

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

**Present** Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Cooke, Davey, Mifsud, Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson.

2021/752 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that the coming year will see the end of the COVID-19 Pandemic and that in the meantime everyone stays safe. The Chairman asked Council to note with sadness the recent death of Clive Bray who worked tirelessly for the Recreation Ground Management Committee as Head Gardener. The Council understands Mr Wayne Hoban will take over the responsibilities.

2021/753 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present.

2021/754 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillors Parker and Wheeler and Ward Councillor Billy Flynn.

2021/755 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

No Councillor interests declared.

2021/756 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Barlow.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council accepts that the minutes listed above be approved as a true record.

2021/757 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

No progress to report

2021/758 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Several projects currently under planning such as moving the SID Machine, Speed checks, surveys and signage are suffering lack of progress due to COVID-19 Restrictions and staffing problems. Councillor Lee asked Ward Councillors to arrange for remedial work to be carried out on the steep steps at the end of Park Mount, responsibility lies with Leeds City Council. Also, grit bins need refiling at Old Pool Bank.

2021/759 **REPORT FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021.**

Councillor Rowling reported on the recent Finance Committee meeting that considered a draft budget for the financial year 2021-22. It was noted that whilst the Council had agreed to a zero increase in Precept for 2021-22 it actually meant a slight loss in income. However, because of adjustments to budget headings for inflation, other costs, and a reduction in certain budgets due to reduced forecasted spending the loss is accommodated without adverse impact on overall finances.

Councillor Rowling took councillors through the planned budget highlighting areas of priority and increased spending. Councillors were asked to approve the draft in order for the clerk to prepare the approved draft for publication at the end of March. It was moved by Councillor Mifsud and seconded by Councillor Barlow that the Draft Budget for 2021-22 and recommendations from the Finance Committee be approved.

2021/760 **HONORARY CITIZEN AWARD 2021-22**

The bi-annual award by the Parish Council for Honorary Citizen 2021-22 will take place in October 2021. Nominations are sought before that time from residents wishing to put forward people from the local community for the award. A decision will be made by the Parish Council at its meeting in September with the award being presented to the successful individual at the October Civic Service.

Councillor Mifsud agreed to promote the award on social media in the coming weeks. A nomination form will go on the council website.

2021/761 **FIRS HILL FARM**

Following the decision of Council at its last meeting to include Firs Hill Farm within the Pool Electoral Boundary a response from the Electoral Registration Officer states that this change can only be made after a Community Governance Review. In the light of the requirements set out in the review the Council decided against proceeding with the amendment to the boundary at this time. Instead the Council will propose the change the next time boundary changes are brought forward for all electoral wards.

2021/762 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Cooke asked the Council to consider a few options for addressing outstanding issues at the playground/skatepark. Options included doing something minimal, keeping up with repairs and safety work etc. Doing something more substantial such as replacing some of the equipment (outdated and in poor condition) and improving access to all age ranges and abilities (disabled friendly) or doing something on a much larger scale replacing all outdated equipment, involving Playground specialists in coming up with a design brief for a more comprehensive scheme and researching grant programmes to finance the scheme and looking at ways to involve the community in any rebuild programme.

Councillors agreed that all options should be drawn up and costed so that a decision on how to go forward can be made as soon as possible. It was moved by Councillor Mifsud and seconded by Councillor Rowling that progress be made on these options and that Playground specialists be invited to draw up design briefs as soon as possible.

2021/763 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Applications were received for 21/00163/FU/NW Acorn Way, 20/08634/FU/NW Willow Court and 20/08601/FU/NW Church Close. COVID 19 restrictions did not allow for the usual scrutiny of the applications. No objections have been received. Councillors discussed the proposed Otley East Development and raised several concerns which will be formalised once the formal planning application has been received.

Correspondence from Councillor Mick Bradley was also discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask to join the 'Do the right thing' campaign. Councillor Rowling agreed to be the link between the Group and the Council.

2021/764 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's Report was approved and noted.

2021/765 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

It was moved by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Cooke that the monthly finance reports for January 2021 be approved.

2021/766 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds,  
Otley East Development

Time meeting closed at 9.29 pm

SIGNED BY