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Proceedings at a meeting held on 16 April 2025.

Present: Cllrs C Ward [Chair] A Gaffney [vice Chair] I Roberts H Douglas G Munro D Briffett [8.00pm] and the Clerk

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| Min No |  | Action |
| 5179 | Chairman’s welcome  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was noted that no residents had attended the Annual Meeting of Electors which had been due to be held at 7.30 pm prior to this meeting. |  |
| 5180 | Apologies for absence  Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A-M Keegan and J Foote |  |
| 5181 | Declarations of Interest  None |  |
| 5182 | Public Participation  None |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 5183 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 5 March 2025  The minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025 were approved as a true record  Proposed: Cllr Roberts Seconded: Cllr Gaffney |  |

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| 5184 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Refurbish of sign post Whalley Road – Cllr Gaffney remined Council that the collar is also broken and would need a re casting  Bramble sat the top of Hollowhead Close – the Chair had inspected and although they had been cut back more was needed to stop the encroachment onto the pathway  Land East of Salesbury View – following discussion it was decided that more investigation in respect of the ownership of the land was required  Lengthsman – the shelters and signs had been cleaned – with thanks to the Lengthsman | Clerk |
| 5185 | Items for the website  More photos and write up re new play equipment and refurbished safety surfacing |  |
| 5186 | Accounts approved for payment  Cheque 102429 - cancelled  Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Inv DU837475 £26631.60 - play equipment play area  Cheque 102434 - cancelled  Chris Walton – February visits Invoice no 4405 £518.75 cheque no102435  L Lund April 2025 Salary £539.68 - tax £107.80 = £431.88 cheque no 102436  HMRC £126.20 tax 107.80 employer NI £18.40 Cheque no 102437  Cheque no 102438 - cancelled  Beckett Rawcliffe invoice 13288 £156.00 payroll services cheque no 102439  A Gaffney reimbursement Cable ties £7.49 Cheque no 102440  A Gaffney reimbursement VE/DD Day signs £23.95 Cheque No 102440  Altham Parish Council £195.00 SPID BRACKETS chq no 102441  RVBC sdebt00002422 £471.50 rent Tippings Meadow  TV Shaw Ltd INV 3680 Land Registry Fee £20.00 land at Salesbury View cheque no 102444 |  |
| 5187 | Planning Applications since the last meeting  3/2025/0024 39 Ribchester Road Wilpshire – demolition of conservatory and replacement with single storey extension to the rear. Insertion of two pitched roof dormers to front roofscape.  WPC- decision already made  3/2025/0053 3 Dewhurst Row Longsight Road Langho  WPC - Wilpshire Parish Council strongly objects to this application to vary the restriction of occupancy, to allow the unit to have extended holiday use for 90 days (presently 28 days) per person/group in one calendar year.  The Council feels that this variation would subvert a condition that was applied to ensure that the property remains a ‘holiday let’ rather than a ‘rental’ and that it promotes sustainable tourism in Ribble Valley and contributes to the economy  3/2025/0096 20 Somerset Avenue Wilpshire – proposed single storey extension and raised decking to the rear  WPC- no objection  3/2025/0176 33 Somerset Avenue Wilpshire- single sotrey extension to the rear with a double pitched roof with velux windows to rear facing, glazed doors and windows to west side only.  WPC – No Objection to this application  3/2025/0196 Land at Longsight Road, Langho – Outline application for up to 300 residential dwellings, associated access,rail station car park, green infrastructure and sustainable drainage systems [all matters reserved except for access]  WPC: Wilpshire Parish Council object to this outline application for the following reasons:  The land is in open countryside  The land is not within the settlement boundary  The land is not identified within the 5 year supply  Highway Safety concerns with additional traffic from the development entering and exiting the busy A59 highway  For info  3/2025/0148 Tree works at The Grange – felling of nine trees 1 x Pine, 1 x Willow and 7 x Ash – decided as Approved with Conditions - New black pine to be planted as replacement  ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- |  |
| 5188 | DRPA  Play Area inspection carried out by Yates Playgrounds 15.10.2024 – works identified including flat seats and gates requested and chains at 40% to then be replaced  Rotaweb DRPA – The grant has been received and the rotaweb is in situ together with all the replacement surfaces.  A playground with a blue and white structure  AI-generated content may be incorrect.  A grant was received for the play equipment of £20918.00 WPC put in match funding of £1275 and the Council will claim the VAT paid. |  |
| 5199 | SPID – as soon as the cheque for the back plates is received by Altham Parish Councill they will be put up in the requested positions. | Cllr Roberts/Foote  Next agenda |
| 5200 | Fingerpost Whalley Road -mins 4970,4992 – Whalley Road done finger post near to Wilpshire Hotel – this year when weather allows total cost £400 for both awaiting invoice. The sign post near to Wilpshire Hotel has been removed for refurbishment– Cllr Gaffney reminded the council of the broken collar which needs re casting. | Clerk to contact contractor |
| 5201 | Listed Building status-any update? Former Orphanage Whalley Road – Cllr Briffett had received a reply from Historic England at the present time due to workload, the building not being in immediate danger and compliance with the 3 categories it would not be taken further. This did not prevent another application at some point. | Noted |
| 5202 | Footpath Matters – Cllr Gaffney mentioned the proposed bench on the bridle path – there was only one part of the path suitable which was inbetween Wilpshire Lane Farm and Tipping Farm – the land was unregistered but Huntroyde Estates had said they were in the process of registering it last year. Cllr Gaffney had made contact recently with Huntroyde but no reply had been received. Cllr Gaffney would make enquiries and report back to the next meeting. | Next Agenda – Cllr Gaffney |
| 5203 | Land East of Salesbury View – email circulated to all councillors from resident wishing he Council to consider:  Ask RVBC to remove this piece of land from the LDF  Contact land owner re their intentions in respect of this land – update Cllr Briffett  Discussion: Further enquiries re land ownership by Clerk and next agenda |  |
| 5204 | Remembrance Soldier repairs – gluing done Cllr Gaffney was on with the painting | Noted with thanks to Cllr Gaffney |
| 5205 | Lengthsman – jobs  Bus Shelters and signs – Clerk has asked the lengthsman to clean them – all done |  |
| 5206 | Ark Recycled benches  Bench – price is £455.00 + VAT for the picnic table and £375.00 + VAT for the base  Proposed to put another picnic bench on the play area this was unanimously agreed.  Decision: Cllr Gaffney would now ask for a firm quote and then the Clerk would apply for a Parish Champion grant from LCC | Next Agenda -  Cllr Gaffney |
| 5207 | VE Day80 – update re bunting – only VE bunting available but Cllr Gaffney thought that there would be sufficient Red, white and blue bunting. | Noted |
| 5208 | Donations deferred from January meeting  To consider donations  2024 donations:  NW Ambulance £110  Little Green Bus £160  Samaritans £90  Bowland Mountain Rescue £110  Decision: all donations to be given - unanimous | Cheques to be signed at the May meeting |
| 5209 | Blackburn with Darwen BC  Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Low Carbon and renewable energy  Noted and no comments | Noted |
| 5210 | Matters brought up in the Annual Meeting of Electors  None |  |
| 5211 | Sunnyside Avenue, 8 trees, tidying bases & plants.  Cllr Gaffney informed the Council that the bases were full of roots and grass – it would be an idea to clear the grass and put some wildflowers in them?  Decision: This was unanimously agreed with a budget up to £30.00 for the bases and the Wilpshire Triangle | Cllr Gaffney |
| 5212 | Wilpshire triangle – summer bedding plants – does the Council want to put in summer bedding and if so budget –  Decision: unanimously agreed to put wildflower seeds in this year and the budget would be £30.00 to include the bases at Sunnyside Avenue. | Next agenda |
| 5123 | Any other Business for future agendas or information  Cllr Roberts that a resident had brought forward concerns re the drainage in Wilpshire – namely blocked drains causing flooding etc the continued flow of water across the dangerous bend near to the Knolle and Wilpshire Banks etc.  Decision – Clerk to contact Chief Executive at LCC | All |
| 5124 | Next meeting – 21 May 2025 - Annual meeting of the Council |  |