

**WISWELL PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018 COMMENCING 6.45PM  
AT BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**Present:** Cllrs Mrs Maureen Robinson, Mrs Susan Giles and Mr Steve Houghton.

**In Attendance:** Lynne Olesinski (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public, Dr Carter.

**2018/03/001 To appoint the Chairman for the meeting**

**RESOLVED** by the members present (in accordance with Standing Orders) to appoint Cllr Mrs Maureen Robinson.

**2018/03/002 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mr Alan Scholfield (Chairperson) and Mr Robert Thompson. County Councillor Mr Albert Atkinson had been invited to the meeting but did not attend.

**2018/03/003 To accept the resignation of the Vice-Chairperson**

**RESOLVED** – to accept the resignation of Cllr Robinson as Vice-Chairperson. However, she would remain a member of the Parish Council. Appointment of a new Vice-Chairperson would take place at the next meeting in May.

**2018/03/004 To receive declarations of interest**

None received.

**2018/03/005 To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting dated Monday 8 January 2018**

**RESOLVED** – to accept and sign the minutes of the above meeting.

**2018/03/006 To approve as a correct record the 2017/2018 accounts to date and to authorise payments**

(a) **RESOLVED** – the accounts, (circulated, along with the up to date Barclays Bank Statement prior to the meeting), were approved.

(b) Following Minute 2018/01/013 re Searches of the Index Map, the Clerk requested the members authorise retrospective consent in respect of cheques 100857 and 100860 (both made payable to HM Land Registry) in the sums of £8.00 and £4.00 respectively. **RESOLVED** – retrospective consent authorised.

(c) **RESOLVED** – the following were authorised for payment:

<b>PAYEE AND CHEQUE NO</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Cllr Alan Scholfield Cheque No 100861	Purchase of two fluorescent tubes for cabinet (£22.98) and purchase of Christmas Tree (£250)	£272.98
Lynne Olesinski – Cheque No 100862	Jan/Feb 2018 Salary - £301.68, Mileage £4.86 and Use of Home £18.00	£324.54

(d) The Registrar requested authorisation to appoint Les Pickering in respect of forthcoming internal audit. **RESOLVED** – duly authorised.

**2018/03/007 To review progress re installation of a Defibrillator**

**RESOLVED** – deferred to the next meeting.

**2018/03/008 To receive a report from Whalley, Wiswell and Barrow Joint Burial Committee**

(a) Resignation of councillors – Cllr Mrs Robinson (having resigned from the Parish Council) also noted that she had resigned her position as Vice-Chairperson from the Burial Committee but would continue as a member. Cllr Mrs Stanley stated that she wished to resign from the Burial Committee. Following brief discussions, Cllr Mr Houghton kindly agreed (in principle) to take her place. **RESOLVED** – the matter would be discussed at the next meeting when appointments were being made.

(b) The Parish Clerk (in her capacity as Registrar of the Burial Committee) reported that owners of Category 1 (unsafe memorials) had been contacted with a view to them repairing them within 28 days, failing which, the Burial Committee would repair them on their behalf and Invoice them accordingly. The report was duly noted.

**2018/03/009 To receive an update re grant application to RVBC for the provision of concurrent functions**

The Clerk noted a sum of £179 had been received.

**2018/03/010 To consider planning applications relating to Wiswell, together with other planning matters**

3/2017/1188 Wiswell Brook Farm, Moorside Lane – the Clerk noted that Minute 2018/01/004 was redundant as following further consideration, amended comments had been forwarded (via e-mail 29 January 2018) to RVBC as follows:

1. The application does not meet a housing need within the village, i.e. low-cost home, essential home for a farm or forestry worker, home/bungalow for residents over 55 years old.
2. The site is unsustainable due distance of travel to educational facilities and shops.
3. Located within a tier two village which have a low sustainability factor, WISWELL does not have any public transport serving it or any public community facility.
4. The site, which is sloped, will require a substantial amount of spoil to be removed off site which will cause disruption to neighbours and village over a long period of time. The village has had continuous movement of HGVs removing spoil from the two sites in the village for the last two years.
5. The self-build application is not as it was intended under NPFF and subsequent amendments, i.e. to provide building plots for groups and individuals to construct their own homes not build to a grand design house on land that you own.
6. Moorside Lane over much of its length is only 2.5 meters wide and without passing places with the increase in traffic that the dwelling will generate this will cause a conflict with the users of the public footpath that runs the length of Moorside Lane.
7. Loss of the natural woodland which is part of the long-established biodiversity of Moorside Lane, the wood has been removed over the last two years.

**RESOLVED** – to accept the above.

The Registrar reported that she had forwarded an e-mail to the members prior to the meeting on the above application whereby RVBC had stated the above be recommended for refusal at their meeting on the 8 March 2018. The report was duly noted.

**2018/03/011 To review progress with (RVBC (Parish Grant Scheme)) for the renovation of fingerposts**

**RESOLVED** – the Clerk to (a) confirm the price via the contractor as £750 per fingerpost, (b) to check the grant was still available via RVBC.

**2018/03/012 To discuss various issues regarding highways and progress with faults reported to LCC**

A brief discussion ensued in connection with fault reports made by several Councillors. As there was nothing substantive to report, the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

**2018/03/013 To receive an update on Website**

The Clerk reported that she had forwarded details to AdamBCreative. She also reminded the members to forward photographs and brief details as soon as possible. The report was duly noted.

**2018/03/014 To receive an update re registration of Coronation Gardens**

The Clerk had forwarded an e-mail of the results of the Search of the Index Map to the members prior to the meeting. **RESOLVED** – defer to the next meeting.

**2018/03/015 To review attendance at meetings of other bodies and reporting back to the Parish Council.**

Cllrs Mrs Robinson and Stanley would attend the LALC meeting 7 March 2018 and report back.

**2018/03/016 To receive a report re Works in the Village**

**RESOLVED** – defer to the next meeting.

**2018/03/017 To receive an update on the Best Kept Village Competition**

Following discussions, it was **RESOLVED:**

- (a) authorise payment of £15.00 re the entry fee
- (b) put forward the Noticeboard and War Memorial for the Certificate of Merit

**2018/03/018 To receive a report re General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)**

**RESOLVED** – defer to the next meeting. However, it appeared a cut-off date applied re implementation. The Clerk would make enquiries of LALC regarding any suggestions as to a "Collective Parish Council" in regard to this regulation and report back on her findings.

**2018/03/019 To confirm the date of the next meeting (together with AGM) as Monday 14 May 2018**

**RESOLVED – confirmed.**

**2018/03/020 To discuss any other business**

- (a) Injustice to Lancashire Communities vulnerable to Flooding. **RESOLVED** to support this initiative.
- (b) FP8 – Cllr Houghton reported on the state of this Footpath – **RESOLVED** to e-mail address details to Cllr Houghton who would draft a letter and then forward it to the Clerk for onward transmission to LCC.

Cllr Robinson thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.07pm

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