

Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at the Methodist Rooms, Main Street, Manor Gardens Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 10th January 2022 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 Anderson, Caroline Anderson and Billy Flynn.

2022/893 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Julia Ewart, Parliamentary Candidate, to the meeting.

The Chairman reported that urgent work is required to a tree that has been left in a dangerous condition and is likely to fall on to garages below if not attended to quickly. A contractor has been organised to remove the tree.

Talks are being held between the Chairman and the British Legion about a grant towards the cost of repairing the cenotaph.

2022/894 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Julia Ewart gave a short presentation on why she was attending the meeting.

2022/895 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors Hill, Mifsud and North.

2022/896 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

The clerk asked councillors to note that DCLG guidance in relation to dispensations allowed them to participate in council business connected with council tax. "Any payment of, or liability to pay, council tax does not create a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the national rules; hence being a council taxpayer does not mean that you need a dispensation to take part in the business of setting the council tax or precept or local arrangements for council tax support."

2022/897 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021 were approved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Cooke with a slight amendment on minute 2021/891.

RESOLVED

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

2022/898 TO DISCUSS THE PARISH PRECEPT FOR THE YEAR 2022-23

The Clerk presented the recommendation from the Finance Committee that met before the Parish Council meeting. After considering the projected Outturn budget for this financial year and pressures on budgets for next year together with the continued ambition of upgrading facilities at the parish playgrounds the Finance Committee recommended an increase in Precept of 4% for the 2022/23 financial year.

The increase will raise an extra £2742.00 for the budget yet only marginally increase the Band D levy from £47.85 to £49.72 and an increase of £1.88 being the cost of parish council activities on the ratepayer.

RESOLVED

It was moved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Cooke that the increase in Precept of 4% be approved. The resolution was passed unanimously by the Council.

2022/899 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Leeds City Council continue to work with the Planning Group on preparing the Plan for final

consultation and referendum.

2022/900 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL

After some debate about the slow progress on the many road safety issues facing the village it was suggested by Councillor Parker that more evidence is required to support our case for improvements whilst Leeds City Council acknowledge much needs to be done various schemes lacked the priority to gain resources.

It was noted that the proposed 20 mph scheme has been agreed by Leeds Council but needs the agreement of the Police before it could go ahead. Similarly with the 30-mph scheme for Old Pool Bank this was seen as favourable by Leeds Council but lacked priority in terms of resources.

It was also noted that residents have called for more speed checks to be undertaken by the Police. Councillors also discussed the data from the SID machine on Pool Bank New Road. Whilst the number of cars identified as speeding is low it was noted that the SID is having an effect in slowing down drivers when it came into sight.

Further it was noted that some residents are not happy about the position of the SID Councillors felt more time was needed at this location to get a better understanding of its effectiveness. Movement of the SID will be considered again in the longer term.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk report back to the next meeting on ways evidence can be collected from councillors and residents to assist the case put forward for road safety improvement schemes within Pool. The clerk will also respond to those residents concerns about the current location of the SID machine and explain the Council's position and contact Arthington Parish Council for their views on speed limits on Arthington Lane.

2022/901 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

The clerk updated councillors on the information gathered regarding annual and interim inspections. Councillors asked that further information be requested from the current Playground Company carrying out the Inspections.

2022/902 COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk brought Councillors up to date following the discussion at the November meeting about the setting up of a Facebook Page for the Parish Council. This has now largely been established and a link has been made with the Residents Community Facebook Page, a few notices have been placed on that website.

Councillor Hill circulated a paper on proposals for improving communications through social media, particularly Facebook. The paper was discussed but Councillors felt the detail and ideas need to be thoroughly addressed and this is better done at a separate meeting with more time. The clerk was asked to contact Councillor Hill to make the necessary arrangements.

2022/903 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Parker brought Councillors up to date on the improvements to the telephone box which is to become a children's library. It was expected that the work would be completed in the next few days. Once finished the clerk will inform the promoters of the scheme and residents that children's books can be placed in the library.

Councillor Parker reported that the Recreation Ground Committee were once again concerned about the security of their facilities, largely concerning unauthorised trespass on their land. Security on their borders, gates etc are being reviewed and it was noted that this may impact on access points owned by the Parish.

Councillor Lee asked Councillors to note that a special event is being held to celebrate the 70 anniversary of the opening of Old Pool Bank Village Hall in June 2022. Also for councillors to note is the Brass Band Concert on July 23rd 2022 being organised by the British Legion at West Park Rugby Ground.

2022/904 **RESOLVED**

That the reports be noted.

2022/905 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning application 21/09931/FU/NW was noted no objections were received.

RESOLVED

That any objections to planning applications received by the Parish Council are passed on to the Planning Authority for consideration.

2022/906 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

Council was asked by the clerk to formally note the resignation of Councillor Wheeler. A Notice of Vacancy has been published on the 10 January 2022 with closing date of the 28th January 2022 during which time residents have the opportunity if they so wish to call an election to fill the vacancy. Should an election not be called the vacancy can be filled by co-option.

The rest of the report was noted.

RESOLVED

That the report and Financial Reports be noted this was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling.

2022/907 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playground Inspections, Council Communications, Otley East Development.

Meeting closed at 9.13 pm

SIGNED BY