Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

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| **Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held via Zoom.us for the purpose of transacting business during the COVID 19 Pandemic on Monday 8th March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm** | |
| **Present** | Councillor Lee in the Chair. |
|  | Councillors Cooke, Davey, Parker and Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and Councillor Billy Flynn. |
| 2021/767 | **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  The Chairman in giving apologies for absence for Councillor Wheeler reported that Barbara had been unwell lately and hoped that she would recover soon and be able to attend future meetings. Also, it was noted with regret that Council had received the resignation of Councillor Gavin Barlow. Councillor Barlow has been an outstanding councillor and contributed greatly to meetings and initiatives undertaken by the council. Council was sorry to hear that his wife Fiona is ill. The Chairman asked their best wishes be sent to Gavin and Fiona. |
| 2021/768 | **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  No members of the public present. |
| 2021/769 | **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  Apologies received from Councillors Mifsud and Wheeler. |
| 2021/770 | **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**  No Councillor interests declared. |
| 2021/771 | **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 8th February 2021 were approved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Davey.  **RESOLVED**  That the Council accepts that the minutes listed above be approved as a true record. |
| 2021/772 | **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**  No progress to report |
| 2021/773  2021/774  2021/775  2021/776  2021/777  2021/778 | **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**  Councillor Rowling and others reported that the zebra crossing outside the post office is badly pitted, potholed and in a poor and dangerous condition particularly for parents with pushchairs and users of walking frames. Councillor Barry Anderson reported that Arthington Lane to Pool Road is due for resurfacing from the 15th March 2021.  Councillors also asked that the Clerk write to the owners of West View Motors Ltd to ask that they stop parking cars opposite the pharmacy and outside the Church as these are the only places residents can park to use the local shops.  **HONORARY CITIZEN AWARD 2021-22**  After some discussion it was agreed to place nomination forms at the Post Office, Local Pharmacy and on Parish notice boards. Councillor Davey agreed to undertake the task.  **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**  Councillor Lee reported that Leeds Council has inspected the steps at Park Mount and found that adjacent trees have been trimmed back. This has improved the situation and for now are not proposing any further action.  Councillor Rowling reported back from a meeting of the local branch of the YLCA. Councillor James Lewis (Leeds City Council) had given a presentation about the rise in Council Tax and the reasons for it mainly due to benefits being paid out as a result of the pandemic.  YLCA asked Parish Councils to make preparations for their Annual Meetings though it was not clear yet whether these would be held face to face or via Zoom. The clerk will watch out for further guidance and report back at a later meeting.  Councillor Parker reported that seven apple trees have been planted on Yellands with more to come next year.  **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS**  Councillor Parkerspokeabout recent work on paths at the Recreation Grounds using scalpings provided by Leeds City Council which he believed may provide an answer to some of the recent damage to paths and areas around the play equipment at the parish playground. It was agreed to wait until these areas have recovered from recent flooding before considering the matter further.  Councillor Davey spoke of the need for urgent action to replace bark around the play equipment and of her meeting with Martin Wright from Leeds City Council who has provided advice and a quote for the work that will be required. It was agreed, proposed by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling to go ahead with the work at a cost of £1240.00 plus VAT and to ask a local contractor to undertake some maintenance work required around some of the frames surrounding the equipment.  Councillor Cooke addressed her comprehensive report on the next steps for refurbishing the playground. She indicated that the report and the work highlighted could be broken down into 3 phases. Phase 1 being the laying of new bark around the equipment. Phase 2 would be to get quotes from suppliers for new equipment that might be needed sooner rather than later namely, a new slide, swings and springers. As well as looking at how they might be financed. Phase 3 would be a comprehensive overhaul of the playground with new equipment, modern and more inclusive, including a review of surfaces around the equipment. This would be a sizeable project that would involve researching funding providers, looking at what funds or loans the council would have available and wider consultation with the community.  **RESOLVED**  That the approach outlined in the report above be agreed after being proposed by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Cooke with further updates from the Working Group at the next meeting.  **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  Applications to note included 21/01346/FU/NW Park Terrace, Councillor Cooke and Lee have looked at this application and made a few comments to pass onto Planning Officers.  **OTLEY EAST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**  The development is still at the Pre-planning stage and no planning application has yet been submitted. |
| 2021/779  2021/780  2021/781 | **CLERK’S REPORT**  The Clerk’s Report was approved and noted. An email received from Mr T Burtonshaw was read out but more clarification of what was requested is required.  **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**  It was moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Rowling that the monthly finance reports for February 2021 be approved.  **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**  Playgrounds, Otley East Development  Time meeting closed at 9.00 pm SIGNED BY |
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