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Clerk's Report to Haigh Parish Council 24 October 2022

Questions Submitted to Wigan Council

Answers have been received to the questions submitted to Wigan Council, as agreed at the September Council meeting. They are printed in blue:

- (a) When will a concrete decision be made with regard to the levelling up bid?
'In terms of the levelling up fund bid, we have received an acknowledgment from the Department that our bid has been received and is being considered with those from across the country. We don't have a definitive date for decision.'
- (b) When is a decision expected with regard to the HLF bid for Haigh Hall?
'We anticipate a decision on the heritage lottery bid later this month.'
Since receiving this response it has been announced in the Press that Wigan Council have secured a grant of £3.78 million. Work on the project is expected to begin in September 2023 and will be backed by a further £2m from Wigan Council.
- (c) When will the planning application for the Leyland Mill development be determined?
No answer received to date.

Potential Future Projects

An enquiry has been submitted to Wigan Council about whether there is a need for planning permission to install a new notice board near the Leyland Mill Lane junction.

Haigh Windmill

Identification of other surveyors with experience of windmills is still a work in progress.

Use of Vestibule of Haigh Hall for Public Meetings

Keith Bergman has advised that, unfortunately, the Vestibule is not available for public use at this time. Special dispensation was received to carry out the public consultation there recently. However, that area, and indeed the whole Hall, is not yet safe for unmanaged public access and there is no infrastructure (such as toilets) available in the building at this time.

Sumup Card Reader

The card reader arrived in time for it to be used at the Bubblefest had it gone ahead. It has been set up and tested. It works on wi-fi in my house and in areas where reception is known to be good. It has also been tested at several locations in the walled gardens at Haigh Hall. Because it does not use very much data it does not require very much in the way of signal. Hence it works reasonably well at several locations in the walled gardens.

The card reader is very simple to use. The funds are initially transferred to Sumup, who provide the merchant with a statement of itemised transactions. It is possible to email a receipt to the customer on request. A couple of days later Sumup transfer a single lump sum to the merchant's account.

Pop-up Banners

The three banners were collected shortly before the Bubblefest. Two of them are perfect. There were issues with the transfer of the third design to the banner. This is being addressed at no additional cost. I am hoping that all three will be on display at the October Council meeting.

Parish Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III

As requested by Wigan Council, this took place on Sunday, 11 September at 5pm. Cllr Paul Kenyon read the Proclamation outside St David's Parish Rooms and was filmed by Cllr Clare

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Kenyon. Cllr Bobbie Darbyshire informed local dignitaries and residents and invited them to attend to witness it. An article about this has been included in the Parish Newsletter.

Parish Newsletter

The Parish newsletter has been printed and I will be bringing the copies to the Council meeting. I will also be circulating a distribution list and inviting members to indicate on it which areas they are willing and able to cover.

Planning Matters

There are several residents who have concerns about the latest planning application submitted by the owners of Rothwells Farm and also about the Planning Inspectorate hearings with regard to the 'Places for Everyone' Plan. I have been told that they are hoping to join the meeting.

Insurance Cover for Cancellation of Events

A couple of stallholders spent significant amounts of money on perishable goods for their stalls at the Bubblefest and had no alternative ways of selling them before they perished and asked whether we were prepared to reimburse them. I wrote to Keith Bergman of HWP to find out if their insurance policy covered the cancellation of events due to circumstances beyond their control and, if so, whether it would cover the costs mentioned above. He has replied that, unfortunately, HWP's insurance does not cover loss of business. The cancellation of events, including markets, is quite common. He would expect traders to have the experience and capacity to deal with this.

Golborne and Lowton West Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Wigan Council have notified us that the Council is now in receipt of the final draft of Golborne and Lowton West Neighbourhood Plan, submitted on the 23 September 2022.

The Plan is now being publicised for a period of 6 weeks, ending at **23:45 on 22 November 2022**. Comments made during this time are restricted to whether the Plan meets Basic Conditions set out in Schedule 4B of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. These are that a Neighbourhood Plan must:

- a. Have regard to national policy
- b. Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development
- c. Be in general conformity with the strategic policies in the development plan for the local area; and
- d. Be compatible with EU obligations and human rights law.

The Plan and associated documents are available on Wigan Council's website at www.wigan.gov.uk/golbornelowtonwestplan.

Please submit any comments to neighbourhoodplanning@wigan.gov.uk.

Following the publicity period, the Plan, associated documents, and all comments received will be submitted to an independent examiner for examination.

K.M.P.: 16.10.22