



Meeting of Wiswell Parish Council Draft Minutes

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| Date: | 14 th May 2025 | | |
| Place: | Pendleton Village Hall | | |
| Present: | Cllrs Houghton; Birtwhistle; Ramsbottom. | | |
| In attendance: | Clerk: Greera Norse. RFO: Mike Hill | | |
| Meeting started: | 19.30 | Meeting Ended: | 20.30 |

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr A. Scholfield who could not attend due to the revised date for the meeting.

2. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2025

Approved

3. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other registrable and non registrable interests.

No declaration

4. Public Participation.

There was no public participation at the meeting

5. Finance Report

RFO presented the report (enclosed) pointing out the above normal expenditure and income levels for the year ending. This was due to our successful REPF submission to RVBC which drew down an additional £13K into our accounts. We are eligible to reclaim VAT payments. The PC precept for the current year (£9750) is now in our accounts and is roughly an inflation rate increase from the previous year.
Accounts approved by council.

6. Update from the Chair on works completed as part of our successful REPF submission.

All work is now completed with the installation of our new noticeboard being the final piece in the jigsaw. An E mail of thanks has been sent to Hassan Ditta who ensured that we had sufficient funds in our account to pay suppliers and contractors so avoiding the potential for cash flow problems.

The RFO indicated that PCs could apply for a second round of funding. The chair agreed, with the approval of councillors present, to put in an expression of interest for the refurbishment of the war memorial in this the centenary of its unveiling. This would be likely in the region of £7K. The owners the Old School House have given their approval and support. This item will be formally discussed at the next meeting (see item 10)

7. Actions from previous meeting: updates

Liaison with RVBC regarding voting cabin near Coronation Garden – Completed

Cllr Houghton apologised for his non attendance at VE day Blackburn Cathedral due to family Commitments

Cllr Houghton reported an excellent turn out for the village VE walk on the 4th May (50 residents). Excellent post walk refreshments and an opportunity for residents to mingle.

Cllr Ramsbottom to be provided with a formal PC E mail address... Clerk to action.

8. Planning updates

Mike Ramsbottom to coordinate PC responses to applications.

9. Councillor Reports

Chair's report noted

Councillor Scholfield produced a written report of his areas of responsibility which was presented to council.

10. Items to consider for future meetings

Update on expression of interest for funding opportunity subject to council approval ...

Cllr Houghton