Proceedings at a meeting held on Skype on 9 December 2020.

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|    | WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL  |
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Present: Cllrs C Ward (Chairmah), J Bremner (Vice Chairman), A Gaffney, J Foote, C Cotton-Ambler,Clerk

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| Min No |  | Action |
| 4224  |  Chairman’s welcomeThe Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to Cllrs Cotton-Ambler and Cllr Shulman at their first meeting of the parish council. |   |
| 4225 | Co-option of Cllrs Cotton-Ambler and ShulmanCllrs Cotton-Ambler and Shulman were unanimously co-opted onto Wilpshire Parish Council. |  |
| 4226 | Apologies for absence Cllr Briffett was unable to connect to the Skype meeting. |  |
| 4227 | Public participation None |   |
| 4228 | Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2020. The minutes were approved with the following amendment:Cllr Bremner said that there was a problem with the timing of attendance for Cllrs Foote and Williams she recalled that they were in attendance for most of the meeting. Cllr Foote recalled he was present for whole of the meeting. Cllr Gaffney informed the Council that the agents for the landowner (part of land) FP1 is Acton Bracewell.Proposed: Cllr Foote Seconded: Cllr Gaffney |   |
| 4229 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes Min 4182- Damaged stile golf course – the stile still hasn’t been fixed. Reported to LCC by Golf club and WPC .Min 4223 - Unsafe building site on Knowsley Rd at former Care Home Showley Brook – enforcement RVBC notifiedMin 4216 - potentially dangerous trees in the Parish eg on Somerset Ave at Ribchester Rd end.- Countryside RVBC notifiedMin 4213 Christmas Tree Scheme a grant from the parish champion, LCC has been received for £67 (50%) of the costMin 4215 Used Tools project – activities on hold during Covid 19Min 4218 Missing Footpath sign on A666 – has been reportedMin 4219 Bus stop bench (Somerset Ave.) – the washers were iron and rusting, email sent to Cllr Schofield to ask if he would report this and ask for them to be replaced with stainless steel washers – the iron ones had not been replaced at time of preparing the agenda. |  |

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| 4230 | Issues at Durham Road Play Area  1. **Monitoring**

fencing Wooden Trail Culvert Area Hole in the play area section – still needed more work to be done – Clerk to contact the lengthsman **Action Required**  1. Area behind goal posts need driving in to ground to prevent cows getting in – fence of landowner collapsed - the field still had stock in and needed to be repaired ie posts in the ground with barbed wire to prevent stock gaining access to the Play field. Cllr Cotton-Ambler would contact the tenant farmer.

  1. **Anti Social behaviour**

 This had improved  |   |

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| 4231 | Items for the websiteThe Chairman had sent a list of amendments to the Clerk to attend to . RVBC information about hardships grants to be attached.  |   |
| 4232 | Accounts approved for payment L Lund November salary £470.90 – tax £94.00 = £376.90 cheque no102102L Lund December salary £470.90 – tax £94.00 = £376.90 cheque no 102103HMRC tax £188.00 cheque no 102104C Walton September inv no C0003664 £291.98 cheque no 102105C Walton October inv no C0003665 £561.05 cheque no 102106P Mollart 2 x wooden bridges to fpath with anti slip strips £1175.00 cheque no 102107L Lund reimbursement for wreath and delivery £43.00 cheque no 102108Christmas trees £137.50 cheque no 102109Wilpshire Methodist Church (previously approved in 4062 15/01/2020 ) cheque no 102110  |   |
| 4233 | To agree Precept 2021/2022Report sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Bremner said that there was a potential for tree work expenditure due to die back at the Play AreaCllr Ward mentioned that the path between 15 & 17 Hollowhead Avenue was in need of some attention due to the condition of it. Cllr Bremner said that this was applicable to some other footpaths in the area.Following discussion it was unanimously agreed to increase the Precept by 2% ie the Precept for 20/21 was 18350 x 1.02 = **£18717** | Clerk to send in precept request to RVBC |
| 4234 |  Planning Applications since the last meetingPlanning Application 3/2020/0949Removal of garage and erection of single storey extension to the side at 43 Durham Road Wilpshire.WPC - Wilpshire Parish Council wishes to point out that the plans submitted do not give anyindication that Berkshire Close rises fairly steeply along the E boundary to this site; also vehicular access across the pavement is unclear.The Parish Council asks that the differing land levels are assessed and thatany permission given ensures the integrity of the pavement and road surface on Berkshire Close and also the safe ingress and egress of vehicles.-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------3/2020/0883 1 Mayfair Crescent, WilpshireWPC - Wilpshire Parish Council objects on the grounds of overdevelopment on a limited sized plot. The footprint is to increase by almost 50% in addition to adding a first floor on nearly all of the original bungalow. The Council is also concerned about an apparent lack of parking provision.3/2020/0824 34 Durham Road Wilpshire – query raised with the officer as the plans needed clarification in respect of a staircase on the 2nd floor which indicated it was going up indicating a possible 3rd floor. After a couple of weeks the officer was again contacted to see if amended plans had been received. The officer said an amended plan was on the RVBC website. Unfortunately the application had already been granted at this stage and there was no point in submitting comments. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3/2020/1025 The application is for substitution of cottage type for two of the four two-storey holiday cottages approved under 3/2020/0013 (resubmission of 3/2020/0713). At Dewhirst Farm Longsight Road LanghoThe history of the site was discussed and also the procedure for a register of lets which should be provided for these developments. PCLC had been asked to address the matter of registers of holiday lets. As this was only circulated one day before this meeting Comments to be sent to the Clerk to forward to RVBC Planning.Cllr Schulman asked if it was normal to visit application sites. Some sites were familiar just by where cllrs lived or used google street view but any councillor was welcome to go and have a look. Cllr Bremner summarises comments and send to the Clerk to forward to RVBC |  |
| 4235 | Drainage Review – any further update ? Drains update:- 86/88 Whalley Rd – improved but other drains blocked resulting in excess to be taken there, reported to LCC – any further updatesBus Stop Sunnyside Ave – Flow across the pavement. Bad in wet, treacherous in icy conditions. Cllr Bremner copied Cllr A Schofield into the email. Cllr Bremner reported that the resident had cleared it and felt that the lengthsman should do more regular cleaning of this area. Flooding at Railway Bridge, Ribchester Road – Cllr Schofield reported this to LCC their response below:Thank you for your email of 30 October 2020 about blocked gullies along Ribchester Road from both Whalley Road and Hollowhead. Unfortunately, due to the amount of excessive rainfall at this date, the system could not cope. We have instructed our gully cleansing team to jet and cleanse the gullies at these locations. They will also report back any findings in case there are any further problems with the system. Unfortunately, I cannot provide you a date for when this will be carried out, as we are currently prioritised our resources in areas of flooding internally to properties. to request gullies to be jetted, or any other Highways issues, she can call our Highways helpline on 0300 1236780, or notify us online using the council's 'Report it' facility at: <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search/> Cllr Ward commented that there were quite a few of blocked gullies around Wilpshire still.  |     |
| 4236 | Repair to Bench York Rd/Parsonage Rd – update from Cllr Ward – although it was on the builder’s list who would do the work for free it hadn’t been done as yet.  |   |
| 4237 | New website update – has been installed but a few problems identified by Chairman – improvements have been made to the website – still some snags to sort out including some content The Clerk was asked to enquire with the developer about getting statistics from the site.   | Clerk |
| 4238 | Golf Course – bench in need of repair – although the Chairman had chased up Ark Plastics it still hadn’t been fixed. | Cllr Ward to contact again |
| 4239 | FP 1 bottom of Vicarage Lane through fields – update from Cllr Gaffney. The work had been completed. (2 bridges) Would the parish insurance cover liability or would LCC take responsibility? | Clerk to contact LCC |
|  4240 | Trees chopped down by resident – the resident has sent a cheque to the parish council and the contractor chosen is Fisher Forestry to fell the tree. The tree is scheduled to be felled towards the end of w/c 09 December 2020. | Clerk to report to next meeting |
| 4241  | Resignation of Cllr Martin Williams – the notices for the vacancy would be posted 10 December 2020 and RVBC would be notified of the vacancy. If no resident asked for an election within 14 qualifying days then the Parish Council could co-opt. If this was the case the Clerk was asked to put the vacancy on Social media in preparation for the next meeting. | Clerk to post on Social Media following advertising period |
| 4242  | Theft of defibrillator from outside of Right at HomeCllr Foote had spoken to the owner of Right at Home. Te box had been badly damaged and the defib had been stolen. At the present time there was no-one willing to invest in a replacement. It was felt that if this was the case it needed removing from the wall and the ambulance service informed. | Clerk to email J Foote. |
| 4243 | Newsletter Cllr Ward would do a shortened version. Cllr Bremner would check with businesses re updates. | Cllr Ward to write shortened newsletter. Cllr Bremner to contact businesses. |
| 4244 | Slow Ways in Wilpshire – letter from David GibsonCllr Cotton-Ambler thought it was an interesting concept, Cllr Ward, as a walker, couldn’t understand the purpose is. Cllr Gaffney felt that it should be put on the website with a link. Cllr Bremner said it had been initiated so that people instead of walking on lanes accessible routes between villages could be taken on foot. Cllr Ward suggested that Mr Gibson be invited to attend the next meeting. | Clerk to invite Mr Gibson to the next meeting. |
| 4245 | Email from Shirley Addy – PNFS Footpaths InspectorEmail with an attached a letter from the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society (PNFS) offering donations towards rights of way improvement project within our parish.  Shirley Addy is PNFS's voluntary footpath inspector for the Ribble Valley. – this was noted by the Council |  |
| 4246 | Next meeting - 20 January 2021The meeting closed at 19:32hrs |   |