



Haigh
PARISH COUNCIL

**An Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON
MONDAY 15 MARCH 2021 at 6:30pm**

Agenda

275 Apologies for Absence

- to receive apologies from councillors.

276 Declaration of Interests

- to receive any declarations of interest (prejudicial or otherwise) with regard to items on the Agenda.

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.

277 Co-option of New Councillor

As there was no request from electors of the Parish for an election to be held, the Parish Council were allowed to co-opt a new member. The position was advertised and three applications were received. The applicants were invited to attend for informal interviews with existing Council members and Andrew Wilson has been recommended for approval as a Co-opted Councillor to serve until the Parish Council elections in 2023.

(a) Co-option of Andrew Wilson as a Councillor – for approval

(b) Declaration of the Acceptance of Office by Cllr Andrew

Wilson - to receive

278 Resignation of Councillor – for information

279 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public

– for information

An opportunity for any members of the public present to raise issues for the attention of members.

262 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting (18 January 2021)

– *for approval* (enclosed)

To receive and approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2021 for signature by the Chairman.

263 Matters Arising – *for information only*

An opportunity for members of the Council to report or update on any matters that have arisen since the meeting in January.

Actions from the Meeting of 18 January 2021

No.	ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	COMPLETED
241	Widening of Wingates Road	Research reasons for widening by contacting 1. Highways 2. FOI	The Clerk	No reply received from Highways by 15.02.21, so FOI enquiry submitted
260	Casual Vacancy	Advertise position via website, Facebook & notice boards	The Clerk Cllr R Lawson Cllr C Hatherall	25.01.21
262	Minutes	Amendment made & amended minutes posted on website	The Clerk	19.01.21
264	Planning Applications	A/20/90485 – prepare & submit representation to LA <u>Rothwell Stud</u> – 1. prepare letter 2. submit to LA	The Clerk Cllr R Lawson The Clerk	27.01.21 15.02.21 16.02.21
266	PROWs	Prepare map for meeting with LA officers on 22 February Process & circulate information on Walks in the Parish once it has been received	Cllr I Parker The Clerk	 07.02.21
267	Planning for Events in 2021	Write to Keith Bergman to cancel date in May & inform that the two events would be combined in September Contact bubblers to establish their availability in September	The Clerk Cllr C Hatherall	23.01.21
269	Meeting with Wigan Council Officers	Send topics selected for discussion to Democratic Services at LA – receipt of agenda acknowledged by LA	The Clerk	19.01.21
270	Cheques & other documents for signature	Cheques & other documents signed & posted	Cllrs R Lawson, R Darbyshire & the Clerk	26.01.21
271	Budget 2021/22 Preparation	Send precept request to Wigan Council	The Clerk	22.01.21
272	Text for Council Tax Letter	Prepare Forward to Wigan Council	Cllr R Lawson The Clerk	24.01.21
273	Clerk's Report	Bridge 63 – collate historical information on file for Council meeting in March	The Clerk	09.03.21

Members are invited to update the Council on progress with the above actions, if the matter is not otherwise included on the agenda.

Progress with actions assigned to the Clerk is either included in the narrative relating to other agenda items or in the Clerk's Report.

264 Planning Applications – *for consideration & agreement*

A/20/90485/FULL	Red Rock Lodge, School Lane, Haigh	Representation made - <i>approved with conditions</i>
A/20/90248/LB	Brock Mill House Wingates Road WN1 2SJ	Listed building consent for a single storey rear extension – <i>withdrawn on 03.03.21</i>
A/21/90686/NMAS	Brock Mill Farm Wingates Road WN1 2SJ	Working amendment application for previously approved application A/20/88767/HH 1. New, smaller sauna shed (Heartwood V, 3x2.3m) in lieu of the original (Mica Summerhouse 4.2x2.2m). The original is now discontinued. 2. Re-siting the spiral staircase 425mm to the north. Simpler roof over stair. 3. Re-siting the curved shower enclosure 1.5m to the north to be further away from adjacent trees and to be central to the new glazed canopy. 4. Omission of the proposed stone-filled gabions as retaining walls. The design of the new ground slabs (to the sauna, stair and shower enclosure) overcomes the need for the gabions.
A/21/90685/CON	Brock Mill Farm Wingates Road WN1 2SJ	Condition Discharge application to discharge conditions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in respect of application A/20/88767/HH

A/21/90612/HH	8 Hampson Green Haigh WN2 1LY	Two storey side extension following demolition of a detached garage
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Members are invited to consider the applications and agree the best way forward.

Rothwell Stud

A letter prepared by Cllr R Lawson has been sent to Wigan Council. Concerns in connection with the sale of the property with planning permission granted in 2017 and whether conditions of the consent had been met were raised in the letter. The letter has been acknowledged and the matter is being looked into.

265 Model Design Code (Consultation)

– *for agreement* (enclosed)

Enclosed is the content of an email sent by NALC in February and circulated at the time to members. NALC propose to respond to this consultation on behalf of member councils, but their deadline for responses from councils was on 12 March.

However, the deadline for responses to the MHCLG is 27 March and, if members wish to send a response directly to the Ministry, this is still possible. The consultation document is on the www.GOV.uk website and can be downloaded.

Members are invited to agree the best way forward.

266 Speeding on the B5239 – *for discussion and agreement*

One of the residents who attended the meeting in January has an issue that needs to be addressed: the volume of speeding vehicles through Aspull and Haigh. The resident and her husband took part in a community speed watch in September 2020 for a week. Facts and figures were forwarded to Wigan Council. They received a response from the Highways Department letting them know that the problem was not severe enough for the LA to do something about it. The resident observes that people living on Haigh Rd or Meadow Pit Lane take a different view. They have witnessed numerous near misses, vehicles trying to drive as fast as possible from the bend at the Balcarres Arms to the bend at Toddington Lane, and vehicles overtaking prior to reaching the bends.

The resident has committed herself and her husband to carry out a further survey prior to this meeting to gather some more evidence.

Members are invited to discuss and agree the best way forward.

267 Hall Lane Issues – Update – *for information*

Following the meeting with Wigan Council officers on 22 February the Chairman met with other Council officers to discuss issues being experienced by residents of Hall Lane and will provide an update.

268 Bridge 63 - *for discussion and agreement*

Previously the Crawford Arms, Bridge 63 has lain vacant and unused for a number of years. From time to time over these years workmen have been observed on the site and enquiries have been made by the Parish Council to establish what was happening to the building and what the owners plans for it were. Informal enquiries have established a strong possibility that the property has changed ownership at least once in the last five years. Between October 2015 and April 2018 the following have been minuted:

Oct 2015 – (Min 19) – The then Clerk reported that an enquiry had been made with the Development Company about work being carried out on the site, but no reply had been received.

Dec 2015 – (Min 40) – The then Clerk reported that he had received a further email from Wigan Council's Planning Enforcement Officer which confirmed that planning permission was not required for the work being carried out and that the work carried out complied with Building Control Legislation. It was agreed that this matter be closed.

Dec 2017 – (Min 239) - Concern was expressed about the lack of progress with the development of the property. The Clerk was asked to write to the owners, the LA and the District Councillors to seek an update on the situation. No response was received

April 2018 – (Min 262) - A resident who lives near the property drew the Council's attention to the fact that Japanese Knotweed (which had previously been treated) had not only re-appeared in the grounds of Bridge 63, but had also spread across the road and was invading her garden. Concerns about this issue and the general condition of the property were discussed at length. The Clerk would write to the Environment Department at the LA, the Environment Agency and the owner. No replies were received.

Concern has once again been raised about the condition of the building.

Members are invited to discuss the issues and agree the best way forward.

269 Bubblefest 2021 – *for discussion and agreement*

Cllr C Hatherall agreed during the January meeting to try to establish the availability of the bubblers on the date proposed for the Bubblefest and will report back to the Council.

Members are invited to discuss plans for the event in greater detail.

270 Spring Newsletter – *to discussion and agreement*

Members are invited to consider and agree:

(a) What is to be included in the next newsletter

(b) When it is to be published

(c) The format in which it is to be published and its delivery.

The direct mailing list currently consists of five recipients by email and three in hard copy.

271 Meeting with Wigan Council Officers - Feedback

– *for information and discussion* (enclosed)

The meeting with Wigan Council Officers took place on 22 February 2021 at 4pm via MS Teams. The minutes of the meeting are enclosed.

Members are invited to provide feedback.

272 Accounts 2020/21 – *for approval*

Income: **£nil**

Expenditure:

No	PAYEE	NARRATIVE	NET	VAT	PAYMENT
21	Employee No.1	Salary (Feb & Mar)-net	£332.80	N/A	£332.80
22	HMRC	Tax (Feb & Mar)	£ 41.60	N/A	£ 41.60
23	Employee No.1	Mileage	£ 5.20	N/A	£ 5.20
Total:			£379.60	N/A	£379.60

Balance at bank on 2 March 2021 = **£4,747.53**

All prior payments had been presented by 2 March 2021

Estimated balance at the bank after the above expenditure = **£4,367.93**

273 Quarterly Budget Monitoring 2020/21

– *for discussion and approval* (enclosed)

All cost centres are online. No overspends are anticipated.

Reserves to the end of February are estimated, as the monthly bank statement had not arrived by the time this agenda was due for circulation.

274 Text for Council Tax Letter – *for approval*

The following statement has been prepared for inclusion on the letter that is circulated by Wigan Council to council tax payers:

For 2021/22 we have approved an increase in the precept from £2,400 to £2,880. This equates to an average increase of less than £1.80 across all properties.'

As agreed, this has been forwarded to Wigan Council. Members are invited to approve it retrospectively.

275 LALC Training Survey – *for completion* (enclosed)

As part of ensuring that they continue to provide the best possible training programme and support to member councils the LALC would be very grateful if we could please complete and return the attached survey by Friday, 16 April 2021.

The LALC will share a summary of the results with member councils once they are available and use the valuable feedback to improve their services to members.

276 Clerk's Report – *for information* (enclosed)

277 Date of Next Meetings: 10 May 2021

- Annual Parish Meeting at 6:30pm
- Annual Meeting of the Council at 7pm
- Ordinary Meeting of the Council at 7:10pm

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing **clerk.haighpc@gmail.com** by **Saturday, 13 March** so that you can be sent an invitation, thank you

Copies of Parish Council Minutes are lodged at Aspull Library and may be accessed online on Wigan Council's website.

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