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Proceedings at a meeting held 15 November 2023.

Present: Cllrs A Gaffney [Chair], J Foote, A-M Keegan, G Munro, D Briffett. County Cllr A Schofield

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| 4855 | Chair’s welcome |  |
| 4856 | Apologies for absence    Cllr Roberts Cllr Munro Cllr Douglas Cllr Ward |  |
| 4857 | Declarations of Interest  Clerk item 22 |  |
| 4858 | Public participation  None |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 4859 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 6 September 2023  The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2023 were approved as a true record:  Proposed Cllr Foote and seconded Cllr Keegan |  |
| 4860 | Footpaths  a] 2 additional gates Parsonage and Ashes Farm – cattle field update given by Cllr Gaffney – Parsonage Farm booked for 23 November £175 to fit as previously agreed by Council.Cllr Gaffney had also spoken with LCC re the Gate Vicarage Lane and they will persue this with the farmer  b] Stepping Stones – steps  c] FP’s  & Hazels footpath scrape & stoning up potential quote. Cllr Gaffney to ask Paul Mollart to quote for scrape and 20mm limestone chippings on the path and also The Hazels Fpath 9 up to the Golf course from Whalley Road which will take around a tonne.  D] Unauthorised path bottom of Vicarage Lane -concern raised as there have been accidents on the path – Cllr Briffett to investigate ownership with the land registry. | C Ward-next meeting  A Gaffney  Next Meeting  Next meeting |
| 4861 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Min 4832 - 2nd Slow sign banner has been put near the traffic lights on Ribchester Road  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 4850 Cllr Gaffney put the Tommy out for Armistice Day and removed it afterwards.  Min 4783/4771 Bins - update -nothing at the time of the preparation of the agenda |  |
| 4862 | Items for the website Crime figures and information from the Fire Rescue Service | Clerk |
| 4863 | ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  Cheques 102313 and 102314 - cancelled  L Lund November 2023 salary £496.90 - £99.40 tax = £397.50 cheque no 102320  L Lund reimbursement for Sparrow nesting box £43.95 cheque 102321  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 pledged for SAFE campaign £500.00 cheque no 102318 MIN 4770 phase one -- purchase of land complete so the cheque can be released.  The Palm Tree Company £100.00 5 x £20.00 for Xmas trees  Proposed Cllr Foote and Seconded Cllr A-M Keegan  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 – interest October 2023 is £368.89 |  |
| 4864 | 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. |  |
| 4865 | Min 4830/4769 White hatched areas – Whalley Road – BWD have committed to sort it out – Cllr Schofield would contact BWD and report back to WPC | Cllr Roberts- next agenda |
| 4866 | Durham Road Play Area - further quotation for replacement of safety surfacing requested.  **Option 1** Remove all the old timber edgings and overlay all the existing rubber mats with a new black wet pour top layer, £5495.00.  **Option 2** Remove all the old timber edgings and rubber mats and lay completely new black wet pour surfacing, £7995.00  Comments/Questions  If the spend was that much then it was worth exploring the LEF grants. – Cllr Keegan /Cllr Munro would look at it  What is the warrenty on the works?  In the meantime the surfaces should be maintained Cllr Gaffney would buy some salt and sprinkle on the surface to prevent it being slippy. |  |
| 4867 | Bio diversity grant - 3 nest sparrow box bought from RSPB. Cllr Briffett will meet with CANW about putting the box at the back of the building. Other locations were considered such as the Golf Club if they were in agreement. | Next agenda for progress |
| 4868 | 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**  **Currently inflation was running at 6.7%**  **Parish Council –** It was unanimously agreed to increase the Precept by 7% and round the figure up to £22,500 for 2024/25. | | |  |
| 4869 | REMEMBRANCE DAY:Cllr Gaffney represented WPC at the service and laid the wreath at the Wilpshire Methodist Church. Cllr Gaffney had asked that members think of attending next year. |  |
| 4870 | 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. Cllr Gaffney to confirm with Right at Home. The Palm Tree Company would supply and deliver the trees and Mr Tomlinson would put them up and take them down. Lights to be provided by the businesses with a £10 grant available if required. |  |
| 4871 | Training – the planning training was due to take place on 19 September was rearranged and short notice given Cllr Roberts was on holiday so couldn’t attend.  Cllrs Munro and Keegan had attended the Code of Conduct training at RVBC which was felt to be very worthwhile. |  |
| 4872 | Meetings attended by councillors – no one had been able to attend the recent PCL meeting |  |
| 4873 | Right at Home-Defib installed, re electricity running costs for this community asset Cllr Gaffney drew the councils attention to the on going running costs and asked if the Council would be willing to give an annual donation towards the cost of £40.00.  It was proposed that £40.00 be given to Right at Home per annum towards the electricity costs of the defibrillator. – Cllr Gaffney  Seconded – Cllr Munro  Vote in favour {4} Cllrs Gaffney Briffett Keegan Munro  Abstain [1] |  |
| 4874 | Green open spaces in Wilpshire-planting of Daffodils (by consent of RVBC) Cllr Gaffney asked for approval to spend £20 on daffodil bulbs to be planted in the green open spaces [subject to approval from RVBC]  It was unanimously approved to spend £20 per annum on daffodil bulbs to put into green spaces subject to RVBC approval . | Update next meeting |
| 4875 | 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.  Decision – Cllr Gaffney to write to the Chief Executive of Network Rail as it is felt that there are health and safety issues if it is left as it is – tripping hazardand report back to the next meeting. | Cllr Gaffney to write to Chief Exec Network Rail |
| 4876 | 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 £231.66. the new monthly salary rate would be £522.64 [£496.90 + £25.74]It was proposed to pay the increase to the Clerk – Cllr BriffettAnd seconded by Cllr Munro.The pay award was unanimously agreed. |  |
| 4877 | Approval required for Meeting Schedule to 31 March 2024Wednesday 24 January 2024 Wednesday 6 March 2024Proposed dates agreed. |  |
| 4878 | Next Meeting – 13 December 2023 |  |