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Proceedings at a meeting held on 11 December 2024

Present: Cllrs C Ward [Chair] A Gaffney [Vice Chair] I Roberts J Foote G Munro A-M Keegan H Douglas D Briffett

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| Item |  |  |
| 5102 | Chairman’s welcome  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. |  |
| 5103 | Apologies for absence  None |  |
| 5104 | Declarations of Interest  None |  |
| 5105 | Public Participation  None |  |
|  | DECISIONS |  |
| 5106 | Approval of the minutes of the WPC meeting held on 30/10/2024.  Approved as a true record Proposed Cllr Roberts Seconded: Cllr Gaffney |  |
| 5107 | Updates and items arising from previous minutes  Updates on the agenda |  |
| 5108 | Items for the website  Fingerpost – photo and short article |  |
| 5109 | Accounts approved for payment  L Lund November Salary £522.64 – tax £104.60 = £418.04 cheque no 102407  HMRC £104.60 cheque no 102408  L Lund December Salary £522.64 – tax £104.60 = £418.04 cheque no 102409  HMRC £104.60 cheque no 102410  A Gaffney reimbursement £21.00 dog signs cheque 102411  L Lund reimbursement for poppy wreath £20.00 chq no 102412  C Walton – inv 4343 £431.25 chq no 102413 – August Visits  C Walton – inv 4360 £361.05 chq no 102414 – September Visits  A Gaffney – reimbursement for daffodils £49.99 [ from bio diversity grant] chq no 102416  Mrs Jacqueline Day £80.00 Christmas Trees 4 x £20.00 chq no 102415  LCC application fee for the attachment of PC SpIds £90.00 [ £75 + £15 VAT ] inv no 5201544536 chq no 102417  R Tomlinson Xmas Trees putting up ads taking down and fixing and supplying bracket £168.00 chq no 102418  R Tomlinson rewritten cheque £138.00 to replace cheque no 102327 cheque no 102419 |  |
| 5110 | Planning Applications since the last meeting  None |  |
| 5111 | Gov Uk consultation –Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings –  to consider a response from WPC?  [Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings)  WPC feel that there are many potential issues regarding remote attendance the Council are not happy with but WPC would give full support for proxy voting. |  |
| 5112 | DRPA  Grant – Clerk reported that a report will go the Corporate Management Team at RVBC which included the request from the freeholder for permission to place a further piece of equipment on the Play Area and other issues.  Wickstead quotation for Rota web need to contact for an up to date quotation – Cllr Douglas said that the quotation would probably stand.  Play Area inspection carried out by Yates Playgrounds 15.10.2024 – the report was circulated prior to the meeting the following to be done:  Clerk to contact Yates Playgrounds to do the following :  Chains on both sets of swings to be replaced when at 40%  Replace the worn seats on the flat swings  Repair both self closing gates  Monitor surfaces |  |
| 5113 | SPID – update given by Cllr Roberts. The columns have now been checked by LCC and approved – invoice received. There will be 3 x brackets required at a cost o £65.00 each + VAT. Spid will e £150.00 + mileage Brackets to be put up at the same time as fitting the SpID[s].  It was resolved to ask Altham PC for summer dates to commence with the SPiD[s] | Next agenda |
| 5114 | DRPA – Dog signage – now purchased and put on both gates |  |
| 5115 | Fingerpost Whalley Road -mins 4970,4992 – Clerk has instructed the contractor in respect of both posts the one at the boundary has been done. but it may be next year if the weather does not improve ie it needs to be done in dry weather for the finger post near to Wilpshire Hotel total cost £400 for both.  Noted. The post near the Wipshire Hotel has movement Cllr Briffett to speak to local contractor In respect of fixing. | Next agenda |
| 5116 | Listed Building status-RVBC response 31st October email which gave details in respect of applying for a building to be Listed. | Next agenda |
| 5117 | Footpath Matters  Path from The Knolle to Whalley Road – attention required  Bridleway – tree down – now cleared |  |
| 5118 | Xmas Tree Scheme – 3 businesses wanted a tree - Hairdressers, Ribchester Road, Wilpshire Hotel x 2 + new bracket for extra tree and Right at Home – 15 Whalley Road  Trees £20.00 each  Expenditure approved £80.00 plus contractor fee and cost of bracket up to a total of £250.00 | Noted |
| 5119 | Precept – discussion and decision at this meeting  FACTS  Precept 24/25 was £22500.00  inflation at 3.2% in October 2024  Receipts to 31 October 2024 including C/Fwd figure 60497.92  Spent to 30 October 2024 12982.97  **TotaL 47514.92**  **Approx spend to 31/03/2024**  7000.00  **C/Fwd figure 40792.68**  **RESOLVED TO SET THE PRECEPT FOR 2025/2026 AT £23,200 [ APPROX INCREASE OF 3.2%]** | All |
| 5120 | Clerk – payrise the National Joint Council has now been settled at £1290.00 on all scale points from 1 April 2024  Present Salary is £522.64 per month  This equates to 67 pence per hour on the Clerk’s hours as this is pro rata  Per month this means an increase of £17.42 per month with a new salary of £539.68  Back pay 9 months x 17.42= £156.78 |  |
| 5121 | Proposed meetings 25/26  Weds 22 January 2025  Weds 5 March 2025  Weds 16 April 2025 wpc mtg + annual meeting of electors  Weds 21 May 2025 Annual PC meeting  Weds 25 June 2025  Weds 6 August 2025  Weds 17 September 2025  Weds 5 November 2025  Weds 10 December 2025  All dates were noted by the councillors | Update Website - clerk |
| 5122 | Road Traffic collision and blocked drains – Hollowhead Lane  Cllr Gaffney had reported the flow of water and blocked drains on Hollowhead Lane through the LCC electronic system, given incident references and the reports had been signed off on the reporting system as completed however the water was still flowing down Hollowhead Lane. In the icy conditions the water at the entrance to Hollowhead Avenue from Hollowhead Lane had frozen and as a result there was a road traffic collision. | Clerk to write to LCC copying police and Chief Executive in |
| 5123 | Shropshire Drive Steps – request to clear leaves and cut foliage on a regular basis  Cllr Gaffney to ask the lengthsman | Cllr Gaffney |
| 5124 | Remembrance Soldier repairs – wood glue and matt paint required to mend the soldier – Cllr Gaffney would repair it  Council agreed for the purchase of the wood glue and matt paint and thanked Cllr Gaffney for his offer to do the works | Cllr Gaffney to report to the next meeting |
| 5125 | Hallam Estates proposed planning application in Langho for 300 houses – council noted this | Cllr Gaffney to report to the next meeting |
| 5126 | Lengthsman – jobs  Shropshire Drive Steps  Hedges bottom of Knolle Path [privets] to be trimmed  Wilpshire signs need cleaning at the Blackburn end  Wilpshire Milestone [boundary stone]  Seps ging down to the Old Station steps need clearing as full of stones |  |
| 5127 | Next meeting – 22 January 2025 |  |