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Proceedings a meeting held on 17 April 2024.

Present: Cllrs C Ward [Chair} A Gaffney [Vice Chair] J Foote D Briffett G Munro I Roberts

A-M Keegan H Douglas and Clerk – L Lund

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| 4950 | The Chair, Cllr Ward, welcomed everyone to the meeting |  |
| 4951 | Apologies for absence  None |  |
| 4952 | Declarations of Interest  None |  |
| 4953 | Public participation  None |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 4954 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 6 March 2024  Proposed as a true record Cllr A-M Keegan and seconded by Cllr I Roberts |  |
| 4955 | Footpaths and Bridleway  a] Stepping Stones – steps – reply from LCC - The stepping stones aren't recorded as an LCC asset. The watercourse itself at this location is excluded from recorded titles by the Land Registry.  The stepping stones appear to be stones informally placed in the watercourse rather than constructed stepping stones. The Ordnance Survey history at this location doesn't give any indication of stepping stones at this location.  Decision: Clerk to write again emphasising it it the steps and not the stepping stones.  b] Remaining steel gate – to agree to extra costs for Paul Mollart to fit bottom of vicarage lane if agreed with LCC PROW and farmer – Cost would be £180.00 [to fit the gate] + £65.00 [to remove the post]  It was unanimously agreed to go ahead when sorted out with LCC and the farmer. | Next Agenda |
| 4956 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Min 4783/4771/4906 Bins - update – Cllr Gaffney forwarded photographs of the original bin and its location to RVBC. Further email went to RVBC to confirm whether the bin will be replaced. | Noted and next agenda for progress |
| 4957 | Items for the website |  |
| 4958 | ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT  Cheque 102355 – cancelled  L Lund April salary £522.64 – tax £104.40 = £418.24 cheque no. 102362  HMRC £104.40 cheque no. 102356  RVBC invoice sdebt 28944 Rent Tippiings Meadow £529.00 cheque no 102357  Fisher Forestry invoice 5179 Reve Ash tree and 1 wind damaged poplar branch adjacent to play Durham Road £480.00 cheque no 102358  Becket Rawcliffe Payroll services £144.00 cheque no 102359  C Walton invoice 4220 £217.55 January 2024 visits cheque no 102360  C Walton invoice 4220a £234.72 February visits cheque no 102361  C Ward Compost Station £13.96  Cheque102364 – cancelled  T V Shaw £25.00 – land registry services  Balances  Precept received into the bank on 02/04/2024 £22,500.00  Bank - 4,802.84 subject to unpresented cheques[as at 25/03/2024]  Skipton BS – 30667.33  Uanimously approved for payment  Thank you letters/emails for donations from NW Air Ambulance, Lttile Green Bus, Wilpshire Methodist Church, Bowland Mountain Rescue and Samaritans. | Noted |
| 4959 | Planning Applications since the last meeting  3/2024/0126 9 Berkshire Close Wilpshire – 2 storey extension to rear, single storey extension to side and new first floor window to side  WPC – Before response is seeking clarification of the 2 x classrooms annotated on the plans from the planning officer.  3/2024/0183 6 The Dales, Langho – Proposed extension of garden area and erection of new timber fence  WPC – No comments or objections to make  3/2023/1001 - 2 Station close – bat survey states bat droppings found – Cllr Gaffney to finalise response |  |
| 4960 | Flooding/Blocked Drains Whalley Road –  Ongoing | Next Agenda |
| 4961 | Durham Road Play Area –  Inspection carried out on 14 February 2024 Report from Yates Playgrounds has highlighted the following: [in need of attention in red]  IN NEED OF ATTENTION   1. Slide – Good condition rubber surfacing has exposed edges – repair exposed edges – suggest topsoil and sow grass seed 2. Parrot see saw good condition – suggest topsoil and sow grass seed 3. Pig Springer – good condition /rubber surfacing has exposed edges - suggest topsoil and sow grass seed 4. Swings – cradle seat – good condition/ rubber surfacing has exposed edges - suggest topsoil and sow grass seed 5. Zig Zag Traverse wall – panels have rotted, beyond repair – replace panels – quote required 6. Signage – No Ball Games sign damaged – replace 7. Wooden Perimeter Fencing – sign of decay- monitor 1 bottom plank missing – replace 1 plank detached on one - resecure – Cllr Gaffney to have a look at it   ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION  Rolling log traverse rope – good condition  Log snake – good condition  Suspension bridge – good condition  Balance beam – good condition  Sloped balance beam/balance beam – good condition  Drop rope traverse beam – good condition  Balance weave – good condition  Balance Beam Challenge – good condition  Entrance Gate – Good condition  Litter Bin – Good condition  Bench Seat – good condition  **Decision** – following discussion the Council decided the following:  If quote accepted for high rota web climber then the surfaces will be dealt with  Fence – Cllr Gaffney will have a look at it  Zig Zag Traverse wall – quote required re replacement of panels | All Cllrs |
| 4962 | Bio diversity grant - 3 x single boxes to be ordered from RSPB  Bird boxes – suggested locations Methodist Church, Wilpshire Hotel, Railway embankment subject to the necessary permissions.  Cllr Gaffney asked if the Council would be in agreement with continuing the planting of daffodil bulbs in open spaces next being Bruers Croft – take around £60-100 worth. Cllr Gaffney asked if he could have a budget of £300 to continue the planting.  Unanimously agreed – in addition to purchasing 3 x single bird boxes, proposed locations for the bird boxes with permissions, budget for daffodils of £300.00 and the purchase of a bulb digger cost approximately £36.00 | Next agenda - progress |
| 4963 | Items brought to council’s attention via the Annual Meeting of Electors  Nothing to report – no parishioners attended |  |
| 4964 | Meetings attended by councillors  None |  |
| 4965 | Newsletter – completed and on the website – take off the agenda | Completed |
| 4966 | Speeding Ribchester Road – update given from Cllrs Foote and Roberts .Cllr Roberts has sent the form to LCC who will inspect the lighting columns – if not done within 10 weeks of requesting it then it is free of charge. Cllr Roberts suggested a SPID both ways . It was felt this would be best before the bend on Whalley Road SPID is currently £150.00 to hire per spid plus travel.  The Chairman suggested to leave this to Cllr Roberts to carry out the process and report back to the Council  Unanimously agreed | Next Agenda |
| 4967 | Audit regulation change – all pCs to have .org or .gov email addresses - information  Clerk has been in communication with the website provider we have .org email attached to our website. Still ongoing | Noted and next agenda |
| 4968 | Picnic table/bench at DRPA Cllr Gaffney has applied for a LEF grant – Conditions attached are to advertise it on Social Media when fitted and mention LEF too. The location needs to be agreed. Its 6-8 weeks before fitting .  Decision noted, agreed and next agenda | Noted and next agenda |
| 4969 | Wilpshire Turning Circle – cars parking in turning circle obstructing buses using the turning circle. – information sent to council by email Cllr Schofield – Cllr Briffett referred the Council to the Land Registry plan and the land is partly in private ownership |  |
| 4970 | Condition of finger post at Blackburn boundary – Cllr Ward reported that it was in need of refurbishment and sign needs sandblasting  Agreed to get quotation – Cllr Foote offered to get one. | Next agenda |
| 4971 | Chairman will make a resolution to discuss the next item without Press/Public present  Lengthsman contract – following discussion Cllr Gaffney would contact the lengthsman. | Next Agenda |
| 4972 | Next Meeting – 22 May 2024 |  |