas high level glazing are not in character with the farm setting and that any energy saved by using more natural light as per the justification for the glazing will be more than offset by the extra needed to maintain indoor temperatures because of heat loss. The additional length to an already long building is also noted together with the proposed wooden cladding on the end elevation which it is felt is not in keeping with the character of the building.  -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  3/2018/1158 Proposed development of detatched family dwelling on site of former tennis court at The Coach House Whalley Road Wilpshire  WPC- Planning application 3/2018/1158  at the Coach House  Whalley Road Wilpshire    Wilpshire Parish Council objects to the above application for the following reasons:    There are continuing concerns about the safety of access to and from the A666 on a dangerous bend  Concerns about drainage on the whole Knolle site.The parish council would request that LCC Flood Management Team be consulted. (There are ongoing issues with drainage from the whole of the original Knolle site)    Should permission be granted the parish council would ask that a close check on datum levels be ensured (issues with this on development of neighbouring site) to protect residential amenity of neighbours.  Please add the following to our comments sent on 17 January 2019 in respect of the proposed development of detached family dwelling on site of former tennis court at The Coach House, Whalley Road, Wilpshire 3/2018/1158  Should permission be granted  WPC request strict road cleaning operation during construction. |  |
| 4855 | Agenda item 19 brought forward - Report from County Councillor – Durham Drive at its meeting with A666 put forward for repair |  |
| 4856 | Meetings attended by Councillors  LALC Cllr Gaffney had already circulated minutes of the meeting. Lancs. Environmental Fund of particular interest re long term planning for DRPA |  |
| 4857 | Website  Items for the website  A Summary of Sgt Simpson’s report. | Clerk |
| 4858 | Wilpshire in Bloom – The group of three had no particular plans to put forward. Advice was given about putting forward plans, which should also include resources available. They were also advised to check with landowners and consider H & S issues. It was explained that whilst WPC was likely support a suitable plan it would not be involved in running such a group. It was also explained that Langho in Bloom was run independently from their Parish Council and it was suggested that those interested contact L in B for advice on setting up a group for Wilpshire – contact details were given. There was a discussion about suitable sites for improvement. |  |
| 4859 | Donations to consider Cllr Julie Foote declared an interest and left the room  Wilpshire Methodist Church – donation in lieu of room hire £350 (Jan 18)  Wilpshire Lunch club – donation in respect of room hire £140 (Jan 18)  Air Ambulance – last donation £200 (2014)  It was agreed to donate to Wilpshire in Bloom should an appropriate plan be put forward and that this, as an exception, could be made available mid year because of the nature of the project.  (several Cllrs felt an approach from a charity made mid-year had been deferred but no one could remember which) |  |
| 4860 | DRPA – wooden trail and regular checks following incidents elsewhere. The Clerk to contact the supplier about the faulty bar on the new section of the wooden trail (photograph already distributed) to see if a replacement could be done under warranty.  Lengthsman to be asked to weed killer (selective) a fairly small area near gate to field to prevent further spread of broadleaf weed.  Longer term planning for DRPA | Clerk  Clerk  Next Agenda |
| 4861 | Ribble Valley News - This is not being delivered to many homes in Wilpshire Cllr Bremner to give feedback to RVBC. |  |
| 4862 | Parish Council Website – updated and backed up on 3 December and is working ok | Noted |
| 4863 | Update on footpaths  The Hazels path has been completed; work is currently underway on Tippings Bridleway and path to Golf Club by A666.  Concern was expressed at new signage on gate at Wilpshire Farm which might deter those wanting to use the bridleway through the gates. Clerkrequested to prompt LCC about official bridleway signage (cc Chair & vice Chair but no other cllrs) | Clerk to contact LCC |
| 4864 | Clerk annual pay increase. Local Government percentage increase was 2% from 01/04/18 and 2% from 01/04/19 | Next Agenda |
| 4865 | Asset register to review | Next Agenda |
| 4866 | Insurance requirements to review | Next Agenda |
| 4867 | Newsletter 2019 underway and Mrs Gaffney to deliver | Cllr Ward |
| 4868 | Soldier Silhouette  No donation required from WPC, permission given to display at triangle for a limited time around 11/11 subject to liaising and agreeing position with Cllr Gaffney. | Clerk to write to Mr John Wainwright to confirm this. |
| 4869 | Risk Assessment to review | Next Agenda |
| 4870 | Comments for PCC due to attend PCLC meeting later this month - Concerned to keep crime low in a low crime area and that sufficient patrols take place. If further funding is to be made through Council Tax then Ribble Valley should benefit fully from this. |  |
| 4871 | **Commissioner seeks the public's views over proposals to recruit extra officers to support policing**  20 December, 2018  Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner has today launched a survey asking council tax payers across Lancashire if they are willing to pay more to support the recruitment of 80 police officers and increase proactive policing in their community.    The consultation follows the budget announcement last week, where the Government has once again passed the burden of the cost of policing onto council tax payers……………    Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner said:    "I strongly believe that more funding should come from the Government and I will continue to lobby the Home Secretary and Policing Minister.    "The current funding for policing isn’t sufficient to deal with growing demands on the police and the financial settlement allows me to raise further funds but only through passing this burden onto council tax payers. This isn’t fair and it isn’t sustainable."    "However, raising funds through council tax contributions is the only option the Government have given me to protect and bolster policing and if I did not consider this, it would mean a cut to our budget. There are over a million calls for service every year to Lancashire Police and investment is needed to keep up with ever increasing demands on policing and to deliver a service the public expect. Police officers and staff are working round the clock to keep people safe but, they are over stretched."    The public are being asked if they would be prepared to pay an extra 46 pence per week for a Band D property to invest in policing services in their area. Three quarters of Lancashire residents are in lower bands and so would pay less, and this would raise over £10m for policing in Lancashire."……………  For the full consultation visit Wilpshire Parish Council website.  Residents can have their say on the proposals by completing the [online survey](https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=154521301713) and the Commissioner's office will be conducting a telephone survey with a sample of residents from every part of the county in the coming weeks.    A series of engagement events are also planned at locations across the county. Anyone who wants to receive a paper copy of the survey can telephone 01772 533587 and one will be posted out. | Noted |
| 4872 | Next meeting – 20 February 2019 Report from Clerks course/response from Blackburn with Darwen BC/Clerk pay increase |  |
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