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WILPSHIRE PARISH COUNCIL

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Proceedings at a meeting held on 17 March 2021, The meeting was held on Skype.

Present: Cllrs C Ward (Chairman), J Bremner (Vice Chairman), D Briffett, A Gaffney, J Foote, D Coleman, G , C Cotton-
Ambler, Borough Cllr S Hirst (left meeting at 19:43hrs) + R Donelan (joined the meeting at 19:44hrs)

Min No		Action
4272	<p>Chairman's welcome</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
4273	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>An apology for absence was received from Borough Cllr S Bibby</p>	
4274	<p>Public participation</p> <p>Borough Cllr Stuart Hirst updated the meeting about the current situation with the Wilpshire Hotel and also about Community Asset Registration agenda item 29</p> <p>The current situation was that the initial monies raised had been used to get QC advice and a claim into court. Basically 3 options were available with court action win/lose/or walk away.</p> <p>Community Asset – if a Community Group registered the Wilpshire Hotel as a Community Asset then should the building cease to be a public house and put on the market then the Community Group would have first refusal to buy.</p> <p>Cllr Shulman said that at the initial meeting it was stated that it would cost between £15 – £20,000 to fund the court case and £5,000 had been raised.</p> <p>Cllr Foote – as he understood it the Community Asset option would be appropriate say if a village shop was to close but in the Wilpshire Hotel's case it is to continue as a public house but is to be managed and so it would not fit the criteria.</p> <p>Cllr Hirst confirmed that Stonegate had confirmed this was the case. It would be appreciated if the Chairman drafted a note expressing PC support for the public house and that if the situation changes the PC would consider further in due course</p>	<p>Chairman to draft a note to Cllr Hirst</p>

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	<p>Cllr Hirst left the meeting at 19:43 hrs.</p>	
4275	<p>Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2021.</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a true record.</p> <p>Proposed Cllr Foote Seconded Cllr Shulman</p>	
4276	<p>Updates and items arising from previous minutes</p> <p>.</p> <p>Min 4219 Bus stop bench (Somerset Ave.) – the washers are iron and rusting, Cllr Schofield has reported this to the bus services/transportation officers - LCC. The washers have been replaced with steel screws – take off the agenda</p> <p>Min 4270 WPC response to Blackburn with Darwen Local Plan 2018-2037 Regulation 18 –</p> <p>Wiltshire Parish Council wishes to comment on the proposals contained in the Blackburn with Darwen Plan 2018 -2037 with specific reference to Site Ref: S195 - the area of land between Parsonage Road and Whalley Old Road identified as a site for residential development.</p> <p>Wiltshire Parish Council wishes to make the following points:</p> <p>i) much of this site includes landscape of high scenic value and, being at a high level, can be seen from miles around.</p> <p>ii) in previous local plans it was stated that one of the important quality of life aspects of living in Blackburn & Darwen was the ability of residents being able to see the green tops surrounding the towns. The development of such a prominent site as S195 would be detrimental to this important feature of the towns.</p> <p>iii) with reference to point ii any development should be reduced in size and confined to the lower slopes of the proposed site</p> <p>iv) should development take place the high landscape value of the site should be acknowledged and extensive tree planting and landscaping should be incorporated into the development to reduce its environmental impact</p> <p>Min 4251 (4218) missing sign on A666 – now replaced – take off agenda.</p>	
4277	<p>Issues at Durham Road Play Area inspected by the lengthsman 11/20 & 29/01/2021</p> <p>(i) Monitoring</p> <p>fencing - Consideration of fence on boundary Durham Road – Cllr Bremner felt that the fence to the culvert was the most important a stay had been put in diagonally and screwed to the PC post, there was also brambles growing there, previously the vegetation had made it inaccessible prior to it being removed..</p>	

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	<p>On a health and safety issue is the existing fence fit for purpose? Cllr Gaffney recalled that the resident maintained that the fence was collapsed and to some degree had put it back. Cllr Bremner commented that WPC was not responsible for the culvert this had been explored with RVBC previously. The leased land went up to it but it was not included. Cllr Briffett said it was important to identify the boundary once he had a copy of the lease plan he would ascertain whether the fence was the boundary of WPC leased land and liaise with Cllrs Ward and Bremner. There was also some tightening up of a screw required – Mr Bremner may be able to help. Play Area Wooden Trail Culvert Area</p> <p>Action Required</p> <p>(ii) Area behind goal posts need driving in to ground to prevent cows getting in – fence of landowner collapsed -this has now been resolved and the wooden stake has been secured.</p> <p>(iii) Anti Social behaviour</p> <p>There was evidence of activity at the Play Area lager cans had been found on the area and a bin bag full of rubbish had been left next to the litter bin. Cllr Cotton-Ambler suggested contacting the PCSO and asking for her to increase patrols in that area. Covid — under current guidance the play area can remain open</p>	
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4278	<p>Items for the website</p> <p>The newsletter The Clerk and Cllr Bremner were still working on the improvements to the website</p>	
4279	<p>Accounts approved for payment</p> <p>L Lund February 2021 salary £470.90 – tax £94.00 = £376.90 cheque no102120 HMRC tax £94.00 cheque no 102121 L Lund March 2021 salary £470.90 – tax £94.00 = £376.90 cheque no102122 HMRC tax £94.00 cheque no 102121 Paul Mollart – to fit kissing gate- public footpath golf course £200.00 cheque no 102123 LALC Annual subscription £572.58 2021/2022 cheque no 102124 C Walton invoice C0003706 January 2021 21.5 hours £246.17 cheque no 102125 L Lund reimbursement for primroses £20.00 cheque no 102126 Allianz plc £1145.16 Fragmentation Policy Durham Road Play Area cheque no 102127 RVBC £768.81 grass cutting at DRPA cheque no 102128</p>	

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4280	<p>Planning Applications since the last meeting</p> <p>Planning Application No: 3/2021/0059</p> <p>Proposed single storey side extension at 40 Ribchester Road Wilpshire</p> <p>WPC- Wilpshire Parish Council has no comments to make.</p> <p>Planning Application No: 3/2021/0151 The application is for proposed single storey extension to rear; removal of the existing roof on the single storey extension and replacement with a flat roof.at 78 Durham Road, Wilpshire</p> <p>WPC – no comment</p> <p>3/2021/0213 The application is for regularisation and alteration of unauthorised paved patio area on multiple levels to the front of the house at 18 Bryers Croft Wilpshire</p> <p>WPC - Wilpshire Parish Council objects to these proposals on the following grounds:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An elevated patio to the front of the property is out of character in the area and will have an adverse affect on the street scene. 2. The proposed development will have an adverse affect on residential amenity in the following ways:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the introduction of a patio door (the approved plan 3/2019/0707 showed retention of an ordinary window) adjacent to an upper storey window of the neighbouring house will create privacy issues and noise nuisance. ii) an elevated patio to the front (west facing) will create noise nuisance to all properties on Bryers Croft and create privacy issues for the adjoining house especially given the unusual design of this pair of properties. <p>In addition the Council draws attention to the fact that water runoff on to pavements is a problem in this area and requests that the drainage be addressed should permission be granted for a patio area.</p> <p>3/2021/0165 28 Mayfair Crescent Wilpshire Dormer to the front</p> <p>WPC – Wilpshire Parish Council has no comment</p>	
4281	<p>Drainage Review – following heavy rainfall in February</p> <p>Drains update:-</p> <p>86/88 Whalley Rd – no update</p> <p>Bus Stop Sunnyside Ave – Cllr Bremner reported that the culvert was not taking the water in times of heavy rainfall . The property had changed hands and maybe a note should be sent to the resident – Cllr Bremner would check the number of the property.</p> <p>Flooding at Railway Bridge, Ribchester Road – no update</p>	
4282	<p>Repair to Bench York Rd/Parsonage Rd – update the builder will do this when the weather permits</p>	
4283	<p>New website update – some work has been done to it but it was still ongoing.</p>	

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4284	<p>Review of risk assessment The Council reviewed and agreed attached risk assessment with the following additions: Regularised checks on PC benches Website – to be added re cyber security risks</p>																						
4285	<p>Review of asset register The Council reviewed and agreed the asset register</p>																						
4286	<p>Review of insurance provision The Council reviewed and agreed the present insurance provision</p>																						
4287	<p>Budget 2021/2022 Council to approve a budget for 2021/2022 – Cllr Bremner commented on the amount in the draft budget for donations.</p>	Next Agenda																					
4288	<p>Newsletter The reduced newsletter would be amended following this meeting and then would go on the website and also Wilpshire/Salesbury Sentinel.</p>																						
4289	<p>Approved donations:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="313 909 1065 1213"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2020/2021</th> <th>Cheque no</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Air Ambulance</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>102129</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizens Advice</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>102130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Little Green Bus</td> <td>150.00</td> <td>102131</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bowland Mountain Rescue</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>102132</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Samaritans</td> <td>80.00</td> <td>102133</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Homewise</td> <td>100.00</td> <td>102134</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cllr Ward explained that donations were considered once a year and made to organisations who do work in the local area. Cllr Briffett suggested that 5% of the Precept be allotted to donations.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Ward Seconded: Cllr Gaffney</p>		2020/2021	Cheque no	Air Ambulance	100.00	102129	Citizens Advice	100.00	102130	Little Green Bus	150.00	102131	Bowland Mountain Rescue	100.00	102132	Samaritans	80.00	102133	Homewise	100.00	102134	
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4290	<p>Meetings attended by Councillors PCLC – Cllr Bremner had previously circulated a report which included: Haweswater Acqueduct – the tunnels that take water to Manchester were being replaced this would take 6 years. There would be a temporary road to bypass Waddington. Dog Bins – Grindleton PC had been refused one.</p>																						

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	<p>Cllr Gaffey mentioned that dog bags can be put in ordinary waste bins too. Cllr Bremner mentioned that Wipshire Methodist Church had approached her in this respect – she would advise them to contact Environmental Health, RVBC Cllr Ward asked the Clerk to enquire with RVBC if there was an allocation of litter bins for Wipshire</p>	
4291	<p>Parking on Pavements – to update Council on any further developments</p> <p>Parking on Pavements would not be allowed by law shortly – and an exemption would have to be applied for if this was required for any reason.</p>	
4292	<p>Carr Hall – to update Council on any further developments Cllr Ward said that there was nothing to report</p>	
4293	<p>Footpath Matters Kissing Gate – min 4182 damage stile golf course – a good job had been done</p> <p>Wipshire Glen Stepping Stones – the large stepping stones needed replacement Footpath review -</p>	<p>Letter of thanks to Paul Mollart Clerk to email LCC</p>
4294	<p>Lengthsman – Council to discuss duties, procedure and contract renewal</p> <p>Procedure – contact through the Clerk unless empowered by Council – Cllr Gaffney said that the lengthsman sometimes contacted him was this ok? Yes as long as the Clerk is informed. Contract due for renewal May 2021 – to the next meeting Timesheet – for approval at the next meeting</p>	<p>Next Agenda Next Agenda</p>
4295	<p>Clitheroe to Hellifield line - outline business case Consultation between meetings WPC have responded as follows:</p> <p>Wipshire Parish Council supports the re-opening of the rail link between Clitheroe and Hellifield as it will provide new travel options and possibilities for both local residents and those living further afield as well as economic benefits to the communities it serves.</p> <p>For the service to be successful we believe it must include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) improved waiting facilities at Hellifield – indoor waiting facilities are currently unavailable except for a café ii) connections at Hellifield must be co-ordinated to maximise onward travel options iii) extensive and targeted marketing iv) competitive fares which at least match those available by alternative routes e.g. Ramsgreave & Wipshire to Carlisle via Preston and to Leeds via Blackburn <p>A service to Skipton would be attractive in terms of destination and travel times vis a vis the existing bus service. A through service to Preston would also be beneficial to our residents as it would reduce journey times by avoiding a change at Blackburn.</p> <p>We believe that re-opening the Clitheroe to Hellifield railway to a regular passenger service has the potential to be successful and therefore support the campaign to reinstate it.</p>	

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4296	<p>Proposed meeting schedule 2021/2022 21/04/2021 – should be annual meeting of electors 26/05/2021 – APM – it was suggested to postpone this to July – Clerk would check if this was lawful 07/07/2021 18/08/2021 29/09/2021 03/11/2021 15/12/2021 26/01/2022 9/03/2022 13/04/2022 – annual meeting of electors 18/05/2022 – APM Prior to the meetings being agreed the Clerk was asked to check with Wilpshire Methodist Church as a larger room ie Wesley Lounge would be required due to Covid requirements.</p>	Check dates with the Church and next Agenda
4297	<p>Wilpshire Triangle Approval to purchase compost (non peat) and plants The councillors remarked that the triangle looked good with the primroses in.</p>	
4298	<p>Training New Cllr and Clerks course – Cllr Cotton-Ambler interested and is on the waiting list – LALC currently arranging more dates Noted</p>	
4299	<p>Wilpshire Hotel –</p> <p>(i) the parish council recently wrote to Stonegate Group in regards to the Wilpshire Hotel regarding the continuation of the pub. A reply was received from the group:</p> <p>..... The Wilpshire Hotel is an excellent example of a local pub and we have chosen to bring the pub 'in house' and operate it as part of our managed portfolio. It is our intention to invest in the property and continue to provide a welcoming pub to serve the community going forward. We recognise that the pub is already integral to the lives of the customers it serves, and it is our intention to ensure that this remains the case.....</p> <p>(ii) Community Asset Registration – already discussed in public participation.</p>	
4300	<p>New outreach post office service from 21 March 2021. Details are currently being clarified with the Post Office and will be put on our website. – currently with Salesbury Memorial Hall</p>	
4301	<p>Virtual/Hybrid/face to face Parish Council meetings – Cllr Bremner wanted to start to get a list of considerations together. NALC had said that it would be face to face meetings from 7 May. Cllr Foote added that if councillors felt unsafe then facilities by Skype to join should be made.</p>	
4302	<p>Next meetings in 2020/2021 schedule – 21 April 2021 and 26 May 2021</p>	

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