

**Minutes of Meeting of Haigh Parish Council
Held Thursday 30th July 2015
7pm The Stables Haigh Hall**

Present: Councillors R. Darbyshire (Chairman), J. Wild, G. France, A. Thompson, S. Aspden, G. Fairhurst and M. Barnes (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr. R. Howarth (Holiday, accepted)

16 The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming the councillors and the clerk.

17 Public Attending

No members of the parish attended the meeting.

18 The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st May were agreed to be a true record.

Proposed Cllr. S. Aspden Seconded Cllr. A. Thomson **Unanimous**

19 Matters Arising

Minute 9 The Clerk re-iterated the email he had received from the Assistant Director of Planning regarding this issue. **It was agreed that question “what are the planning criteria for structures being built on to the upper levels of properties” should be put to Wigan Council’s Planning Dept.**

Minute 13 There has been no further correspondence regarding the pigs grazing in Haigh Hall.

Minute 14 it was noted that the pot holes at the Red Rock Canal Bridge had been filled in and the road resurfaced.

The Clerk reported on the issue of un-adopted roads.

20 Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk had previously circulated the proposed advert, together with two examples of good practice received from LALC.

It was agreed that example 1 as received from LALC would serve as the template for the advertisement.

It was further agreed that the post would be advertised as “up to 4 hours per week”

Proposed Cllr. G. France **Seconded** Cllr. G. Fairhurst **Unanimous**

The vacancy will be advertised until the end of August on the Parish Website, Notice Board, with the LALC, Wigan Council’s Job Search site. A copy will also be sent to the Clerk of Shevington PC.

Interviews will take place in late September.

The Clerk will review the situation regarding pension payments.

21 Planning Applications

Since the council last met the following planning applications had been received by Wigan Council

80424	Erection of detached house at 4 Leyland Mill Farm, refused.	Noted
80826	Playground Haigh Country Park – Infrastructure Improvements	Noted
80874	Land Adjacent 32 Haigh Rd – build 2, two storey houses	Noted
80933	WRUFC – Floodlights to training pitches	Noted
81039	Aspull Club, Haigh Rd. (not in Parish) – build 2 storey detached house	Noted
	Planning Committee 23/6/15 - 80424	Noted
	Planning Committee 30/6/15, No Interest	Noted

22 Accounts 2015 / 2016

The Clerk put forward the following items for payment:-

For Clerk's Salary	£187.83
Total	£187.83
After this authorised spend there will be	£6,541.54 in the bank account

It was agreed that the clerk should arrange for the previous signed minutes to be bound. It was also agreed that the clerk should purchase a black ink cartridge.

Proposed Cllr. J. Wild Seconded Cllr. G. Fairhurst **Unanimous**

23 Clerk's Report

Wigan Council Standards Committee 16/6/15 Noted

Stone Wall Red Rock Lane, the Clerk reported on his enquiry regarding the damage to this wall and reported that it does appear that tidying up has been done, but not a full repair. Noted

Wigan Council Wigan Local Plan Update July 2015, the clerk advised that he could see no references to the Parish within the documents highlighted in the document.

It was agreed that the Clerk should keep a watching brief on this issue.

LALC the AGM will take place on 7th November 2015 Noted

Wigan Borough Wide Community Network Newsletter, **agreed Clerk should receive a copy on behalf of the council**

24 Any Other Business

The Clerk will confirm with Wigan Council that the Japanese Knotweed has received further treatment.

Concern was expressed at the size of the shrubs in the fields surrounding the junction of Meadow Pit Lane / Riley Lane were reducing lines of sight for drivers.
The Clerk will look at this issue

The overgrowth of the hedgerows on Red Rock Lane was noted. The Clerk was able to inform the councillors that he had contacted Wigan Council about the issue and was awaiting a reply.

25 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 1st October 2105 at 6:30pm

Meeting Closed at 8pm