

Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at the Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Main Street, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 11th April 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors, Cooke, Hill, Parker. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry Anderson, Caroline Anderson and Billy Flynn. Mr Wolinski, Mr Berry and Mr Chris Broadbent.

2022/938 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced the retirement from Council of Councillor Judith Davey. Councillor Davey has served the parish council for 31 years during which time she has taken responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish playgrounds, the Cenotaph and the Memorial Gardens which she helped to establish. Judy has also assisted with many other projects along the way and has been a long-standing committee member of the Jane Whiteley Memorial Homes Trust.

Judy has been a leading stalwart for the parish council bringing a wealth of experience and vast local knowledge. Councillors expressed their gratitude to Judy for her dedicated years of service and wished her and her husband Trevor well for the future.

The Chairman also reported the resignation of Councillor Andrew North. Although Andrew has not been with the council long, he nevertheless brought with him a wide range of experience in industry and other valuable expertise that would have served the council well. The Council notes his resignation and wishes Andrew and his family the very best for the future.

2022/939 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Wolinski addressed the meeting and brought council up to date on plans for the refurbishment of Cabin Road. Mr Wolinski stated that residents had agreed to their share of the funding for the road and that it would be deposited in the parish council's account in the next week or so. He also stated that some residents had asked for a traffic speed hump to be made along the road to deter speeding cars. Most were happy about this idea and the favoured contractor said he was able to contain this work within the quote provided.

The council will finalise their views later in the agenda and provide Mr Wolinski with a final decision on Tuesday 12th April 2022. Mr Wolinski has been informed that the work could commence within the next couple of weeks.

2022/940 TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Councillor Davey, Mifsud and Rowling.

2022/941 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

2022/942 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Hill.

RESOLVED

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

2022/943 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman expressed some concerns about delays in progressing the plan. Councillor Barry Anderson agreed to discuss the matter with Alexa Rupertsberg Chair of the Steering Group. It was agreed that if necessary the council would make more resources available to speed up the process and that it was still looking to hold the referendum later in the year.

2022/944 **CABIN ROAD**

Councillors discussed the information provided by Mr Wolinski earlier in the meeting and raised one or two further concerns. It was agreed to go ahead with the scheme to refurbish the road as a more permanent measure to patching up the road every year or so. The favoured contractors guarantee of 10 years was noted. Councillors expressed their concern about the proposed road hump, whilst going along with residents wishes no additional costs should be added to the quote of £11,500.

Also in approving the scheme and the work involved the council wished residents to note that it would not accept responsibility for any damage caused to vehicles by the road hump or by any work undertaken in respect of drains and drainage systems. The Council's liabilities remain for the surface of the road only. It is expected that this is made clear to residents.

RESOLVED

That the Council through its budget commits £6,000 towards the cost of the refurbishment of the road subject to the remaining costs being picked up by the residents and those funds being deposited in the Council's main account before any work is undertaken. The clerk will contact Mr Wolinski expressing the Council's agreement and relaying the concerns about the road hump and future liabilities.

2022/945 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

It was noted that consultation has started on the proposed 20 mph scheme for the village. Any concerns or objections raised by residents will be fully investigated by Leeds City Council with remedies proposed where possible. The process has the potential to delay the implementation of the scheme.

The clerk informed council that he has written to the Chairman of Pool Football Club about the parking issues on Wharfe Crescent. The Chairman will once again ask supporters and players to park sympathetically in the neighbourhood.

Councillor Hill also raised concerns about heavy goods vehicles turning left into the lower half of Old Pool Bank Road from the A660. This is an ongoing problem which is difficult to resolve as the road fails to meet any criteria adopted by Leeds City Council to improve road safety and improvement issues.

2022/945 **QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2nd to JIUNE 5th 2022.**

Councillor Lee reported that she had approached the Garden Angels to sort and plant a tree to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Councillor Lee will also organise the plaque to go beside the tree which is to be planted in grounds held by the Pool Riverside Trust Recreation Ground Committee.

Councillor Hill also expressed his disappointment that the recent residents group established to organise a public event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee has folded unable to find enough organisers to hold and promote an event.

The Council has no specific plans of its own but will support events where possible.

2022/946 **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

The clerk brought councillors up to date with the Parish Council's Facebook Page and recent activity. The free survey conducted by Breakthrough Communications had been circulated, a few issues were raised which have been addressed by the clerk. Councillors noted the video placed by the clerk on the council's and community's Facebook pages looking to recruit new councillors,

RESOLVED

That the Clerk continues to make progress on the Facebook Page/Group for the Council and to post news items of interest on them and the residents pages as and when available.

2022/947 **GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

A request for a grant has been received from Pool Village Memorial Hall for financial assistance in relation to reducing the height of three lime trees affected by recent storms. The overall cost of the work is £1920.00, the Hall Committee are asking for a contribution. After some discussion and with a possible difficult budget for 2202-3, councillors agreed that they could support the Hall with a £500.00 grant.

RESOLVED

Councillors agreed to the provision of a £500.00 grant towards the cost of reducing the height of the trees as outlined in the application.

2022/948 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

The Clerk reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee that met before the Council Meeting. The Committee are recommending a budget for 2022-23. The Clerk highlighted a number of concerns within the budget and a number of suggestions that might bring the budget back from a deficit. Councillors noted the concerns and spending priorities within the budget.

Councillor Cooke moved the Budget for 2022-23 be approved this was seconded by Councillor Parker. Council agreed the Budget.

Councillor Hill suggested that the bench on Old Pool Bank Road may be in need of refurbishment. He would investigate this and report back.

2022/949 **RESOLVED**

That the Budget for 2022-23 be approved. That the clerk contacts the Internal Auditor to approve the accounts for 2021-22 and that the necessary information be provided to the External Auditor when ready for them to undertake their review of the accounts.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was noted 22/01758/FU/NW Avenue Des Hirondelles. 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.

2022/950 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The clerk submitted the Monthly Finance Report for March which was noted as the last report for the financial year 2022-22'

RESOLVED

That the Financial Report for March be approved moved by Councillor Parker and Councillor Cooke.

2022/951 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Council Communications, Cabin Road, Otley East Development,

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

SIGNED BY