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Proceedings at a meeting held on 13 December 2023

Present: Cllrs C Ward [Chair] A Gaffney [Vice Chair] J Foote D Briffett A-M Keegan G Munro

H Douglas Clerk – Lesley Lund One member of the parish

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| 4879 | Chair’s welcome  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. |  |
| 4880 | Apologies for absence  No apologies for absence were recorded. |  |
| 4881 | Declarations of Interest  None were recorded |  |
| 4882 | Public participation -meeting closed at 19:35hrs  Speeding Ribchester Road  Concerns were expressed re the speeding on Ribchester Road which had progressively got worse particularly during school times 8:30 – 9:30 hrs.  The resident would like the police to recognise that there is a problem and it was felt that the PC may have more influence.  Suggestions put by councillors included the provision of SPIDs and also cables across the road [via LCC] to monitor speeds as LCC have direct contact with the Police.  It was acknowledged that the road passed through Wilpshire, Clayton le Dale and Salesbury. |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 4883 | Item 18 was moved up the agenda:  Ribchester Road – resident expressed concern re speeding on this road particularly between 8.30 and 9.30 am . The situation has got worse of late warrants a more visible police presence and/ or traffic calming measures.  Following the discussion in the Public Participation section :  Decision:  Cllr Foote to contact PCSO Pemberton re a speed van/and or a hand held speed device and also:  Cllr Roberts to contact Cllr Schofield in related to up to date information regarding SPIDS | Next Agenda  Next Agenda |
| 4884 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 13 November 2023  Min 4876 the back pay should read £25.74 x 9 months  Minutes approved as a true record Cllr Foote and seconded by C1lr Keegan |  |
| 4885 | Footpaths  a] 2 additional gates Parsonage and Ashes Farm – cattle field update was given by Cllr Gaffney – only one more gate to be fitted  b] Stepping Stones – steps- still not done  c] FP’s  & Hazels footpath scrape & stoning up potential quote. Cllr Gaffney explained that the paths would take 2 tonnes – The Hazels and 5 Tonnes – path from Whalley Road up to the golf course | Next Agenda  Next Agenda  Next Agenda |
| 4886 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Min 4783/4771 Bins - update -nothing at the time of the preparation of the agenda |  |
| 4887 | Items for the website  Photos of the new gates and write up | Cllr Gaffney |
| 4888 | Accounts Approved for Payment  L Lund December salary £522.64 plus back pay £231.66 – tax £150.80 = £603.50 cheque no. 102322  HMRC £150.80 CHEQUE NO. 102323  C Walton C0004180 £395.00 - October visits cheque no.102324  Paul Mollart – fitting of 2 gates - £350.00 cheque no.102325  A Gaffney – reimbursement for daffodil bulbs - £19.95, Wash powder for DRPP mats - £11.85 = £31.80 cheque no.102326  Robert Tomlinson erecting and taking down of Xmas Trees  C Ward - £14.42 – bulbs for Wilpshire and Ramsgreave Station  Balances  Bank - £11384.03– subject to unpresented cheques[as at 24/11/2023] - £800 PROW grant and BioDiversity grant received from LCC and included in end balance.  Marsden BS – 30298.44 |  |
| 4889 | Planning Applications since the last meeting  3/2023/0927 – Regularisation to boundary fence at 2 Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire  WPC – No objection to current application but wouldn’t want the fence to go further along that stretch |  |
| 4890 | Min 4830/4769 White hatched areas – Whalley Road – Cllr Roberts reported that this had now been done | Take off agenda |
| 4891 | LEF Grant – Cllrs Keegan and Munro exploring this in respect of Durham Road Play Area - further quotation for replacement of safety surfacing requested. | Next Agenda |
| 4892 | Bio diversity grant - 3 nest sparrow box bought from RSPB. Cllr Briffett to report on meeting with CANW – meeting rearranged | Next Agenda |
| 4893 | PNFS – membership and grant  Potential grant application for the stoning work at The Hazels etc and perhaps more gates for Wilpshire and local Jubilee Trail if the PNFS will pay for them. Also green signs Sondworth and Ashes Farm  It is £22.50 to join  A vote was taken in respect of joining PNFS which was unanimously approved. | Cheque next agenda |
| 4894 | Meetings attended by councillors  None |  |
| 4895 | Network Rail – collapsed fencing behind Briars Croft and refusal to give WPC the CE contact details. Cllr Gaffney reported that more of the fencing had come down now. | Next Agenda |
| 4896 | Budget 2024/25 – Decision  To approve the Budget for 2024/2025  Precept received £21000   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | £ | | Insurance | 800.00 | | Play Area Inspections and repairs | 2500.00 | | Lengthsman | 5700.00 | | Clerk | 6280.00 | | Donations | 1500.00 | | Room Donation | 400.00 | | Footpaths | 2000.00 | | Christmas scheme | 300.00 | | Miscellaneous | 1520.00 | | TOTAL | 21000.00 |   Cllrs unanimously approved the budget subject to any reviews as necessary throughout the year |  |
| 4897 | Blackburn with Darwen council -Consultation on Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing SPD – email forwarded to councillors prior to the meetingCouncil noted the consultation but did not wish to comment |  |
| 4898 | Any other business  As discussed at a previous meeting request for plans from the land registry land below Tippings Farm/Wilpshire Lane Farm the cost would be £12 per plan. |  |
| 4899 | Next Meeting – **24 January 2024** and 6 March 2024 |  |