

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 14th February 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors, Cooke, Davey, Hill, North, Mifsud, Parker and Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry Anderson, Caroline Anderson and Billy Flynn. Mr Wolinski and Pat McLoughlin

2022/908 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman raised concerns about the Access Bus having problems accessing Mill Lane. Councillor Anderson informed Council that accessing the Lane by residents has been taken up with the City Council. The problem is largely due to inappropriate parking. He had not received any specific concerns from the Bus Company. Councillor Lee to investigate further and will contact the Access Bus Company.

2022/909 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents Mr Wolinski and Pat McLoughlin addressed the meeting about the state of Cabin Road an unadopted road from the A660 to the brown garage approximately sixty metres. The surface of the road is in extremely poor condition and is deteriorating quickly due to the number of vehicles now using the road. Residents are looking for a long-term solution with a permanent hard surface possibly tarmac. The Parish Council is owner of half the land concerned.

The Chairman provided some background to the problem of maintaining Cabin Road which goes back a very long time and has included the Parish Council spending funds to patch up the surface from time to time.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Council is prepared to meet half the cost providing the residents agree to pay the other half. Further it was agreed that the residents provide written evidence of their willingness to meet their half of the costs and that they obtain more quotes for the work. An early quote puts the cost of the work at £12,200.

It was agreed that a final decision be made at the next Council meeting in March 2022.

2022/910 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence.

2022/911 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Councillor Lee declared an interest in the agenda item regarding grants to outside bodies to be taken under the Clerk's Report.

2022/912 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 were approved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

RESOLVED

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

2022/913 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Leeds City Council continue to work with the Planning Group on preparing the Plan for final consultation and referendum.

2022/914 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

The Clerk and Councillor Anderson brought Councillors up to date with information received from various enquiries made to chase outstanding road safety problems. Inspector Oldridge contacted the Neighbourhood Support Officer with a view to increasing the number of speed

watch patrols in the village. It is understood that Police have approved the 20-mph scheme, but it is now down to Leeds City Council allocating resources.

Councillor North raised the issue of reducing the speed limit from 40 to 30 on a stretch of Arthington Lane. This has been raised many times before, but it was felt that if we are to collect evidence of accidents, near misses etc. that will form part of our efforts to get improvements then we could also ask residents about speed limits on Arthington Lane.

2022/915 **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.

2022/916 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

The Clerk presented further information on the possibility of having an Annual Inspection and Operational Inspection of the two playgrounds each year. Of the information received from Playdale, Kompan and the Play Inspection Company, the Play Inspection Company offered the best value for money with associated costs of £250.00 plus VAT for each site and two inspections a year.

RESOLVED

It was agreed proposed by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling that Council approve the quote received from the Play Inspection Company and agree to Annual and Operational inspections each year.

2022/917 **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

The clerk reported the debate at the meeting held before the Council meeting on Council Communications. The Clerk introduced the discussion giving some context to a small parish council within the first tier of local government and how important it is not to compare ourselves with other councils who are often larger and have more services and facilities. It was important to develop our own strategy and be realistic about how we should use social media to promote the council, inform residents and gain views on the things we are able to provide e.g., refurbishing our playgrounds, campaigning to improve road safety around the village, repairing the Cenotaph, awarding grants etc.

Councillors North and Hill spoke of the importance of using social media to improve communications particularly Facebook and Facebook Groups. It should be about building relationships, forming links, keeping people informed and providing quality content. The Village has a thriving community Facebook Page which we need to communicate with.

The clerk informed Council that a Pool Parish Council Facebook Page has been established but needs a few tweaks before going public, also a Facebook Parish Group is being set up which will be useful in collecting evidence from residents about road safety matters. A number of Posts have now been made on the Community Website including information about meetings, agendas and minutes.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk continue to progress the Facebook Page/Group for the Council and bring to the next meeting ideas on how the Council might connect with the community on road safety issues

2022/918 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Cooke informed the meeting of the forthcoming event on May 22nd 2022 at Old Pool Bank Village Hall to celebrate its 70-year anniversary.

Councillor Cooke also reported the unfinished work at the Chevin of replacing overhead pylons and asked that this be chased up. At least one pylon has been left on the ground awaiting installation. The Clerk to contact Leeds City Council to ask about progress.

Councillor Davey asked council to note that two Trustees are retiring from the Jane Whiteley Homes Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for March.

Councillors Lee and Rowling visited the woodlands with Neil Griffin from the Wildlife Friendly Otley Group on the possibility of planting more trees. Unfortunately, this is not possible as the canopy of trees does not allow new tree growth. But they are keen to return in spring to see what can be done to improve the woodland floor.

Councillor Rowling raised the issue of an Archivist for Pool on the retirement of Pat Lazenby current keeper of the archive and the Pool History Website. The clerk to post an advert on the Community Facebook Page for this voluntary position.

Councillor Lee asked that we congratulate the Pool Sports and Social Club on the refurbishment work undertaken at the club. Clerk to contact Lisa Newsome Chair of the Social Club.

Councillor Lee also asked council to express its gratitude to Councillor Parker and Jill Clarke for their work in bringing the post box up to standard to enable the Children's Library to be created. The Council's thanks also go to Nigel Stables for undertaking the joinery work to a high standard.

2022/919 **RESOLVED**

That the reports be noted and that the clerk send appropriate letters of thanks to those concerned.

2022/920 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were noted 21/10169/FU/NW Swallow Close, 22/00690/FU/NW The Beeches and 22/00806/FU/NW Pool Business Park. No objections were recorded.

RESOLVED

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

2022/921 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The Clerk asked council to note the two grant applications that have been received through email and Facebook. One from Otley Action for Older People asking for a grant of £250.00 and one from Pool Cricket Club asking for a contribution to their facilities upgrade programme. It was agreed by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor North that £250.00 be awarded to Otley Action for Older People towards their Easter Party and £500.00 be awarded to the Cricket Club.

The rest of the report was noted.

RESOLVED

That the report and Financial Reports for January be presented for approval to the March Council Meeting

2022/922 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Council Communications, Otley East Development, Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Meeting closed at 9.14 pm

SIGNED BY