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**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020 6.30PM  
BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Present:** Cllrs Mr Alan Scholfield (Chairman), Mrs Maureen Robinson (Vice-Chairman), Mr Robert Thompson, Mrs Susan Stanley and Mr Steve Houghton.

**In Attendance:** Lynne Olesinski (Parish Clerk).

**2020/01/001 Apologies for Absence**

None. The Parish Clerk noted that despite contacting County Cllr A Atkinson to attend the meeting, no response had been forthcoming. The Clerk would invite him to the next meeting.

**2020/01/002 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**2020/01/003 Minutes 4 November 2019**

**RESOLVED – SUBJECT TO** Item 2019/11/002 Declarations of Interest being amended to read: "Cllr Mr R Thompson declared an interest in Planning Application 3/2019/0895 Fell Foot". With regard to Item 2019/11/013 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2019 this should read: "The Vice-Chairman reported that Wiswell had won 1st position in the Hamlet Class for the Whole Village results. In the Outstanding Features Results for Public Gardens we were joint 1st with Waddington. War Memorial Joint 6<sup>th</sup>, Noticeboard Joint 6<sup>th</sup> and for Public Houses the Freemasons was Joint 6<sup>th</sup>". The amendments were then initialled by the Chairman and Clerk and following this, the Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

**2020/01/004 Matters Arising**

Minute 2019/11/0017 Windfarms – the Chairman reported he had completed the survey online.

**2020/01/005 Financial Matters**

(i) **2019/20 Accounts** – the accounts (having been emailed to the members prior to the meeting) were compared with the Bank Statement (circulated at the meeting), were **RESOLVED:** approved as a correct record.

(ii) **Payments** – the following payments were authorised:

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	INVOICE/MINUTE REF	AMOUNT £
100913	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Sunday Wreath	Minute 2019/09/018	25.00

100914	Lynne Olesinski	Salary Nov/Dec 2019 plus expenses		313.54
100915	Alan Scholfield	Reimbursement in respect of sponsorship monies regarding Christmas Tree	Minute 2020/01/022 (see below refers)	320.00

(iii) **Ribble Valley in Bloom Grant** – the Clerk reported £200 had been credited to the Parish Council account.

#### **2020/01/006 Reports from Various Bodies**

(i) **Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee** - the Clerk (in her capacity as Registrar) noted that not much had taken place since the last report. However, Cllr Houghton also reported problems with dog-walkers within the cemetery which was being monitored.

(ii) **Lancashire Association of Local Councils** – nothing to report.

(iii) **Parish Liaison Committee** – nothing to report.

#### **2020/01/007 Works in the Village**

The Chairman reported that the Telephone Box refurbishment was still on hold due to the weather. Members had carried out several 'litter-picks' with Whiteacre Lane and Wiswell Lane near the A671 suffering most with general rubbish usually thrown from passing traffic. Other items had been found on Whiteacre Lane near the waste bin and had been reported to Ribble Valley BC. Members were also monitoring the condition of the rubbish collection point at the bottom of Moor Lane. The Notice Board was suffering from damp and the internal board itself would need to be replaced.

#### **2020/01/008 Planning**

(i) **3/2019/1111 4 Leys Close, Wiswell, BB7 9DA** - comments had been forwarded to RVBC 30 December 2019.

(ii) **3/2019/0545 Land between Clitheroe Road and A59/A671 roundabout junction Barrow BB7 9AD** – still undetermined.

(iii) **3/2019/0834 Greenacres** – members noted that the demolition contractor had recently mobilised although it was understood that the Construction Management Plan had not been submitted to Ribble Valley BC for approval.

#### **2020/01/009 Flooding on Back Lane**

The Clerk was awaiting a formal response from LCC Highways.

#### **2020/01/010 Highway Matters**

Members expressed disappointment that the potholes and white line defects on the A671 entry to the A59 roundabout did not meet LCC's intervention levels so nothing would be done. Two potholes on Pendleton Road which had been previously been rejected for repair have now been 'white-marked' in anticipation of repair. The Chairman confirmed that some aspects of the LCC Report It system were working very well but the quality of communication from LCC needed to be improved. The Vice-Chairman also noted that there were problems with gardening contractors blowing leaves onto Back Lane. An item in this regard would be included in the Summer Newsletter.

**2020/01/011 Highway Signage and Renovation of Fingerposts**

An email dated 2 January 2020 received from James Starkie (Finger Post Renovation Project PLP) had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED:** the Chairman to draft a response.

**2020/01/012 Bins at Vicarage Fold**

Albeit concerned parties had pressed for a meeting with the Freemasons to discuss the above, none had yet taken place.

**2020/01/013 Dog Fouling**

The Parish Clerk, having made enquiries of RVBC, (Minute 2019/11/005 refers), it appeared officers were reluctant the dog bin be moved to a more suitable location. Members would continue to monitor.

**2020/01/014 Registration of Coronation Garden**

The Parish Clerk to arrange meeting(s) on site with interested solicitors and members.

**2020/01/015 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2019**

The report had been forwarded to the members. In connection with LBKV Competition 2020 the Clerk would bring this to the attention of the members at the next meeting.

**2020/01/016 Summer Newsletter 2020**

The Clerk would have a draft prepared for the meeting in March 2020.

**2020/01/017 Great British Spring Clean 2020 – Save the date**

The Chairman drew members' attention to this campaign which reflected what was already being done in Wiswell, but it was hoped that the extra publicity would encourage more residents to contribute to the effort.

**2020/01/018 Pendle Hill Landscape Fund – Molly's Well**

Cllr Thompson would obtain quotes prior to the meeting in May 2020.

**2020/01/019 Boundary Stone**

Cllr Thompson reported this would be completed by May 2020.

**2020/01/020 Whalley Education Foundation**

**RESOLVED:** following resolution (Minute 2019/05/017 refers), the Clerk would contact Martin Fewster informing him that the Chairman would represent Wiswell PC.

**2020/01/021 Alternative Venues for PC meetings**

**RESOLVED:** the Clerk to contact Pendleton Village Hall and the Old Grammar School.

**2020/01/022 Carol Singing/Christmas Arrangements 2019**

The Chairman confirmed that £212 had been raised at the collection and would be donated to Nightsafe in Blackburn who care for young, disadvantaged people. Villagers had

donated £320 for the full cost of the tree this year and this had inadvertently been credited to the Council's account. **RESOLVED:** the Chairman be reimbursed the sum of £320 (Cheque 100915 refers).

**2020/01/023 Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2020**

The Chairman noted that as he had attended last year, he (or other members) would be precluded from attending again.

**2020/01/024 Sharing of IT with Pendleton PC**

**RESOLVED:** to accept the proposal which had been emailed to the members 13 December 2019.

**2020/01/025 Any Other Business**

The Clerk noted that as she had not received any information regarding Website Accessibility, she would contact RVBC IT Dept for an update.

**2020/01/026 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 2 March 2020.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.

**SIGNED**.....

**DATED**.....

*NB - These minutes are in draft form and therefore have not yet been ratified by the Parish Council. This will take place at their next meeting on the 2 March 2020.*