

**RIBBLE BANKS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual and Regular Council meeting**  
**held at the Rathmell Reading Room**  
**on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 20.00**

**PRESENT**

Councillors – C. Yorke (Chair), E. Roe and J. Ketchell.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. B. Roos (Clerk/RFO), Cllr R. Welch and 3 members of the public.

**18/57. OPENING & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Staveley and Mrs F. Mudell.

**18/58. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no new declarations or requests relating to the agenda.

**18/59. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

There were no confidential items to discuss.

**18/60. REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS IF ABLE TO ATTEND**

Cllr Welch reported that the A59 at Kex Gill will be closed for a week. The permanent repair work will begin on Monday 8 October. It will involve installing ground anchors through to the hillside, constructing a reinforced concrete wall, constructing a filter drain and carriageway resurfacing. The schedule will be subject to weather and ground conditions. It is hoped both lanes will be open to traffic by December. The Constituency Committee is discussing the Green Paper dealing with elderly care. Following a question from Cllr Ketchell, Cllr Welch explained that if the Council would wish to buy a vehicle activated speed sign, they can of course do so, but will have to take full responsibility for the sign and place it on private land. Placing the sign on land belonging to Highways would most likely not be allowed.

**18/61. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 were approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

**18/62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public enquired what is happening regarding the traffic mirror in Wigglesworth. The Clerk explained to be waiting for suggestions regarding a new mirror from Dr Clarke. A member of the public reported that the trees on the road from Wigglesworth (at the height of Church Lane) to Long Preston are also overhanging. Cllr Roe added that the other overhanging tree issue was still not resolved and that a neighbor had done some work to the trees. Cllr Welch will take this up with Highways. A member of the public mentioned the issue of an increasing amount of HGV's passing between the bypass and the Plough in Wigglesworth which are not accessing anywhere and not allowed to use the road. Cllr Welch explained that the license plate of these vehicles needs to be noted and reported to the RW Hotline (860411) from which these issues will be seriously looked at. Dashcam evidence is now allowed too.

## **18/63. FINANCE**

### **18/63.1 Tree works**

It was resolved to instruct Mr Best to provide a quote for the tree works in Halton West.

### **18/63.2 Current Bank Balances**

The Clerk took Councillors through the current bank balances.

### **18/63.3 Payments to be authorised**

The Clerk took Councillors through the payments that required authorisation. The payments were approved and cheques were signed after the meeting.

## **18/64. PLANNING MATTERS**

It was resolved not to object to/comment on planning application 2018/19650/FUL.

## **18/65. CORRESPONDENCE**

No new correspondence was received that needed further action.

## **18/66. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Chairman**

None.

### **Halton West**

The Chair reported that there is a request to widen the A682 above the Halton West turning, that he fears this will encourage speeding and that the issues which the widening is supposed to resolve occur more at the Hellifield junction.

### **Rathmell**

CLLrs Ketchell and Roe have had no time yet to erect the new village sign.

### **Wigglesworth**

None.

### **Clerk**

None.

## **18/67. VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND HIGHWAYS**

There were no further items to be discussed.

## **18/68. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in Wigglesworth.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.55 hours.