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8 November 2023

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the ordinary meeting of Wilpshire Parish Council which will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Wesley Lounge, Wilpshire Methodist Church, Ribchester Road, Wilpshire.

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Clerk to the Council

The agenda is set out below.

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| 1 | Chairman’s welcome |  |
| 2 | Apologies for absence    Cllr Roberts Cllr Munro |  |
| 3 | Declarations of Interest  Clerk item 22 |  |
| 4 | Public participation |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 5 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 6 September 2023 |  |
| 6 | Footpaths  a] 2 additional gates Parsonage and Ashes Farm – cattle field update  b] Stepping Stones – steps  c] installation of gates – update fitting probably November  d] FP’s  & Hazels footpath scrape & stoning up potential quote. Cllr Gaffney | A Gaffney  C Ward  A Gaffney  A Gaffney |
| 7 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Min 4827 Skipton Building Society – Cllr Briffett visited the Blackburn Branch who receipted the cheque but the book was not received when the new signatory was added. Book now received signatories need to sign it.  Min 4783/4771 Bins - update -nothing at the time of the preparation of the agenda |  |
| 8 | Items for the website |  |
| 9 | ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL  L Lund November 2023 salary £496.90 - £99.50 tax = £397.40 cheque no 102313  L Lund reimbursement for Sparrow nesting box £43.95 cheque 102314  L Lund reimbursement for wreath £30.00 102314  HMRC tax £99.50 [October] cheque no 102315b  Chris Walton – inv C0004141 August Visits £114.50 cheque no 102316  Chris Walton – inv C0004154 September Visits £177.45 cheque no 102317  Salesbury Memorial Hall – donation for SAFE campaign £500.00 cheque no 102318 MIN 4770 phase one -- purchase of land complete.  Balances  Bank - £10377.98– subject to unpresented cheques[as at 25/09/2023] balance doesn’t include the concurrent function grant.  Marsden BS – 30298.44 |  |
| 10 | Planning Applications since the last meeting  3/2023/0664  construction of 2 dugout shelter buildings to replace the existing temporary shelters at Langho Sports and Social Club  Dewhurst Road Langho  Wilpshire Parish Council object to this application.   The Council believe WPC were involved in the establishment of the recreation ground when Langho Colony was sold off and RVBC are now the owners and the football club rent out the ground but the land remains available for use for recreation by the whole community.  WPC object to the proposal for construction of 2 dugout shelter buildings to replace the existing temporary shelters at Langho Sports and Social Club on the grounds that this proposal to build permanent structures is not in keeping with the original covenants and that only structures which can be removed easily should be installed in case the football club be disbanded at a future date. |  |
| 11 | Min 4830/4769 White hatched areas – Whalley Road – BWD have committed to sort it out – any update | Cllr Roberts- next agenda |
| 12 | Durham Road Play Area - further quotation for replacement of safety surfacing requested. |  |
| 13 | Bio diversity grant - 3 nest sparrow box bought from RSPB. Cllr Briffett to report on meeting with CANW | Cllr Briffett |
| 14 | PRECEPT –.  Figures based on 25/10/2023   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Current Balances Bank and BS | 40647.07 | | Amount spent to 25/10/2023 | 11618.00 | | Approx spend to 31/03/2024 |  | | Clerk Nov 23 Dec 23 Jan 24 Feb 24 March 24 | 2484.50 | | Payrise if agreed | 309.00 | | Lengthsman Oct – March | 3096.00 | | Play Area Inspection | 200.00 | | Xmas tree scheme | 500.00 | | Donations and Room Hire | 1400.00 | | Total | 19607.50 | | **So 40647.07 – 19607.50 = 21039.57 estimated C/Fwd balance subject to any other outgoings prior to 31/03/2024**  **Band D Properties in Wilpshire 1086 so for every £1000 of precept it is 98 pence per Council Tax Band D for Wilpshire Parish Council -** Decision and Vote required | | |  |
| 15 | REMEMBRANCE DAY:Cllr Gaffney represented WPC at the service and laid the wreath at the Wilpshire Methodist Church |  |
| 16 | Christmas Trees – letter sent to all businesses in Wilpshire. Wilpshire Hotel, Beeches Butchers, Guys and Dolls and Deephaus have confirmed they wish to have one at the time of agenda preparation. |  |
| 17 | Training – the planning training due to take place on 19 September was rearranged and short notice given Cllr Roberts was on holiday so couldn’t attend. |  |
| 18 | Meetings attended by councillors |  |
| 19 | Right at Home-Defib installed, re electricity running costs for this community asset | Cllr Gaffney |
| 20 | Green open spaces in Wilpshire-planting of Daffodils (by consent of RVBC) | Cllr Gaffney |
| 21 | Follow up - Collapsed fencing giving access to tracks - Rear of Bryers Croft, Blackburn, BB1 9JE [Incident: 221116-000172] [Incident: 231011-000560] Cllr Gaffney met with a Network rail Inspector recently following up from a meeting 12 months ago to show the collapsed fencing over and around the land over railway tunnel, down from Briars Croft and how much of a trip hazard it is and the inspector said he would recommend removal or new posts in- Network Rail are now refusing to do any works as it poses no operational risks.  Discussion and vote on the way forward. | Cllr Gaffney |
| 22 | Pay Award – NJC have accepted the pay offer of £1925 per annum on all pay points pro rata for part time workers.The pay increase is from 1 April 2023 This equates to 99 pence per hour. Decision and vote to grant the Clerk the pay rise.The clerk works 6 hours a week. Back Pay would be 9 months. One month x 26 hours x 99 pence = £25.74 so the back pay would be £25.92. the new monthly salary rate would be £522.64 [£496.90 + £25.74] |  |
| 23 | Approval required for Meeting Schedule to 31 March 2024Wednesday 24 January 2024 Wednesday 6 March 2024 |  |
| 24 | Next Meeting – 13 December 2023 |  |