**THE MEETING OF
RIBBY WITH WREA PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held At Wrea Green Institute**

**On 18 FEBRUARY 2013 at 19.30 Hours**

**Present: Cllr. Mrs. J.L. Wardell (Chairman), Cllrs. J.W. Dobson, Cllr, J.M. Molyneux, Mrs. P.A. Naylor, Cty. Cllr. P. Rigby, and Br. Cllr. F.A. Andrews.**

**There were two members of the public in attendance.**

**13/133 APOLOGIES and DECLARATION of INTERESTS**

1. **Apologies: Cllrs. K.J. Lupton and Mrs. C.E. Wheatman.**

**2. Declarations of Interests: None received.**

**3. Written Requests for New SPI Dispensation: None received.**

**13/134 The MINUTES of the Meeting of the 7 January 2013, which had previously been circulated to all councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**13/135 POLICE, CRIME and DISORDER**

**1.Report from Community Beat Officer – In the absence of a community police officer the PACT meeting had disclosed that the main monthly priorities were obstructive parking, damage to the greens by trucks, and a scam where purported water board officials are targeting houses with single female occupancy. The latter has already been evident in both Kirkham and Wesham.**

**The CCTV is now said to have been realigned to take in more of the village centre area. The introduction of flashing lights on the Wrea Green windmill was also being followed up by the police.**

**13/136 PLANNING MATTERS**

**1. Judicial Action Re Land Adjacent to Richmond Avenue – The meeting was opened from 19.35 hours to 19.50 hours. The feedback from the QC was not encouraging. However, the Environment Agency was testing the water at Heron’s Point and at Moss Side Lane to ascertain whether there is a sewerage problem. Apparently, the Environment Agency had not received any complaints from the village despite the Newsletter note last year. The need for a more proactive approach is to be raised in the Spring Newsletter.**

**2. The police and LCC highways both object to the highway situation at the proposed Moss Side Lane development. There is also already regular flooding from the stream behind the proposed Moss Side Lane development at Westcote Lane which the Environment Agency is investigating.**

**3. There is a possible further 85 dwelling proposal at North Side Farm.**

**4. With the delay in receiving the Affordable Housing Survey and the Fylde Borough New Local Plan it is anticipated that the Neighbourhood Plan referendum cannot materialise until July 2014.**

**13/137 RECREATION GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES**

**1. Wray Crescent Play Area Extension – 106 Moneys (13/125 1) - The Clerk advised that the documentation for the release of the 106 moneys had been received and it was RESOLVED that Cllrs. Wardell and Dobson would complete the document on behalf of the Council. It was then duly executed. The moneys are expected to be released in 14 days on receipt of the completed document by Fylde Borough Council.**

**2.Request by Field Day Committee to Use Main Green on 29 June 2013 – It was RESOLVED that the request be confirmed subject to the usual conditions.**

**3. Request to Use the Green and Electricity Box by The School – 27 February 2013 – It was RESOLVED that the request be confirmed and in view of the limited electricity use no charge will be made.**

**4. Ian Pearson – Request for a Bench on the Green(s) – The Chairman advised that Mr. Pearson had requested a bench in memory of his father. It was RESOLVED that this would be in order and be placed in a new location near to the current damaged area of the Green.**

 **5. General Discussion on Benches on The Green – The Clerk advised that VLEC had recommended an additional bench be placed in the area of the major vehicle damage on the main green with one large tub set slightly back either side in the hope that this would help deter further damage. It was RESOLVED that this course should be followed. However, the existing ruling of no further benches other than to replace existing ones would then remain in place.**

**6. Dog Fouling within the Village – The Clerk advised that following Mr. Jones’ recent complaint there had been further complaints about the amount of dog faeces around the streets and also from the Head Teacher about the volume of faeces on the part of the Green used by the school children. It was RESOLVED that this matter should be reported to FBC, and the police at the next PACT, and if possible the CCTV used to identify offenders**

**7. Necessary Overspend at Station Road Toilets Phase Three – The Clerk advised that the cost of phase 4 had escalated to £3903-56 due to problems with tree roots within the system and the need to replace the ladies toilets, and also because of blockages and the age of the men’s urinal waste pipes which also required replacement. It was felt preferable to complete the task to a high standard rather than cut costs which would generate additional work later on. Also the proposed interior redecoration anticipated next financial year was brought forward whilst the toilets were closed. The overall cost of the three internal phases has been £9937-15 which has been undertaken with the help of two Parish grants totalling £3600-00, £1000-00 of which relates to the last phase. It was RESOLVED that the over spend be covered by reserves.**

**13/138 FINANCIAL and STANDING ORDERS MATTERS**

**1. Financial Budget Comparisons for the Period Ended 31 January 2013**

**(Appendix 2) – The Clerk presented the account position in line with the financial information which had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. The income has now exceeded the annual budget figure of £57982 at £59982. Remaining income will only be a modest interest received element and perhaps some further tub sponsorship.**

**Expenditure to date at £43924 is well maintained within the overall agreed budget of £66046. However, the following individual budgets have been exceeded – Open Space £2777 budget £2500, Bonfire costs £1030-00 budget £1000-00 due to the payment to St. John Ambulance which was not forecast at budget time but is more than covered by bucket collection. Other Village Expenses £976-00 against budget £950-00, although the additional BAe Systems grant of £500-00 was received on the income side to cover this. With payments today the Toilet Expenses and Capex budgets and the Christmas Activities will result in these three budgets being exceeded. However, overall costs have been maintained well within the overall budget, including the element to be carried forward to 2013/14. Also the Christmas Activities budget included £219 for bulb purchase which will be utilised over several years.**

 **The position was accepted and accounts were noted and approved.**

**2. Review of Council Standing Orders (Appendix 3) – The standing orders**

**were reviewed and it was RESOLVED that they be accepted.**

**3. Review of Council’s Risk Assessment Policy Documents (Appendices 4) – The Risk assessment Policy Documents were reviewed and it was RESOLVED that they are maintained.**

 **4. Review of The Council’s Emergency Procedures (Appendix 5) – The Emergency Procedure document was reviewed and it was RESOLVED that it be continued.**

**5. Review of the Council’s Internal Auditor and letter of Engagement 2013/14 (Appendix 6) – It was RESOLVED that Alan Greening continue as internal auditor and The Terms of Engagement was approved.**

**6. Entry Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – It was RESOLVED that**

**The village enter the competition with the same categories as 2012 but also to include The Institute. Also, consideration be given to entering The Villa and/or Ribby Hall Leisure Village. This will be decided at the next meeting.**

**7. Entry North West in Bloom Competition – It was RESOLVED that as recommended by VLEC the Council would enter this competition.**

 **8. Renewal of Zurich Local Council Advisory Service –**

**i) It was RESOLVED that this support was very beneficial and confirmed renewal at a cost of £95-00 net.**

**ii) It was also confirmed that the annual subscription payment of £50-00 to Navigus Planning be met as it was included in the 2012/3 budget.**

**9 . Payment of Accounts –**

**9.1. The payment of the following items were confirmed:-**

**100394 LOST IN POST & VOID**

**100406 In Track Megaphone Hire Christmas £ 12-50 net £ 15-00 gr**

**100405 John Maskell Allotment Expenditure £ 140-40 gr**

 **Woodys Posts for New Gate £ 35-10 net £ 42-12 gr**

 **Wareings Board for Compost Box £ 81-90 net £ 98-28 gr**

**100407 Egremont B Orchard Trees £236-75 net £240-35 gr**

**100408 AlanBurrows £29576-06 net**

**Phase 3 Toilets £2245-56 net**

**Decoration of Toilets £ 468-00 net**

**Refurbishment of Toilets £ 190-00 net**

**Remove Christmas Tree £ 52-50 net**

**2076 E-On Electricity to Green £ 25-14 net £ 26-40 gr**

**9.2. The following payments were approved :-**

**100409 HJ Gigg February Salary £581-63 net**

**100410 L. Weatherby February Salary £196-00 net**

**100411 HMRC NI & Tax February £ 159-62 net**

**100412 JM Services Christmas Maintenance £407-95 net £489-54 gr**

**100413 Fylde Borough Utilities re Toilets £328-83Net £334-35 gr**

**100414 United Utilities Water for Allotments £ 23-70 net**

**2077 Zurich Mgt.S. Annual Subscription £ 95-00 net £114-00 gr**

**2078 Navigus Plang Annual Subscription £ 50-00 net**

**2079 J.Maskell £126-57 gr**

 **Compost, Labels & Boneml£ 23-51 net £ 28.21 gr**

 **Posts & Straps £ 81-96 net £ 98-36 gr**

**2080 O. Gigg Hosting Web Site £ 20-40 net**

**2081 Unity Bank To close account £ 85-90 net**

**10. Council Tax Reduction Scheme Situation – The Clerk advised that FBC had advised that this Council would receive a payment of £1587-00 from this source and it was recommended that the Precept was reduced by a like amount to £46613-00. It was RESOLVED that the recommendation be accepted.**

**13/139 FYLDE BOROUGH/LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS**

* 1. **Lancashire County Councillor Report – Cty. Cllr. P. Rigby reported that:-**
* **He had been pressing Cllr. Ashton to include Ribby Road in the 2013/14 work to be carried out, and he was hopeful of success.**
* **LCC was hoping to introduce another exit on the M55 at Bartle which would link up to Clifton Village at a cost of £278 million. This should be beneficial to both Wrea Green and Warton. LCC was still looking for a further bridge from Penwortham over the Ribble but it is not likely to materialise for many years.**
* **Cllr. Rigby was not successful in getting a rail station at Wrea Green.**

**1.2.Fylde Borough Councillor Report – Br. Cllr. F.A. Andrews reported that:-**

* **The Central Lancashire highways plan looks ambitious but should benefit Wrea Green.**
* **The debate relating to the cabinet system is raging but a referendum could cost £120K, although a lesser figure if undertaken alongside the County elections. However, it should be remembered that the borough is now one of the best performing councils in Lancashire with the cabinet system but was poor performing under the previous council system.**
* **The Moss Side Lane planning application will probably be before the March Development Management Committee.**
* **The CEO will be walking the village on 4 July 2013 and although parish councillors were invited too many would cause problems.**
* **Cllr. Andrews wanted the Parish Council to decide on a Public Realm project so that the village would benefit if further planning development applications were successful. He was advised that an enhancement of the Conservation Area was the needed priority.**
1. **Expanding Pear Tree School Consultation – The consultation paper was circulated prior to the meeting. It was RESOLVED that this Council was in favour of the proposals to increase the size of the school, as it was considered a “centre of excellence.”**

**13/140 VILLAGE ACTIVITIES /HIGHWAYS**

**1. General Highway Matters – Cllr. J.W. Dobson reported that the gulleys on Ribby Road had now all been cleared, and the guard rails at the school are currently being replaced. Potholes were still a problem and Cty. Cllr. Rigby informed the Council that LCC had reverted back to the old system of repair which is much longer lasting and effective. The Redrow signs are still on the Ribby Road lampposts despite the development now having a street name. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact LCC.**

**13/141 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**1. Co-option of New Councillor – The Clerk advised that there had not been any response to the formal advertisement and he had put up the 14 day announcement relating to co-option and the time would be up on 24 February. Mrs. Philomena Durran had declared an interest and it was agreed that interviews would take place on 4 March 2013 at 8 p.m. The Clerk will advise any potential councillors.**

**2. Village Landscape Enhancement Committee Meeting 13 February 2013 (Appendix 7)– The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.**

**3. Adapting to Climate Change Report Directive – The deadline has passed but it was considered that no comment was necessary.**

**4. Feedback from CPRE Executive Meeting – 24 January 2013 (Appendix 8) -**

**The latest executive meeting minutes were noted.**

**13/142 CLERK’S REPORT (Appendix 1)**

**This document, which had previously been circulated to all councillors, was noted.**

**13/143 The Meeting Closed at 21.04 hours. The Next Full Meeting is on the**

**18 March 2013 although a planning meeting was called on 4 March and the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council meetings will now take place on 20 May 2013.**

**Cllr. Mrs. Janet Wardell 18 March 2013**

**Chairman**