



[Wiswell Shay Cross](#)

**MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2019 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) and Mr John Strong (Whalley Educational Foundation).

2019/11/001 Apologies for absence

None.

2019/11/002 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Mrs Stanley declared an interest – Planning Application 3/2019/0895 Fell Foot.

2019/11/003 Presentation by Mr John Strong – Whalley Educational Foundation (WEF)

Mr Strong had been invited by the Parish Council to give a report on the above. Mr Strong circulated information sheets in connection with the history and diary and invoicing system which showed the Grammar School was well utilised by a significant number of groups.

This was followed by Mr Strong giving a brief overview of the WEF to the members as to users and costs. Questions were also raised by the members in this regard. It was also noted that a letter had been received from the Secretary in that Scheme had been amended in order that Wiswell PC could appoint their own representative to sit on the board in future.

Finally, thanks were conveyed by the members to Mr Strong and other volunteers who ran the facility for their continued support and hard work.

2019/11/004 Minutes 2 September 2019

RESOLVED – SUBJECT TO Item 2019/09/020 Historic Rights of Way being amended to read: "As Minute 2019/09/019" and initialled by the Chairman and Parish Clerk, the Minutes dated 2 September 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

2019/11/005 Matters arising

- (i) Bins at Vicarage Fold – notwithstanding concerns raised by residents regarding the siting of the bins and photographs that had been forwarded to RVBC, the response from their Environmental Health Department (letter dated 20 September refers), appeared somewhat complacent. Members were disappointed by the reference to Vicarage Fold as an 'unadopted side street' as this did not reflect either the importance of the Folds in the context of the Wiswell Conservation Appraisal or

the setting of the two adjacent Listed Buildings. Members agreed to continue to monitor the position and continue to liaise with RVBC officers.

- (ii) Dog Fouling – an email dated 4 November 2019 had been sent to Heather Barton, Head of RVBC Environmental Health Department noting the increase in dog walkers, new developments etc., and requesting if an alternative location at the junction of Wiswell Shay, Pendleton Road and Old Back Lane, near the footpath sign, could be considered. At the time of the meeting no response had been received.

2019/11/006 Financial 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):**

CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	DETAILS	INVOICE/MINUTE REF	AMOUNT £
100907	Alan Scholfield	Reimbursement in respect of materials for the refurbishment of the BT phone box	Minute 2019/03/010 (iii)	146.32
100908	Robert Thompson	Reimbursement for provisions of plans re Coronation Garden	Invoice 53158	19.80
100909	Lynne Olesinski	Salary and expenses September 2019		356.39
100910	Lynne Olesinski	Salary and expenses October 2019		309.30
100911	Sabden Parish Council	Lengthsman duties 2019/20	Minute 2019/11/023 (iii)	200.00
100912	Robert Thompson	Reimbursement for materials	Minute 2019/03/010 (iii)	108.89

- (iii) **Precept 2020/21**

Having considered the draft precept figures and the suggested options contained in the notes (circulated prior to the members prior to the meeting), the Parish Council, and following further discussions, the members **RESOLVED** to precept for £6,751.00, resulting in an amount of £37.30 per Band D property, (an increase of £7.58).

- (iv) **Concurrent functions grant 2019/20** – the grant had been received in the sum of £147.00.
- (v) **Ribble Valley In Bloom Grant** – the Vice-Chairman provided receipts in respect of this item. The Parish Clerk would forward on to RVBC for payment.

2019/11/007 Report(s) from various bodies (WWBJBC, LALC, PLC, RVVA)

- (i) WWBJBC – the Parish Clerk, in her capacity as Registrar, had emailed a brief report, together with copies of the Memorial Safety inspection regarding the above. The report was noted.
- (ii) LALC – the meeting had been cancelled.
- (iii) PLC – Vice-Chairman and Cllr Mrs Stanley gave a brief report of items discussed at the meeting: (inter alia, East Lancs Commissioning Group, BT telephone boxes, dog waste bins and clean air).

2019/11/008 Works in the Village

The Chairman reported that despite renovation of benches being on the list, this had been deferred due to other pressures. The renovation of the telephone box had ceased due to Winter weather. The Chairman would place a notice in the telephone box in this regard. Members expressed thanks to Geoff McGann, the Chairman and Cllr Mr Thompson, for their hard work.

2019/11/009 Planning Matters

- (i) **Application 3/2019/0834 (Greenacre Whiteacre Lane Wiswell BB7 9BL)** – the Clerk confirmed the comments had been submitted emphasising the transport and construction management requirements.
- (ii) **Application 3/2019/0895 (Fell Foot 2 Moorside Lane Wiswell BB7 9DB)** – members discussed the future height of the building facing Pendleton Road and comments would be submitted accordingly.
- (iii) **Application 3/2016/0366 (Freemasons)** – the members agreed they would continue to monitor.
- (iv) **Adoption of RV Housing and Economic Development Plan Document (HED DPD) 2008-2028: A Local Plan for Ribble Valley**

Cllr Mr Thompson gave a brief report.

2019/11/010 Highway matters, progress with fault report and correspondence

- (i) **Fault Reporting System** - the Chairman noted that routine Fault Reports that were reported to LCC appeared to be functioning well. However, when issues were raised through correspondence with the District Lead Officer, there seemed to be no follow -up from LCC without further prompting from the Clerk. In some cases, no response was received at all. **RESOLVED** – the Parish Clerk to contact County Councillor Albert Atkinson requesting his attendance at the next meeting to discuss issues regarding level of service and lack of feedback from LCC.
- (ii) **Flooding on Back Lane** – the Parish Clerk to obtain a definitive date from LCC regarding the return of the gully cleaner.

2019/11/011 Highway signage and renovation of fingerposts

The Parish Clerk noted that she was awaiting confirmation from Lawson Oddie (RVBC) as to whether the amount of £1,989.00 was still available. The Chairman had queried this amount because he was under the impression that the £3000 grant obtained was solely

for renovation of four fingerposts. The Parish Clerk reported this was not the case as the grant also included the highway signage and an amount of £310.75 had been spent in this regard, along with £750 for a fingerpost.

2019/11/012 Registration of Coronation Garden

The Parish Clerk had emailed the members noting that this was beyond her expertise and required a qualified legal person/company to carry out this requirement. **RESOLVED** – the Parish Clerk to obtain quotes from solicitors: Steele and Son, Houldsworth Solicitors and Ruth Moores Co.

2019/11/013 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2019

The Vice-Chairman reported that Wiswell had won 1st position Hamlet Class, 6th Public Houses (Freemasons), 6th War Memorials and 6th Noticeboard. Regarding LBKV Competition 2020, this item would be placed on the January agenda for discussion.

2019/11/014 Winter Newsletter 2019

The Parish Clerk had finalised the above and 140 copies had been made available for delivery by the members.

2019/11/015 Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2019

Arrangements had been made by the Parish Clerk and the wreath had kindly been delivered by the Barrow Parish Clerk to the Vice-Chairman. The Parish Clerk to provide the usual notice for the noticeboard.

2019/11/016 Carol Singing/Christmas Arrangements

Following the Parish Council meeting on the 2 September 2019 (Minute 2019/09/021 refers), further lengthy discussions took place in connection with the provision of a Christmas Tree sponsored by villagers.

As it was quite some time since insurance arrangements for volunteers working under the auspices of the Parish Council had been updated, it was **RESOLVED** the Parish Clerk would clarify the same with their insurance company Came and Co., and report back as soon as possible.

2019/11/017 Survey – Windfarms

The above had been emailed to the members prior to the meeting and, following discussions, the Chairman agreed he would endeavour to complete the survey on-line.

2019/11/018 RVBC Strategic Housing & Economic Needs Assessment

Cllr Mr Thompson gave a brief report in that, inter alia, evidence gathering for the Core Strategy was taking place.

2019/11/019 Any Other Business

- (i) **Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Grant** Cllr Mr Thompson reported there were no figures yet for Molly's Well but he would follow up.
- (ii) **Boundary Stone** – Cllr Mr Thompson would follow up.

(iii) **Lengthsman Scheme** – the Parish Clerk had forwarded an email to the members prior to the meeting noting that the contribution required had been reduced to £200.00. **RESOLVED** – payment authorised by the members.

(iv) **Alternative Venue for Parish Council Meetings** – the members would make enquiries.

2019/11/020 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 January 2020 commencing 6.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

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