

## Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting of Annual Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held via Zoom.us for the purpose of transacting business during the COVID 19 Pandemic on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 commencing at 7.00pm

**Present** Councillor Lee in the Chair.

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

- 2021/798 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE**  
The Clerk called for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Council, Councillor Lee was nominated by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Davey, no other nominations were received, Councillor Lee was duly elected.
- 2021/799 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE.**  
Councillor Rowling was nominated by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Cooke, no other nominations were received, Councillor Rowling was duly elected Deputy Chairman of the Council.
- 2021/800 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Chairman reported that in consultation with the Clerk the Annual Parish Council Meeting has been brought forward because the legislation regarding Zoom meetings is ending and in the confusion left it is impossible to organise a face-to-face meeting and meet all the restrictions in place during the Pandemic safely.
- Equally it has not been possible to hold the Annual Parish Meeting again safely this year due to the ongoing Pandemic restrictions on numbers meeting face-to-face and the continuing conditions using premises etc. The Council agreed to look at the possibilities of holding a public meeting for the village later in the year.
- The Council asked the clerk to research the possibilities of streaming meetings to the wider public. It was noted that residents have contributed on several issues through the year via the Zoom Council meetings.
- 2021/801 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
No members of the public were present.
- 2021/802 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Apologies received from Councillors Wheeler, Mifsud and Ward Councillor Billy Flynn.
- 2021/803 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**  
Councillor Rowling declared a non-pecuniary interest in the agenda item on Grants to Local Organisations.
- 2021/804 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**  
The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were approved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Rowling.
- RESOLVED**  
That the Council accepts that the minutes listed above be approved as a true record.
- 2021/805 **OUTSIDE BODIES, WORKING GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS**  
Council agreed that the RGMC vacant position will be filled by Councillor Parker, that Councillor Rowling will take over as Chairman of the Finance Committee and that Councillor Lee will temporarily take over from Councillor Wheeler on Otley Action for Older People.

- 2021/7806 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2021-22**  
Council approved a list of dates for future meetings. The Schedule will not be published until a clear picture emerges on face-to-face meetings and the local halls being able to apply whatever Covid Pandemic guidelines are in place.
- 2021/807 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND**  
Councillors Davey and Cooke brought the Council up to date with plans for the playground. Arrangements are in hand through Councillor Parker for the replacement bark to be delivered and laid by Leeds City Council on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2001. Another contractor will start painting work in the coming week.
- Councillor Cooke presented a spreadsheet of the Playground Suppliers contacted for quotes on new playground equipment. After some discussion Council agreed the resolution being moved by Councillor Parker and seconded by Councillor Cooke, that the quote from KOMPAN Ltd whilst not the cheapest but offering the best value in terms of the Council's requirements be approved.
- RESOLVED**  
That the Clerk contact KOMPAN Ltd and confirm the Council decision to go ahead with the quote tabled by them £11724.60.
- 2021/808 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**  
Following the refurbishment of Main Street, works at the mini roundabout opposite the White Hart Public House are still outstanding. Councillor Anderson will chase up Highways to finish the work. 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.
- 2021/809 **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A COMMUNITY CLEAN UP**  
Councillors once again 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 position most Councillors agreed had not worsened. However, given the Council has no premises in which to store the equipment requested or any land to place a skip (if needed) without permission from landowners it was at a loss to see how it could help. Restrictions with insurance cover also complicated matters. It was also noted that of the areas identified by the resident, Knotford Nook is not in the village and the Recreation Ground and land towards the river are not in our ownership.
- The Council recognises the contribution being made by residents acting as volunteers already using their own equipment to litter pick around the village and is extremely grateful for their contribution.
- RESOLVED**  
That the Clerk contacts Mr Burtonshaw and outlines the problems the council has in supporting his request for purchasing and holding equipment for residents to use. Further, the Council will contact the Leeds Council Cleansing Department to ask that the roadside gutters be cleaned as there are health and safety reasons why individuals should not be doing this.
- 2021/810 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**  
Councillor Parker updated Councillors on plans for the Recreation/Riverside grounds. Councillor Lee spoke to plans for Old Pool Bank Village Hall re-opening.
- 2021/811 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
Applications to note included 21/02675/FU Barn conversion north of Pool New Road, no objections were received. Ward Councillor Barry Anderson outlined concerns about the recent application at Fair Mead Farm, Pool Bank New Road, and the plan to start a temporary commercial glamping operation on the site in the summer. There are many concerns from residents about the plans and Councillor Anderson is trying to arrange

meetings with members of the public and the owner of the site with Planning Officers also in attendance.

**OTLEY EAST HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

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

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**CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk asked Council to note that invoices, bank statements etc are being prepared for forwarding to the Internal Auditor. When the Internal Audit reports are available the clerk will circulate them with the information required for the External Audit to be carried out by PKF Littlejohn.

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**MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The Clerk has not yet received bank statements so monthly finance reports will follow after the meeting.

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**TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Otley East Development

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Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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