

Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held via Zoom.us for the purpose of transacting business during the Coronavirus outbreak on Monday 14th September 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Cooke, Davey, Mifsud, Rowling, and Parker. Also in attendance the Clerk John Ryan, Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and Mr Jamie Baker, Mrs Pat Lazenby and Mr Jim Richardson.

2020/689 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the annual Civic Service planned for October 2020 has been cancelled. The council is awaiting guidance on arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday service at the cenotaph.

2020/690 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Jamie Baker addressed the meeting on the Road Safety Campaign he is assisting with on behalf of the village and reported on progress from the recent zoom meeting held with Leeds Council Highways department. It is hoped that the installation of Police Speed Check Area signs will increase the number of speed checks and ultimately lead to a decrease in speeding around the village. Over 50% of responders to the recent survey to reduce the speed limit on lower Old Pool Bank agreed with a reduction to 30mph. Gaining over 50% of residents agreeing to the reduction in speed limit on Old Pool Bank means the proposal can be progressed through Leeds Council's Highways Board. Whilst agreement with the proposal is by no means certain, Mr Baker asked the Council if some form of joint funding might help the proposal get approval and would they be prepared to offer any funding. The cost of undertaking a Speed Limit Order is approximately £12,000.

Councillor Cooke supported some funding towards the speed limit reduction, others agreed and asked that it be noted that the parish council had funded other speed reduction programs through a loan and council financing. It was agreed that the Finance Committee meet in October to look at what resource if any might be available. Councillor Parker asked if there are any other measures being considered behind the speed reduction scheme. Mr Baker hoped the group together with the council would continue to look at what other improvements could be introduced to improve road safety throughout the village.

Finally Mr Baker added that a group of residents will carry out local speed checks with the permission of the police in the near future.

2020/691 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barbara Wheeler and Ward Councillor Billy Flynn.

2020/692 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

No declarations were received.

2020/693 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 13th July 2020 were approved subject to an amendment to minute 2020/686, this was moved by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Rowling.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2020 as a true record.

2020/694 **POOL WEBSITE AND ARCHIVE**

Mrs Pat Lazenby addressed the meeting having previously indicated to council her retirement as Pool Archivist and from her responsibility for the pool-in-wharfedale history

website. Pat explained how funding for the website will continue and that resources will be transferred to cover the costs for the next ten years. Councillors accepted the proposal and its responsibilities to oversee the archive and website under the management of Jim Richardson. Pat will help Jim Richardson with the archive and website during the transfer of responsibilities. Councillors wished to place on record their sincere gratitude to Pat for her years of hard work and dedication to the village and its history and records.

RESOLVED

That the Council approves the appointment of Jim Richardson to take charge of the archive and website and notes that resources to cover expenditure on the website will be transferred from accounts held by Mrs Lazenby. This was agreed moved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

2020/695 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Cooke spoke about the need for the owners of Swiss Cottage to obtain permission for the tree works that are required on their property, the costs will be borne by the owners themselves. Councillor Lee to speak to the householders.

Councillors Barlow and Parker spoke about the recent security work at entrances to the riverside park and recreation grounds. Most of the work is complete with the installation of a barrier at the car park outstanding. Looking ahead the Recreation Ground Committee are assisting the Football Club with additional facilities adjacent the cricket nets.

Councillor Davey informed council of a meeting organised for the 25th September 2020 at 11.30am with Playdale Playgrounds Ltd to discuss ideas for improving the playgrounds equipment. Councillor Davey also highlighted work being carried out by a local contractor and that the contractor will be painting the telephone box in the coming week.

Councillor Rowling brought councillors up to date with progress on the neighbourhood Plan and in particular stated that the group are looking at which outstanding jobs they still need professional help with. It was agreed that the Finance Committee would look at funding position for completed and remaining work on the plan.

Councillor Cooke raised problems at the Chevin where sections of the park have been blocked off, she believed in order to carry out work to bury power lines. Councillor Cooke was also concerned about the major disruption the work is causing and the potential of environmental damage. Many of the Chevin's footpaths are in an appalling state. Councillor Anderson agreed to investigate the matter, the clerk was also asked to contact the Parks Department for comment.

Councillors discussed the recent communication from Greg Mulholland regarding the sale of the Half Moon Public House. After some discussion it was agreed to wait for clarity from enquiries made by Councillor Anderson about the sale and future use of the building. In the meantime, Councillors Parker and Barlow consider the buildings appropriateness as an asset of community value. The clerk will circulate the form required to request a building be given such status with Leeds City Council.

2020/696 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk reported that the National Joint Council for Local Government has agreed a 2.75% pay rise for staff employed by parish councils from the 1st April 2020. The pay award was explained by the clerk and the report circulated showed the new pay scales to be applied. It was noted that in the case of the Lengthsman there will also be an increase in pension contributions.

The clerk's reports which list financial transactions during the months of July and August were noted. The reports were moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council approves the pay awards as outlined with implementation from April 2020. In approving the pay increases the Council recognises the continued employment of

staff under the NJC terms and conditions and seeks to maintain employees on competitive salaries. This was moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Cooke together with Finance reports for the month of July and August 2020.

2020/697 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications had been received since the last meeting no objections had been raised with the council.

20/05486/FU/NW Linton House, Avenue Des Hirondelles

20/05275/FUNW Acorn Way

20/04067/FU/NW Church Garth

20/04838/FU/NW Sunny View, Old Pool Bank

20/04222/FU/NW Church Close

20/04930/FU/NW Thirty Nine Steps

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

SIGNED BY