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Proceedings at a meeting held on 22 June 2022.

Present: Cllrs C Ward [Chairman] D Briffett A -M Keegan J Foote M Edwards I Roberts Clerk – Lesley Lund

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| 4579 | Chairman’s welcome  The meeting started at 19:50hrs and the Chairman welcomed Ian Roberts who had been interviewed prior to the meeting and other cllrs to the meeting. |  |
| 4580 | Apologies for absence  Cllr Gaffney Cllr Burrows |  |
| 4581 | Public participation  None |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 4582 | Ian Roberts was co-opted onto the Council. |  |
| 4583 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 11 May 2022  Add in the minutes Cllr Gaffney couldn’t attend due to change of meeting date.  The minutes were agreed as a true record  Proposed by Cllr Edwards and seconded by Cllr Foote |  |
| 4584 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Durham Road Play Area – engineer’s report sent to Yates Playgrounds – are due to attend the play area this week.  The tree survey has been received trees T11 – willow, T18 Ash, T21 Ash, T24 Ash, T25 Ash – all to be removed action within 6 months  T4 Ash, T5 Ash, T6 Ash, T8 Ash, T19 Ash all bordering the Play Area – land owner to be notified action within 3 months to carry out a more formal assessment – potential for trees to be removed.  Delegated to Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for the felling of the tress T11, T18, T21,T24,T25 and bring back to the August meeting. Trees bordering the Play Area – Clerk to notify land owner.  Bench [Jubilee monies] – further to previous discussions the Chairman had sought prices which were £345 with a back and £185.75 with no back plus £135 fixing costs said that there was already a bench on the Play Area so was no need to put another on there. This was agreed by councillors and Jubilee monies to be put on the next Agenda | Trees – next agenda  Jubilee monies – next agenda |
| 4585 | To receive the internal auditors report  This was received by the Council |  |
| 4586 | To approve the Annual Governance Statement for year 2021/2022  The Clerk explained the Governance Statement and it was passed around the councillors.  A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved by the Council |  |
| 4587 | To approve the Accounting Statements for 2021/2022  The Clerk passed the Accounting Statements around the councillors and explained them.  A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved by the Council |  |

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| 4588 | To approve the Exemption Certificate being sent to the External Auditor  PJK Littlejohn LLP  The Clerk explained that as the expenditure and receipts were less than £25000 each an Exemption Certificate could be forwarded to the External Auditor  A vote was taken and it was unanimously approved by the Council to forward the Exemption Certificate to the External Auditor. |  |
| 4589 | Items for the website  The Chairman explained that any items for the website should be emailed to him and he would send to the Clerk  When approved the annual governance statement annual accounting statements and exemption certificate will be put on the website together with the Public Rights notice |  |
| 4590 | Accounts approved for payment  L Lund June 2022 salary £470.90 – tax £94.00 = £376.90 cheque no102217  HMRC tax £94.00 cheque no 102218  L Lund 2 x extra hours for public meeting re Persimmon Homes application – tax -HMRC tax owed by L Lund = £36.22 – tax 7.24 = £28.98 – owed tax from Nov 2022 £9.04 = £19.94 cheque no 102219  C Walton C0003873 March visits £229.00 cheque no 102220  C Walton C0003888 £286.25 April 2022 visits cheque no 102221  L Lund reimbursement for jubilee bunting £24.75 and plants for triangle red white and blue £145.35 = £170.10 cheque no 102222  GM Tree consultants £426.37 tree survey cheque 102223  L Pickering - internal audit – cheque 102224  C Ward – reimbursement for plants for station cheque 102226  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------  Thank you letters received from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Little Green Bus and Wilpshire Methodist Church for donations.  All payments were received |  |
| 4591 | Planning Applications since the last meeting Planning Application: 3/2022/0414 Proposed electronic quad motorsport facility with support building and car park at Carr Hall, Whalley Road, WilpshireWPC - Wilpshire Parish Council objects to the application for the following reasons:  1-This application will adversely affect the openness and permanence of the Green Belt:  The proposed development is on a steeply sloping site on a prominent escarpment readily visible from the A666.  The applicants own topographical map shows the differences between the lowest and highest points on the site is over 100ft.  The proposed ‘Support Building’ is 7.4 metres high and will be readily visible from the A666 and will be dominant to users of the Public footpath through the site.  2-Light pollution:  The proposed development will have a need for security and safe access and will significantly extend the area of and increase light pollution. This will be visible from a wide area.  3-Environmental Issues  The potential development is in the Green belt and would adversely affect a wild life corridor and bat colonies.  Noise, light and off road traffic would have a detrimental effect upon the landscape and wildlife.  The site affected is 2.9 Hectares or over 7 acres.  The woodland is known to have bat colonies (see Bat and Bird survey in application 3/2012/0539 at Carr Hall).  It is of concern that the applicant has commenced works, including extensive landscaping works which involved cutting down woodland trees in the Greenbelt without consents.  The remaining woodland is now subject to Tree Preservation orders-it is possible the the Go carting activity could cause damage to trees and compact soil around and damage tree roots.  An application for an Agricultural building at Carr Hall 3/2009/0210 was refused since it would represent an unnecessary structure to the detriment to the openness of the countryside and Greenbelt. To provide a safe environment for participants and spectators, as well as walkers, significant construction - in the form of barriers and safety fencing - would have to constructed around the circuit, which will add to the detrimental impact on the Green Belt caused by this proposed development.  This application should be refused for the same reasons.  4-Residential Amenity:  Noise from attending people and the electric vehicles, together with light pollution will have a detrimental effect on local residents opposite and around Carr Hall.  Most, if not all, other small scale motorsport venues are either considerably more remote than this site or are in industrial locations, not on Green Belt land, with homes less than two hundred metres away.  5-Employment:  The increase in employment opportunities is limited and would not outweigh the damage to the Greenbelt.  There are 14.33 Hectares of undeveloped employment land in the Ribble Valley.  There is no need for the separation of Wilpshire and Langho, provided by the Green belt, to be compromised.  6 - “Motorsport is Dangerous”: - these are the triangular warning signs that you see at every circuit, from the smallest to the largest, yet the applicant proposes “using school leavers who do not need qualifications” in safety critical roles.  Wilpshire Parish Council is well placed to comment on this, with one councillor who organises an annual car club track day, who has also been involved with safety testing, including Electric Vehicles (EVs), with Thatcham Research and What Car magazine.  With regards to safety concerns, he said “having had a similar number of motor vehicles, with drivers of differing capability, running around a purpose-built circuit, the marshals supervising the participants are essential to the safety of everyone involved. These marshals have extensive motorsport experience, prior to training to become qualified marshals. Would you feel happy having this safety critical work carried out by teenagers being paid less than £5 per hour?” This training is readily available from organisations such as Motorsports UK, yet the applicant seems unconcerned with providing a safe, professionally manged environment for their paying participants.  Whilst taking about safety of this activity, the driving characteristics of EVs versus their internal combustion counterparts is also a serious concern. The “off the lights” performance of most EVs is, no pun intended, electrifying and even an experienced rider or driver can be caught off guard by this rate of acceleration. Will inexperienced supervisors be able to communicate this potential danger?  7 - We then need to look at the provision, or rather lack of it, for clients with mobility issues. The motorsport community is heavily engaged with veteran’s and disability charities. Participation helps with inclusivity, recovery and rehabilitation, yet this proposal fails to grasp this opportunity and leaves this part of the community excluded. It offers no step-free access to either the training or changing rooms – which are situated on the first floor, so how are people with reduced physical abilities going to be included? Continuing with the concerns over access for all, there is also only provision for one accessible parking space, which seems to be far too little for such a venture.  8 - Considering that this is an “Electric Motorsport” venue, promoting the benefits of electric traction and as central government encourages greater use of green transport, the provision of only two charging points for visiting vehicles seems to be far from practical.  3/2022/0543 Coppersend 21 Whalley Road Wilpshire Proposed construction of 2 Storey rear extension – Resubmission of 3/2021/0749  WPC- No objections  3/2022/0510 External framed pergola at Wilpshire Hotel, Whalley Road, Wilpshire  WPC – no objection – could the pergola be painted black to match the existing paint on the Wilpshire Hotel.  3/2022/0524 – Certificate of lawful use – proposed change of use from Class C[a] to class C[b] for residential care for up to 3 young people and staff at Earnsdale 156 Whalley Road Wilpshire  WPC – the Parish Council are concerned that whilst this is a detached property is is not physically separated from its neighbours.    The Parish Council has serious concerns that the change of use would lead to loss of amenity to neighbouring properties because of its close proximity to neighbours.  It also has concerns about the location of the property being near the A666, this stretch of road is already a community speed concern area. There appears to be no Risk Assessment whatsoever within the application and there is none covering road safety. |  |
| 4592 | Wilpshire Hotel traffic lights and road safety for discussion in general and in respect of right turns and approach in respect of provision of right turn filters at the traffic lights. Update and way forward.  Cllr Edwards had received a response from LCC and they said they would come and assess the concerns re the traffic lights. The hood had now been replaced and it looked like the lights had been slightly turned which mean it was less unclear at the junction .  In respect of the adjustment of the sequence of the lights – LCC did not feel that this was enough of an issue to warrant change. |  |
| 4593 | RVBC Local Plan – Regulation 18 – Strategic Matters Consultation  The Parish Council noted the consultation . |  |
| 4594 | Knowsley Road  Cllr Edwards had now received the 20mph wheelie bin stickers and also a ‘SLOW DOWN’ banner. A discussion ensued about the possibility of a framework in order to hang the sign and locations discussed. | Cllr Edwards – next meeting suggestions |
| 4594 | 6G Leaflet  Cllr Foote passed around a leaflet which he had received entitled 6G – he felt that this had been misleading as the area didn’t even benefit from 5G and had contacted both Trading Standings and Advertising standards who were investigating the issue jointly. |  |
| 4595 | Fibre Optic Cable for Wilpshire  Open Reach were reviewing the area but it seemed that it maybe some time before it was rolled out in Wilpshire. |  |
|  | INFORMATION TO NOTE |  |
| 4596 | Meetings attended by Councillors  None |  |
| 4597 | Footpath Matters  Areas to strim – lengthsman  Footpath side of hairdressers to Woodcrest  Top Wilpshire Glen – also stepping stones slippery need attention – Clerk to notify Blackburn with Darwen  A666 the Knolle to Beaver Close  Beaver Close to Hollowhead Avenue  A666 to Golf Course  Knowsley Road to the Railway tunnel  Areas to strim – Paul Mollart  Snodworth path in September  Path back of Durham Road – Cllr Briffett doing a land registry search | Cllr Ward/Cllr Gaffney |
| 4598 | Next meeting – 10 August 2022 |  |