

Clerk's Report to Haigh Parish Council

21 October 2019

Small Society Lotteries Registration

This is in progress. The application from has been completed and all that is required is that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should sign it, so that it can be submitted. It then normally takes about four weeks for the LA to process the information before they issue the licence.

Speeding Along the B5239

Cllr C Higham has since the last Parish Council meeting forwarded details of correspondence with Wigan Council officers over issues of concern with regard to the B5239 on 15 and 30 September and on 7 October.

Cllrs C Higham and A Goodman and several residents met on site with Dist Cllrs Chris Ready and Ron Conway on a Sunday morning – 6 October - to discuss their concerns. During that meeting it was confirmed that the National Speed Limit sections of the road were to become 40 mph zones. Immediately following that meeting Cllr Higham sent details of what local residents would like to see along that stretch of road, specifically:

- implementation of the 40mph limit on Riley Lane and Meadow Pit Lane
- adoption of a 30mph limit on Red Rock Lane
- clearing of hedgerows behind the fence at the junction of School Lane and Red Rock Lane and lowering the adjacent hedgerows.
- clear, impactful signage to warn of the dangers and the accident blackspots
- re-marking of the road lines, SLOW markings etc as promised
- some degree of enforcement, and, if not, perhaps a number of the flashing speed notification signs
- an appraisal of the options for the layout of the junction of Riley Lane and Meadow Pit Lane

The Ward councillors committed to pressing the case with further meetings to be held at the Town Hall, to which Cllr Higham and a number of neighbours would be invited.

Neighbourhood Plan

The officer from the Planning Department at the LA who had agreed to attend Monday's meeting to begin discussions with the Council about preparing a Neighbourhood Plan has written to say that he will now be on leave on 21 October and will, consequently, not be able to come. I have written back suggesting the December meeting as one alternative or that members could meet with him at the Town Hall on a mutually convenient date. He has confirmed that he is able to attend the Council meeting on 2 December. As this part of the meeting is likely to take up an hour and preliminary budget preparation takes place at this meeting, it is important that we keep other agenda items to a minimum.

Report It App for Councillors

The Report It App for Councillors has been set up to enable me, as the Clerk, to submit enquiries on behalf of the Council. The user logs in via his/her email address, which is used as the identifier. At the moment Wigan Council officers have only been permitted to set up this facility for the Clerk's email address. The Manager is finding out whether the facility could be extended to councillors' individual addresses.

Appendix B

In the meantime, members wishing to report issues that come under one of the categories listed below, are asked to complete a copy of the accompanying proforma and return it to me together with a photograph in jpeg format. Details of the precise location are essential. I will then submit the information via the App and forward the LA's reply when I receive it.

Categories:

Council owned housing
Speeding and traffic
Parking
Gypsies and Travellers
Alley gates
Bins
Dead animals
Dog fouling
Lost and stray dogs
Fly tipping
General behaviour issues
Grit/salt bins
Highways
Kerbs
Litter in the street
Manholes
Parks, countryside and play areas
Pollution – artificial light, smoke or fumes
Street care
Needles on public land
Tree maintenance
Waste and litter

Community Engagement & Fundraising

The final total for the funds raised through the Crazy Golf Day for canal towpath materials was £265. The raffle at the Late Summer Social raised £78 and has been used to off-set expenses on community engagement. An email has been sent to the Friends of Haigh Woodland Park to thank them for the support they provided to the Parish Council in relation to both events.

K.M.P.: 15.10.19