

## Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

### **Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at the Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021 commencing at 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 and Billy Flynn.

#### **2021/816 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting for some considerable time but noted that strict Covid Pandemic Regulations still applied and the setting and layout reflected these conditions.

The Chairman reported the sending of flowers on behalf of the Council to Councillor Wheeler who has been ill for some time.

The Chairman asked that Councillors remain silent for a time as a mark of respect to the sad loss of the Lengthsman's mother Mrs Newbould and also the sad loss of Councillor Mifsud's father-in-law.

#### **2021/817 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman referred to recent FACEBOOK activity from residents about the plan to develop the Telephone box into a children's library. Councillors believed that there were two distinct projects involved and it appeared from the messages that there was some confusion over the two and what the Council had agreed with the residents back in October 2019. The Clerk informed Council of the message he had received from Mrs Charlotte Makenzie who provided the latest position with their project for a small library exchange in the Memorial Gardens and asked whether any collaboration on the two projects was possible.

Councillors agreed the best way forward was to organise a meeting via Zoom with the residents concerned.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk contact Mrs Makenzie to arrange a Zoom meeting as soon as practicable.

#### **2021/818 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillor Wheeler. Council agreed a dispensation be awarded to Councillor Wheeler who has been seriously ill and is recovering at home, from any penalty for lack of attendance within a six-month period. Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows councils to approve leave of absence in this case.

#### **2021/819 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

#### **2021/820 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021 were approved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

#### **2021/821 TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL REPORT AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN TO THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The External Auditor has issued the Annual Return to be completed and returned to the Auditor by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The clerk circulated the Annual Governance Statement and

asked councillors to consider the nine statements outlined in Section 1. Councillors agreed that all the conditions have been met by the council and that the Governance Statement be approved. This was moved by Councillor Mifsud and seconded by Councillor Parker.

Once Section 1 had been agreed the Clerk outlined the financial accounting figures and statements in Section 2 of the Annual Return. Councillors agreed the figures, approval was moved by Councillor Mifsud and seconded by Councillor Parker.

Council also received (circulated) the Internal Audit Report from David Locke & Co Accountants which agreed with accounts approved by the Finance Committee as laid out by the Clerk.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Accounting Statements in Section 1 and Section 2 which form part of the Annual Return be approved. The Statements be signed by the Chairman and the clerk and be dated and referenced. Council was also asked to note that any interested person, which includes but is not limited to local electors, can inspect the council's Annual Return (unaudited) and the council's accounting records for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. A notice of the dates and a copy of the Annual Return (unaudited) will be published on the council website.

#### **2021/822 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

No progress to report at this time.

#### **2021/823 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

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.

Council noted an email received by the clerk from a resident reporting two near misses to pedestrians one just near the entrance to Farfield House and the other at the entrance to Tower Drive. Whilst sharing the concerns expressed in the email Councillors pointed out that a campaign involving other local parishes has been going on for years to stop heavy goods using roads around the village as yet without success.

#### **2021/824 REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND**

Councillor Cooke reported that the relaying of woodchip/bark and repair of some wooden surrounds has now been completed to a high standard and Councillors are pleased with how the playground looks. Councillors will look at the roundabout which appears to be sticking and report necessary action. It is hoped that the installation of new equipment will take place mid July 2021.

#### **2021/825 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillors Rowling and Davey will be attending a Wharfedale Greenway meeting and will re-iterate the parish council's need for assistance with contacting landowners.

Councillor Rowling attended Pool Village Memorial Hall's latest meeting and spoke of progress on work to refurbish the club house, including the cellar. The Village Hall paid for the Architects drawings and Building Regulations. The pathway refurbishment is now complete.

#### **2021/826 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were received during the last month:

21/04389/FU/NW Mill Lane, 21/04430/FU/NW the Post Office, 21/03723/FU/NW Manor Crescent, 21/04256/FU/NW Pool Road, 21/03006/FU/NW Leeds Road, and 21/03602/FU/NW, no concerns were raised.

A planning application has also been received for land at the Half Moon Public House 21/04191 – Change of Use to dwelling and erection of 4 dwellings. After some debate it was agreed to object to the application on grounds that access to and from the new dwellings would be dangerous leading onto the already extremely busy Main Street. The number of

potential vehicles using the access point would exacerbate existing problems of pollution and air quality. Main Street being one of the worst roads for poor air quality in the district. Councillors also asked those assessing the application to consider that any housing built within the conservation area needed to fit in with the historic look of the village and materials used be of a similar standard and appearance. The Planning Authority will also be asked to consider the developing Neighbourhood Plan, whilst not yet complete several principles and policies have been agreed.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk write to the Planning Authority outlining the Parish Council's objections to the proposed development as it is currently set out.

2021/827 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk asked Council to note that invoices to be paid for:  
Leeds City Council £1,800.00, The Supply and laying of woodchip at the playground.  
David Locke & Co Accountants £150.00, Internal Audit Report.

The Clerk's report was noted including a letter received from Pool Village Memorial Hall thanking the Council for the grant provided.

The Clerk's Report was approved moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Parker.

2021/828 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The Monthly Finance Reports for May 2021 were approved, moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Lee.

2021/829 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Otley East Development.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

SIGNED BY