

Appendix A

Clerk's Report to Haigh Parish Council 4 September 2023

Bank Signatories

Cllr Paul Kenyon has been successfully added to the bank's list of signatories and Mr Rob Lawson has been removed.

Notice Board

An enquiry has been submitted to Wigan Council to find out whether we need planning permission to install a notice board in Leyland Mill Lane. So far only an automated reply acknowledgement has been received. However, one of the statements contained in the reply states that the Planning Department no longer provide informal advice. Consequently, to receive a definitive reply it may be necessary to submit a formal pre-application enquiry. This will involve a small fee.

Meanwhile, investigations into the ownership of Leyland Mill Lane continue. Wigan Council have advised that Leyland Mill Lane is not an adopted highway and is not in Wigan Council's ownership. Consequently, they cannot give or refuse the Parish Council permission to install a notice board at the selected location. The ownership details are also unregistered and the LA do not have the owner's details. The road is one of the Haigh Estate roads over which the Council was granted rights of way under the Haigh Hall conveyance.

To establish whether the road is the property of the Haigh Estate enquiries were sent to a couple of firms of Wigan based solicitors. One firm has replied that they do not act for the Haigh Estate – the other has so far not replied. The land on either side of Leyland Mill Lane is registered and ownership is known. An enquiry has now been sent to the owners of the properties on either side of the road to find out whether they can shed some light on the matter. A reply is awaited.

Haigh Windmill

Research into this continues to be a work in progress.

Sympathy & Get Well Cards

Following the meeting in July a Sympathy card was sent to one member and a Get Well card were sent to another.

Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter

Since the meeting in July Council have been signed up to the Community Safety Charter. This means that we have pledged to:

- Promote a culture that does not tolerate antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility towards others;
- Enable others to identify and take an active stance against these crimes and incidents;
- Actively encourage and support those who experience or witness these crimes and incidents to report them to the relevant authorities;
- Support those affected and signpost those who need further support to agencies who can help them.

The pack which we received on registering was circulated to members at the beginning of August.

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'Digital Haigh' Document

The 'Digital Haigh' document is now available to be downloaded in jpeg format from the main Parish Council Facebook page.

Public Footpath No.20

Earlier this month a request for public footpath No.20 to be cleared was sent to the PROW officer, who has written to say that she will ask the LA's contractor to provide a quote for the work of clearing the footpath and, once she has received this, she will make the arrangements for it to be carried out.

Fly Tipping in Wingates Road

An unwanted car seat was deposited in Wingates Road earlier this month. This was reported to the Streetscene area manager, who has made arrangement for it to be removed.

Internal Audit 2022-23

The Parish Council's self-Certification of Exemption from External Audit has been acknowledged by the External Auditor as having been received. The External Auditor has confirmed that, unless they receive enquiries from residents during the period for the exercise of public rights, no further information will be required from the Parish Council. As the period for the exercise of public rights ended last Friday, the audit process for the financial year ending on 31 March 2023 has been completed.

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