

## 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 COVID 19 Pandemic on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 commencing at 7.30pm**

**Present** Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Cooke, Davey, Mifsud, Parker and Rowling. Also in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry Anderson, Caroline Anderson, Billy Flynn and residents Oliver Harrison and Lily Harrison.

2021/782 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman addressed the meeting with some memories and remarks on the events she had attended in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh. The Council held a minute's silence as a mark of respect following the announcement of the death of the Duke of Edinburgh.

2021/783 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lily Harrison a pupil at Pool Primary School and her father made a presentation on an idea to convert the phone box at Stocks Hill into a children's library. The resource at the moment is not being used and councillors accepted Lily's idea is a sensible and exciting proposal which they supported.

In the first instance Councillor Parker will arrange for the fitting out of the phone box to accommodate books, Councillor Cooke will investigate local children's charities and the like to see if any books could be made available. Lily and her father will contact the school for books they can contribute. It is hoped that people borrowing books from the phone box library will replace them with their own, so a stock is always maintained.

Lily and Mr Harrison were thanked for bringing forward their idea and progress on the project will be reported to a future meeting.

2021/784 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillors Wheeler.

2021/785 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Councillor Rowling declared a non-pecuniary interest in the agenda item on Grants to Local Organisations.

2021/786 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Parker.

**RESOLVED**

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

2021/787 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling reported that the working group has received a report from Leeds City Council entitled 'Basic Conditions Statement' which now needs to be reviewed and agreed by the Group.

2021/788 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Councillors were pleased to report that re-instatement works on Main Street have now been completed. Please drive safely signs are also now back in place. The work is of a good standard and brings back some sense of normality after weeks of disruption. The Council are still awaiting news on the relocation of the SID machine, the matter is being chased up, but absences and the Covid Pandemic are still causing problems for the Highways Department.

**2021/789 TO CONSIDER GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Applications for grants have been received from Pool Village Hall, Pool Sports and Social Club and from a benevolent fund run by Pool Methodist Church. After careful consideration it was agreed that Pool Village Hall (creating a path over a muddy area, clearing epicormic growth at the base of trees and shrubs in the car park flower beds) will receive £500.00. Pool Sports and Social Club (upgrading outside the club with plants, flowers and lighting) will receive £250.00 and Pool Methodist Church Benevolent Fund will receive £250.00.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council approve the award of grants to the organisation listed above. The motion was formally moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

**2021/790 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**

Councillors carefully considered the request for a community clean up and noted the high incidence of litter and general rubbish not just in the village but more widespread across the district. The request asked for the purchase of equipment, pickers and high viz tabards and identified particular areas of concern, some of which are not the responsibility of the parish council. Before making any firm decisions on how the idea might be progressed the council asked for more information on responsibilities for the 'volunteers' from our Insurance Company. Also to seek advice from Leeds City Council on how such activities might be organised and if they would be willing to provide the equipment.

**RESOLVED**

It was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling that the Clerk seeks further guidance and advice on the matter and contacts the resident outlining our concerns and states that we will report back as soon as possible on how to take the matter forward.

**2021/791 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Clerk circulated the New Local Government Model Code of Conduct to Councillors who were asked to adopt the Code as good practice.

**RESOLVED**

That the new Model Code of Conduct be adopted by the Council, proposed by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Davey.

**2021/792 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Mifsud asked that Council seek to improve communications with the local community by introducing a quarterly newsletter with a link to the document posted on social media, Facebook in particular. Councillor Mifsud will take responsibility for the newsletter with councillors and the clerk providing content. Councillors agreed to the proposal and suggested a starting date for publication of June 2021.

Councillor Rowling said that the refurbishment of the Sports and Social Club is progressing with the facility re-opening soon.

Councillor Cooke reported on re-instatement work on footpaths and walls at the Chevin progressing well following work undertaken by Northern PowerGrid Ltd.

**2021/793 REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUNDS**

Councillor Cooke updated Council on progress with the redevelopment of the main playground. Quotes for new equipment have been received from two suppliers and third is awaited for phase 2 of the project. Phase 1 is now progressing. This is to cover the urgent repair of surfaces following recent heavy rain and remedial work repairing and staining box 5, painting swing posts and frame. Other remedial work may be necessary following the inspection of the playground on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Movement on Phase2/3 will be considered at the next meeting depending on the outcome of a grant application and receipt of full quotes from suppliers.

2021/794 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Applications to note included, 21/01400/FU/NW Swallow Drive and 21/01642/FU/NW Laurel Bank, Arthington Lane. No objections were received.

**OTLEY EAST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

The development is still at the Pre-planning stage and no planning application has yet been submitted.

2021/795 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's Report was approved and noted. The proposal outlined in the report from Team Rubicon for a Community Fun Day at the Skateboard Park was rejected. Largely based on the cost being charged to the council for hosting the event.

2021/796 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

It was moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Rowling that the monthly finance reports for March 2021 be approved.

2021/797 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Otley East Development

Meeting closed at 9.22 pm

SIGNED BY