

RIBBLE BANKS PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council meeting
held at the Wigglesworth Community Centre
on Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 19:30**

PRESENT

Councillors – J. Kerwin-Davey, L. Brockbank, C. Yorke, A. Sutcliffe, J. Ketchell and E. Roe.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. B. Roos (Clerk/RFO) and DC D. D. Staveley, Members of the Public – 6

14/67. OPENING & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kerwin-Davey opened the meeting welcoming those present and resigned as Chair. Cllr Brockbank resigned as Councillor for the interim Council now that a full Council is in place. Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R. Welch and D. Whaites.

14/68. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr Sutcliffe was elected as the new Chairman of the Council for the duration of this meeting. At the next RBPC meeting, a new Chair will be elected.

14/69. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllrs Brockbank and Sutcliffe declared an interest regarding planning application matters.

14/70. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

14/71. REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The CC was not present.

DC Staveley reported that there wasn't a lot to report which relates to RBPC. Cllr Staveley is in contact with the Head of Settle College to investigate the options for a play park. Settle Town Council is currently reviewing the Annual Fair. Changes have been made to the Grants Scheme which might be of interest to local community groups.

14/72. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23rd September 2014

The minutes of the Ribble Banks Parish Council meeting held on 23rd September 2014 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

14/73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wanted this opportunity to speak.

14/74. MATTERS ARISING

- 13/86. HESLEY MOSS

Cllr Yorke and the Clerk will liaise regarding obtaining a quote for the legal costs of

pursuing legal ownership of Hesley Moss. Cllr Brockbank will inform the Clerk after the meeting who to best contact regarding grant possibilities.

- **13/57.1 PARISH PLAN**
It was resolved to adopt the updated Parish Plan.
- **14/59.1 ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISING**
None.

14/75. FINANCE

14/75.1 Current Bank Balances

The Clerk took the Councillors through the current bank balances.

14/75.2 Payments to be authorised

The Clerk took the Councillors through the cheques that required signing and/or authorisation. These were approved and signed after the meeting.

14/76. PLANNING MATTERS

The Clerk took Councillors through the current planning applications numbers 59/2014/15172 and 72/2014/15233 and there were no comments/objections made.

Regarding the issue of Rough Hill House, Higher Mere Syke brought to the attention of the Council via various (copies from) letters from Mr and Mrs Burton, it was reported that this is a building regulation matter which falls out of the Council's remit. The Council therefore unfortunately has no influence. DC Staveley was asked to keep an eye on the matter on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Yorke made the comment that the CDC Planning Committee should take the Parish Council views on planning applications into account. Regarding the West Thornber applications, the Council has objected to both applications, but despite the Council's views and against CDC's own planning application guidelines, both applications have been approved. Cllr Sutcliffe mentioned that he had asked to refer the application based on the PC's objection, but that this was overruled. The view taken by the committee was that the application offered an option of diversity to the farmer and Cllr Brockbank added that it had been a subjective discussion and that as the turbine would be placed in a natural dip, the visual impact was not considered to be an issue. Cllr Ketchell commented that it felt to him as if the number of letters either in favour or objecting, weighed heavier than the actual arguments.

14/77. ANY NEW CORRESPONDENCE

A request for a donation to the Settle Swimming Pool was received and it was resolved that the Council will make a £ 100 donation.

14/78. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Chairman

None.

Halton West

Councillor Yorke reported that the crash barriers on the road from Halton West to Hellifield still are in need of repair. Cllr Sutcliffe will pursue this matter further.

Rathmell

None.

Wigglesworth

None.

Clerk

None.

14/79. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND HIGHWAYS

No other issues were brought forward than had already been discussed.

14/80. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT LOCAL CONCERN

A member of the public expressed again his concerns regarding the heavy goods vehicles that come up the road from Settle through Rathmell village centre. Cllr Sutcliffe will address the issue with Ken Martin.

14/81. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

As the Council's precept request needs to be passed on to CDC before mid-January 2015, it was resolved that the next RBPC meeting will take place on Monday 12th January 2015 at the Rathmell Reading Room. The Clerk will check the availability of the Reading Room. Cllr Sutcliffe has agreed to Chair the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:35 hours.