

Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at Old Pool Bank Village Hall, Quarry Farm Road, Old Pool Bank, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 9th May 2022 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors, Cooke, Hill, Mifsud, Parker and Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry Anderson, Caroline Anderson and Mr David Pilbeam (Riverside Park), Mr Paul Bone and Mrs Judy Davey.

2022/952 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE.**

The Clerk called for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Council. A nomination was received for Councillor Hazel Lee which was proposed by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling, the nomination was carried unanimously with no further nominations received, Councillor Lee was duly elected Chairman for the municipal year 2022-23.

2022/953 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE.**

A nomination was received for the office of Vice Chairman of the Council for Councillor Joanna Rowling, proposed by Councillor Lee and seconded by Councillor Mifsud, the nomination was carried unanimously. No other nominations were received. Councillor Joanna Rowling was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Council.

2022/954 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed ex Councillor Mrs Judy Davey to the meeting and presented her a rose bush on behalf of the Council. The Chairman once again reminded all present of Mrs Davey long service on the Council and her numerous achievements as a Councillor serving the local community of Pool.

The Chairman reported the damaged boundary/kerbside wall at the cenotaph which has been hit by a car. Councillor Barry Anderson promised to look into the ownership of the wall.

2022/955 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Paul Bone was welcomed at the meeting. No specific questions were asked.

2022/956 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from Ward Councillor Billy Flynn.

2022/957 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

2022/958 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Mifsud.

RESOLVED

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

OUTSIDE BODIES, WORKING PARTIES, COMMITTEES AND PANELS.

2022/959 The current list of Outside Bodies, Committees etc was presented by the clerk. After some discussion the list was updated and agreed for the municipal year 2022-23.

2022/960 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2022-23.**

A draft list was presented by the clerk which was amended and approved.

2022/961 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS.**

The Annual Inspection Reports had previously been circulated for Councillors to inspect. The main item to report, which has already been investigated by Councillor Cooke was the roundabout in the main playground which is considered unsafe. Councillor Cooke is in

discussions with KOMPAN about the necessary repair work. Some minor repairs are required in the early years playground.

Councillor Cooke presented her report on some of these issues and in particular her meeting with Victoria Campbell from Pool Pre-School Group and subsequently with the Acting Head of the Primary School. The meetings discussed the current lay out of the playground and how it works well for them and is much valued by the children.

Councillor Cooke's recommendation supported by the school is to carry out the repairs identified in the Inspection Report and to continue to work with Victoria and her colleagues to add enhanced provision such as bug hotel. Further to look at the community for specialist expertise in designing other habitats for spiders, mini beasts etc. Ideas will be firmed up and where resources are needed discussion will return to the Council.

RESOLVED

Members thanked Councillor Cooke for her work and supported the ideas being further developed and also approved the repair work that was needed.

2022/962 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL

Councillor Hill raised the idea of gathering video evidence to supplement written evidence received from residents on dangerous road traffic incidents/accidents in the village which could prove more beneficial in persuading the Highways Authority and the Police to take action to make the roads in Pool safer. There was some debate about how this could be done and whether it would infringe on any regulations/laws etc.

Councillors were sympathetic to the idea but felt it needed more research and control about how video evidence would be gathered was used. Councillor Hill will look into the matter further and report back at a later meeting.

2022/963 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Following some discussion it was agreed that Councillor Barry Anderson and Councillor Joanna Rowling would meet with Alexa Ruppertsberg over the summer with a view to her presenting a report to Council in September on the progress being made on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Lee reported that she has purchased the tree as agreed to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, also discussed was the wording to go on the plaque and where the tree will be planted. Councillor Parker will identify an area at the Riverside Park.

Councillor Hill raised the issue of allotments and the possibility of land owned by the Evans Group being used. There is also the issue of a building known as the Wash House on site which is also owned by Evans which is in need of repair/restoration which could be used alongside any allotments.

Council noted that there would be considerable expenditure involved in such a project not least in purchasing the land if it did become available. The Parish Council has no land of its own that could be used and the matter has been looked into over the years. The Council would also need to assess what interest there is in developing allotments at this site if it were to become available.

However, contact will try to be made with the Evans Group to establish their view on such a project and to maintain pressure on Leeds City Council to assess the status etc. of the Wash House.

Councillors agreed to continue to look into the matter if more information came forward.

Councillor Cooke asked the clerk to contact Leeds City Council to get a site cleared up after Contractors left the area in an appalling state after completing work on new pylons.

2022/964 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Two applications were received during the last month 22/02287/FU/NW Swallow Drive and 22/02952/FU 10 Chapel Hill Road both were noted, no objections raised.

RESOLVED

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

2022/965 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The Clerk asked Councillor to note that they should be using the email addressgov.uk for all the parish council communications. New gov.uk addresses will be allocated to new councillors as soon as possible.

Council was asked to note the following Facebook comments from residents about road traffic issues.

Sue Godley

We dog owners/grandparents/parents put our lives at risk EVERY time we walk down to the shop/park with the crazy drivers thanking pool is a motorway plus drivers not stopping at the zebra crossing.

Ann Baldwin

Yesterday i had to cross over at the pedestrian crossing outside of the Post Office. Vehicles stopped on the offside of the crossing but just drove past me on the nearside and this happened whilst going towards the chapel and coming back. Something clearly needs addressing here. The same happened to me on Main Street this week at the pelican crossing. The lights were at green for me to safely cross but oh no... a car just sailed through without a care in the world. I don't know the solution to this, but something needs doing and quickly. Perhaps more police presence would help?

The clerk reported that work will start on repairing the Cenotaph on Monday 9th May 2022 and work will also commence on resurfacing Cabin Road at the end of March. Funds for the residents share of the costs has been received.

The clerk submitted the Monthly Finance Reports for April which were noted.

Invoices not on the monthly schedule:

Garden Angels £365.00

Play Inspection Company £300.00

Pool Village Hall £500.00

Councillor Hazel Lee £52.87

Salaries £488.22

RESOLVED

That the Clerk's Report and Financial Reports for April be approved moved by Councillor Mifsud and Councillor Cooke.

2022/966 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Otley East Development,

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

SIGNED BY