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

**Held At Wrea Green Institute**

**On 8 JULY 2013 at 19.30 Hours**

**Present: Cllr. Mrs. J.L. Wardell (Chairman), Cllrs. J.M. Molyneux (Vice Chairman), Cllr. J.W. Dobson, Ms. P.M. Durran, K.J. Lupton, Mrs. P.A. Naylor (arrived at 19.34 Hours), C.E. Wheatman, and Cty. Cllr. P. Rigby.**

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

**14/43 APOLOGIES and DECLARATION of INTERESTS**

**1. Apologies: Br. Cllr. F.A. Andrews.**

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

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

**14/44 The MINUTES of the Meetings of the 10 June 2013, which had previously been circulated to all councillors, were approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**14/45 POLICE, CRIME and DISORDER**

**1.Report from Community Beat Officer – In the absence of the police, John Rowson, Chairman of PACT, reported that last month 4 Speedwatch surveys had been planned but only two took place. Only the results of the one on Bryning Lane had been received and 6 were stopped for exceeding 30 mph in a 20 mph area. Also the police survey relating to the Mill Lane/Green junction is soon to be available.**

**During the last month there has been an assault by a female on male outside the Grapes on Club Day. criminal damage to the outside of the Old bank building (regrettably the CCTV once again did not pick up any perpetrator), a stolen unattended handbag at a function at the Villa, and at Ribby Leisure Village criminal damage to a bungalow by residents who set off a fire extinguisher at a sizeable cost.**

**Cllr. Mrs. Naylor arrived during this discussion.**

**There were only three reported incidents on Field Day – a driver with an insurance deficiency who has to attend court, a lad cut his foot when jumping in the Dub, and a girl was drunk after drinking a large quantity of vodka.**

**Mr. Rowson reported that as PACT meeting were very poorly attended the police were considering using the Street Act by positioning a police van in the village at an advertised time and having a dialogue with residents.**

**Cllr. Dobson advised that two garages had been broken into at Wray Crescent and Cllr. Molyneux advised that an airgun pellet had been fire through a window on Manor Way. Both these incidents occurred after the reporting period. It was also advised that a police car had also been sighted parked on double yellow lines and blocking the pavement near the school one early afternoon..**

**14/46 PLANNING MATTERS**

1. **Public Transport for Richmond Avenue Extension - The meeting was opened from 19.50 hours to 19.53 hours. It was generally believed that the proposed bus connection was merely a ploy to increase the planning accessibility score i.e. 10 points in this case which ensured that the application was considered medium rather than low. It was Resolved that a bus route through Richmond Avenue was not feasible and this should be the councillors’ approach at the Andrew Stell arranged meeting on 9 July 2013 with SWAG representatives, LCC, and Wain Homes. It was felt that Wain Homes lack of consultation with the local community and the Parish Council was outside the spirit of the Government’s current directives.**
2. **Fylde Local Plan to 2030: Preferred Options Consultation – Councillors had been directed to the appropriate document and had sighted John Rowson’s paper. They were reminded that the nearest consultations were at Wesham and Kirkham on the 9 July and 11 July 2013 respectively.**

**3. Save Wrea Green Group Update – The meeting was opened from 19.50 hours to 19.52 hours. SWAG was disappointed that since the DMC meeting there had not been any contact from Wain Homes to discuss a planted water drain off ditch which was supported by The Environment Agency and also the positioning/style of the affordable houses.**

**14/47 RECREATION GROUNDS & OPEN SPACES**

**1. The Green after Field Day – It was agreed that the green was in good order after Field Day.**

**2. Reduction of Fish at the Dub – The Clerk outlined the current situation. It was RESOLVED that Cllr. Tommy Threlfall would be approached about relocation of some selected fish to Freckleton with Richard Eaves involved.**

**3. Play Area Maintenance/Risk Assessments/Insurance Following Installation of New Equipment – The Clerk advised that the additional cost of extending the existing Fylde Borough Council contract to cover the new equipment was in the region of £300-00. It was RESOLVED that this course be followed when the warranties ran off with, if necessary, the additional cost being taken from the General Reserve budget. The Clerk has already arranged a meeting with FBC on this aspect.**

**It was also RESOLVED that the new pieces of equipment would not be insured for replacement as the warranties covered replacement of equipment. However, this could be reviewed again when the Council’s insurance is fully reviewed.**

1. **Complaint About Attitude of a Fish Baliff – Cllr. Mrs. C.E. Wheatman**

**reported that a resident had advised her that he and his son had been rudely treated by a bailiff whilst fishing at the Dub. They are apparently members but did not have their permits. The Clerk advised that he would follow up this matter but the rules clearly state that permits are to be available at all times.**

1. **The Church Green – Cllr. Mrs. Wheatman also reported that she had been**

**approached by the manager of the Grapes on the basis that a councillor was throwing glasses left on the Church green into the waste bins which she felt was dangerous for the collection men. The Chairman advised that this was NOT the Council’s policy. The Clerk is to contact the new general manager to re-iterate the agreement between the Grapes and the Parish Council.**

1. **Bench on Church Green – Cllr. Dobson reported that a bench on the**

**Church green needed repair.**

1. **Bench in Play Area – Cllr. Dobson advised that one of the benches in the**

**Play Area is rotting and needs removal or repair. The Clerk advised that, as already agreed, this particular bench is to be shortly removed as part of the Pre School new contract.**

**14/48 FINANCIAL and STANDING ORDERS MATTERS**

**1. Parish Council Financial Management Accounts amd Financial Budget Comparisons for the Period Ended 30 June 2013 (Appendix 2) – The Clerk presented the account and budget position in line with the financial information which had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. Income to date was £29963 (budget £55886) and expenditure £41237 (budget £88102) – both were in line with expectations following the first quarter. The situation was noted and approved.**

**2. Extending Standing Orders to Include Employment Section (Appendix 3) – The Clerk advised that technically his contract was linked to the Local government “green book” which had better benefits, particularly on pension rights which he does not enjoy, and as such before a new Clerk is appointed the Clerk’s contract should be fully linked to the NALC/SLCC arrangements. With this clearly in mind, it was RESOLVED that the paper be accepted and become a part of the Council’s Standing Orders.**

**3. Payment of Accounts –**

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

**100470 HJ Gigg July Salary £600-69 net**

**100461 L. Weatherby July Salary £233-00 net**

**100472 HMRC NI & Tax April £165-14 net**

**100473 J. Wildish Lands Open Space Grass Cuttg £268-00 net £321-60 gr**

**100474 Acer Contracts Weed Spray Small Greens£100-00 net £120-00 gr**

**100475 J.Wareing(WG)Ltd Materials Dub Noticeboard£120-00 net £144-00 gr**

**100476 PS Office Laminating Pouches £ 30-00 net £ 36-00 gr**

**100477 Media 21a Summer Newsletter £270-00 net £274-00 gr**

**100478 E-On Electricity to Green £226-36 net £237-68 gr**

**100479 SLCC`` Regional Seminar £ 60-00 net £ 72-00 gr**

**100480 R.Davenport Painting Council Furniture £978-00 net**

**100481 Wrea Green WI Senior Citizens Dinner £250-00 net**

**14/49 FYLDE BOROUGH /LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCILS**

* 1. **Lancashire County Councillor Report – Cty. Cllr. P. Rigby reported that**

**he is currently helping a disabled resident regarding an issued parking ticket. He asked councillors and residents to report pot holes through the normal system and if they were not repaired within the laid down timescale he would follow up. Cllr. Rigby is to follow up the distribution of bus service time tables. The Council had offered to put time tables up for LCC.**

Cllr. **J.W. Dobson advised that he had informed the Public Realm manager of the hedge and creeping ivy problem along Greenlands Farm. Cllr. Rigby promised to look into this matter.**

**1.2.Fylde Borough Councillor Report – In the absence of Cllr. F.A. Andrews, the Clerk outlined Cllr. Andrews’ main points. The FBC Local Plan to 2030 is at consultation stage. The appeal relating to 25 dwellings at 54 Bryning Lane closed on 26 June 2013 and the decision is awaited. The village walk about with the FBC CEO took place on 4 July 2013 and Cllr. J.W. Dobson also attended.**

**2. Three Tier Forum Questions for the Representative – It was RESOLVED that there was no new questions appropriate at this stage. Cllr. Dobson wanted the Ribby Road resurfacing programme to be raised again otherwise it would never happen.**

**14/50 VILLAGE ACTIVITIES**

**1. Bon Fire Night 5 November 2013 – The Clerk advised that the Wrea Green Institute wanted the event to take place on 5 November 2013. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should again commission St. John Ambulance to attend and undertake the necessary risk assessment procedures for the insurers.**

**2. Remembrance Sunday- 10 November 2013 - It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact the bugler and make arrangements with FBC regarding the road closure notice. The Rose Queen is to be asked to lay the wreath for the young people of the two parishes.**

**3. Christmas Activities – It was RESOLVED that switch-on would be on the**

**7 December 2013. Cllr. P.A. Naylor is to arrange the first committee meeting.**

**4. Senior Citizens Dinner – The WI put on a hot meal for 62 who were entertained by The Freckleton Singers. The event was considered very successful.**

**14/51 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**1. Increase in NALC/SLCC Salaries from 1/4/2013 – The Clerk advised that a 1% increase in Clerk’s salaries had been agreed back dated to 1 April 2013. It was RESOLVED that the necessary adjustment should be made with the backdated increase.**

**2. LCTP Training Courses -**

**2.1. Employment Workshop – 18 September 2013 It was RESOLVED that no councillors would attend.**

**2.2. Community Engagement Workshop – 16 october 2013 – It was RESOLVED that Cllrs. Dobson and Mrs. Naylor would attend at an overall cost of £50-00.**

**3. Prints at Wrea Green Institute - Frames and Position -The Clerk advised that the Institute Committee had suggested that, as the number of cabinets in the hall was to be reduced, the frames should be changed so that they fitted in more favourably with the new décor. It was RESOLVED that the Council would now prefer the prints to be in the committee room which would not require new frames.**

 **4. Heritage Strategy of Wrea Green and Ribby – The Clerk advised that FBC had requested some information on what heritage themes and broad issues the Parish Council would like included within the Borough Strategy Document. It was RESOLVED that as there was to be a meeting with Paul Drinnan on**

**1 August that FBC should be asked to defer any suggestions until after that date.**

**14/52 HIGHWAYS**

**1.General Matters – It was reported that :-**

 **i). The Ribby Avenue road sign at the Willlow Drive end is missing.**

**ii) The hedge at 20 Ribby Road was encroaching on the pavement.**

**iii) The hedge along the entrance to the Wray Crescent garages needs cutting back.**

**iv) The hedge/trees at The Grange are a hazard to cyclists.**

**v) There has been a large steel structure on the pavement near to the Manor Road junction with Ribby Road for several days..**

**14/53 CLERK’S REPORT (Appendix 1)**

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

**14/54 The Meeting Closed at 21.09 hours.**

**The Next Full Meeting is on the 5 August 2013.**

**Cllr. Mrs. Janet Wardell**

**Chairman 5 August 2013**