



**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL  
MONDAY 1 JULY 2019 6.30PM  
BARROW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**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).

**2019/07/001 Apologies for absence**

None.

**2019/07/002 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Mrs Maureen Robinson declared an interest in Planning Application 3/2019/0448, Land at Wiswell Lane, Whalley (Minute 2019/07/013 below refers).

**2019/07/003 To approve the Minutes 13 May 2019**

**RESOLVED** – the minutes dated 13 May 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**2019/07/004 Matters arising**

None.

**2019/07/005 To discuss finance matters**

- (i) **To approve the current 2019/20 accounts** - the current 2019/20 accounts, together with the current Bank Statement, (circulated at the meeting) were **RESOLVED** approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- (ii) **To authorise the following payment(s)** - the Clerk reported that subject to Minute 2019/03/005 (4 March 2019), whereupon it was agreed the hourly rate for the Clerk should be £10.301 per hour - effective 1 April 2019, this information had come from an out of date NALC briefing. The up to date NALC briefing had been received whereupon the correct hourly rate (SCP 20) should have been £10.57. **RESOLVED** – the hourly rate of £10.57 be agreed (effective 1 April 2019) and authorise payment of the following:

<b>CHEQUE NO</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>INVOICE/MINUTE REF</b>	<b>AMOUNT £</b>
100901	Lynne Olesinski	Salary and expenses (May 2019)		494.92
100902	Lynne Olesinski	Salary and expenses (June 2019)		124.27

- (iii) **Application re concurrent functions grant 2019/20** – the Clerk reported the grant would be applied for, subject to making enquiries as to contributions in respect of the joint burial ground.
- (iv) **To receive an update re the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (including Exemption Certificate to 31 March 2019)** – the Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from the auditors regarding the Exemption Certificate. The Notice of Public Rights had been posted on the Website and Noticeboard as required by the relevant regulations (the requisite period running from 17 June 2019 to 26 July 2019).

**2019/07/006 To receive report(s) from various bodies (WWBJBC, LALC, PLC, RVVA)**

- (i) WWBJBC - The report circulated by the Registrar of WWBJBC circulated prior to the meeting was noted.
- (ii) LALC – No items to report.
- (iii) PLC - The Chairman gave a brief report regarding the PLC but would forward a written report to the members following the meeting.
- (iv) RVVA – No items to report.

**2019/07/007 To receive an update regarding Works in the Village**

Members reported good progress on Coronation Garden but weather had delayed some activities including repainting of the telephone box but the paint had been received. Future priorities were weed killing, the boundary sign on Wiswell Shay and treatment of the benches at Wiswell Eaves, Wiswell Shay and Whiteacre Lane.

**2019/07/008 To discuss the nomination regarding the WEF**

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **RESOLVED**: the Clerk to forward an appropriate response to Barrow PC.

**2019/07/009 To receive an update re Neighbourhood Watch**

This matter was placed on the Agenda in error. However, members noted the increase in the number of residents wishing to receive the e-mails forwarded from, "In the Know and Neighbourhood Watch" by Nigel Bentley.

**2019/07/010 To receive an update regarding highway matters, progress with fault reports and correspondence**

- (i) **Initial Notification TTRO Pendleton Road, Wiswell - 01/07/19-05/07/19** – the Clerk had contacted LCC regarding the above but despite reminders, nothing had been received. With regard to United Utilities, (concerning the closure of Cunliffe Lane), two responses had been received which had been circulated to the members. The Chairman would contact UU noting the discrepancies contained in their responses and report back.
- (ii) **Grass Triangle (Cunliffe Lane)** – the Chairman reported further, minor damage which had been repaired quickly and it is believed that LCC continue to monitor the situation.

- (iii) **LCC Selective Cutting** – the Parish Clerk reported she had sent further reminders to LCC but had still not received a response. The Clerk would chase again.
- (iv) **Fault Report Scheme** – the Chairman reported that upon contacting the system specialist, a new member of staff had been appointed at LCC and it was hoped to resume the previous close liaison in due course.

**2019/07/011 To receive an update regarding installation of a Defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that she had written again to BT but had not yet received a response.

**2019/07/012 To receive a report regarding renovation of fingerposts**

The Clerk reported that she had forwarded the invoice (minute 20190/05/023 refers) to RVBC but was still awaiting reimbursement. The Chairman also reported that the contractor was making progress with the signs and fittings for the next post at Wiswell Shay/Pendleton Road junction.

**2019/07/013 To receive a report on planning applications relating to Wiswell**

The schedule of Planning Applications/Decisions had been circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

- (i) **Planning Application 3/2019/0448 – Land at Wiswell Lane, Whalley**  
– the following response had been forwarded to RVBC Planning Department on 1 July 2019:

*Wiswell Parish Council objects strongly to this application on the following grounds:*

*The development is outside the settlement areas of both Whalley and Wiswell Parishes. The development should not be regarded as 'in-fill' or 'rounding' of the Whalley settlement area as it is not in Whalley Parish but encroaches into the adjacent Parish of Wiswell and has no direct vehicular access into Whalley.*

*Ribble Valley Borough Council have demonstrated a five-year supply of development land and do not require this additional land at this time.*

*There is no matching development need in the Parish of Wiswell.*

*Yet more pressure imposed on the local infrastructure of schools and doctors' surgeries car parking in Whalley etc which are not being extended proportionately.*

*The fundamental objection is to the access point on the A671. This is treated far too lightly in the transportation report with justified concerns being dismissed far too easily.*

*The access will introduce a fifth point of access in less than a mile on a road that was originally built as the Whalley Easterly By-Pass and not as an urban road without footpaths to interconnect developments.*

*The traffic data is a year old and more recent data should be provided with better estimates of future traffic flows which take full account of other developments currently on stream in Whalley and Clitheroe.*

*It is hoped that there will be no right turn out of the site. The 'safest' route to the local service centre of Whalley will more likely be via the A59 junction and back to the dangerous and unusual staggered junction at A671 / Wiswell Lane.*

*The proposed chicane in Wiswell Lane will impede traffic flow.*

*The suggestion that there are bus services in Wiswell Lane requires further explanation as these are only local and are few and far between. Bus services on Clitheroe Road are not accessible from the site so the development is not sustainable.*

*The reduction of the speed limit on the A671 to 50mph recognised the increasing dangers, particularly at the Wiswell Lane junction. The accident rate at this junction is increasing and will continue to increase with the increased use of this junction.*

**(ii)      Appeal Decision APP/T2350/W/16/3165893 Freemasons Arms, Vicarage Fold, Clitheroe, BB7 9DF**

Concerns had been forwarded to Andy Glover RVBC and a formal response was still expected. Several residents had raised concerns about the detailed implementation of the recent application granted on Appeal and some were in direct contact with RVBC. New concerns were the unauthorised removal of the heritage stone pavement outside Nos 4 and 6 Vicarage Fold and the additional covers in Mr Smith's. It was noted that RVBC officers from Planning, Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement were involved in investigations.

**2019/07/014      To discuss concerns regarding Spring Wood and update FP1/8**

The Clerk noted this had been placed on the Agenda in error.

**2019/07/015      To discuss the application of Grant(s) via RVBC in respect of Ribble Valley In Bloom**

**RESOLVED** – the Clerk to note to RVBC that the Parish Council would be contributing £200 to the scheme.

**2019/07/016      To discuss Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Grants**

The Clerk would write to PHLP requesting an application form.

**2019/07/017      To discuss the Lengthsman's services (plus contribution) and consider any revisions to the schedule of work carried out under the scheme**

The Chairman agreed to update the list of duties to include verge strimming on Old Back Lane and around the signpost on Cunliffe Lane.

**2019/07/018      To receive an update regarding registration of Coronation Garden**

Cllr Thompson reported a plan would be made available within the next four weeks.

**2019/07/019      To receive an update regarding the Best Kept Village Competition 2019**

Cllr Robert Thompson noted that the first round of judging had taken place.

**2019/07/020 To receive an update regarding the Winter Newsletter 2019**

The Parish Clerk would have a draft prepared prior to the September meeting. Cllr Robert Thompson suggested that a link to English Heritage be provided under the logo in order to identify this as Wiswell Shay Cross.

**2019/07/021 To discuss any other business**

- (i) Public Rights of Way – Local Delivery Scheme 2019/20 Opt In – the Clerk had forwarded a letter to Opt In to the scheme and was awaiting confirmation.
- (ii) Bins at Vicarage Fold – as vermin had continued to be seen in this area, the members would continue monitoring.
- (iii) Dog Fouling – **RESOLVED** – the Clerk to contact RVBC requesting the dog bin located at bottom of Moor Lane be re-located to the junction Old Back Lane/Pendleton Road.
- (iv) Open Garden – the members noted that the event had been a great success. Special thanks go to the residents who kindly opened their gardens and helped prepare refreshments which were co-ordinated by Jenny Scholfield, Maureen Robinson and Susan Stanley. £540.80 was raised. The Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Alan Pursglove on behalf of the village, who provided music.
- (v) Planters donated by Wiswell Manor – the Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the owner and confirm the retention of the planter at Wiswell Shay/Pendleton Road.
- (vi) Archives – the Clerk reported her concerns about storing archive boxes at her property due to the lack of amount of space in her private residence. **AGREED** - the Clerk to deliver boxes to those Councillors who would go through the documents.

**2019/07/022 Date of next meeting**

Monday 2 September 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10pm.

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