

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 13th JUNE 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Councillor Rowling Vice Chairman in the Chair.

Councillors, Cooke, Hill, Parker. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry Anderson and Caroline Anderson and Mr Paul Bone.

2022/952 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Vice Chairman informed the meeting of the recent death of ex Councillor Barbara Wheeler. Barbara was an excellent councillor in her time on Council and the Council sends its sincere condolences to Barbara's husband and family. The Vice Chairman asked all present to stand for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for Barbara Wheeler.

The Vice Chairman raised the meeting that had been arranged earlier by Councillor Barry Anderson to hear the latest proposals on the Taylor Wimpey housing development. Councillors were pleased progress has been made on some concerns but a number of issues remain that need further discussion with Taylor Wimpey. It is understood that amended plans will be made public in early July 2022.

2022/953 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Paul Bone has expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and was asked to say a few words in support of his application. Following his statement the Vice Chairman asked if he would leave the meeting whilst council discussed his application.

Council unanimously accepted his application and after Mr Bone was invited back to the meeting he was co-opted on to council as a councillor.

2022/954 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from Councillors Lee, Mifsud and Ward Councillor Flynn.

2022/955 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No interests were declared.

2022/956 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 9th MAY 2022 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Parker.

RESOLVED

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

2022/957 **TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDIT 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 1st JULY 2022. 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 Cooke 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 Cooke 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 and Council Members in April.

2022/958 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke brought councillors up to date with plans to replace a piece of play equipment in the main playground that needs urgent attention. A number of options were considered with Carousel 1 being favoured but this needs pricing up and any quote should include the removal of the old equipment. Also still to resolve were maintenance issues identified in the Annual Inspections. A quote was needed for this work also.

Councillor Hill asked how some older youngsters might be involved in identifying what equipment might best suit them. Whilst the priority at the moment is to replace the damaged piece of equipment Councillor Parker mentioned a group of young people known to the local school who have met on occasion to discuss various issues and he agreed to contact the school to see if the group still met.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Councillor Cooke obtain quotes for a new piece of equipment (carousel 1) and the removal of the damaged equipment. At the same time asking if the company would be prepared to quote for the maintenance issues that need resolving.

2022/959 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Plans for the 20 MPH scheme in the village are out for consultation with no specific date for implementation received yet. Similarly plans to upgrade the existing refuge island between the A658 Pool Bank New Road and Swallow Drive are awaiting comments from Metro and the Police, again no specific timetable for implementation has been agreed.

Councillors were mindful of improvement plans for the Dyneley Arms junction that would impact particularly on Old Pool Bank Road. Whilst the work has not been officially approved yet Ward Councillors will keep the council informed so that plans can be considered for alleviating pressure on Old Pool Bank.

2022/960 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A report on progress has been circulated earlier from Alexa Ruppertsberg. It is hoped for a further update in September. If necessary the council will make more resources available to speed up the process. It is still hoping for a referendum to be held later in the year.

2022/961 **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

A draft social media policy has been circulated to councillors but to allow more time to consider the policy it was agreed to defer the item to the July meeting.

2022/962 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS.**

Councillor Cooke reported that builders rubble has been left at the top of the '39 Steps' at the end of Park Mount, Old Pool Bank. Councillor Barry Anderson agreed to contact the Environmental Department to get the rubble removed.

Councillor Hill reported that a resident has been in touch about overgrown weeds etc on banking at the back of Churchill Flats adjacent the football pitch. Councillor Hill will seek further information about the problem and try to obtain photos as there appears to be some confusion about land ownership and whether the banking and path have been specifically left to overgrow.

Councillor Parker reported on the tree planning event to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee which went well. A plaque was also placed by the tree on behalf of the parish council.

Councillor Parker also reported from the RGMC that a field has been left to overgrow into a wildflower meadow on part of their land. A number of objections have been received from dog owners but the RGMC are minded to keep the field as it is now.

Standing Order 1W was moved by the Vice Chairman to allow business to continue until 9.30 pm

2022/963 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following application 22/03760/FU Acorn Way has been received. It was agreed that Councillor Parker would look at the application.

RESOLVED

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

2022/964 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The Clerk's report was noted. The council raised no objections to the land encroachment issue at Chapel Hill Road.

Council agreed to replacing Judith Davey as a signatory on cheques now she has left the council. Councillor Belinda Cooke will replace her.

Council approved the quote of £670.00 (+VAT) to repair the damaged wall close to the cenotaph.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Report for June be approved moved by Councillor Hill and Councillor Cooke subject to an amendment to move an invoice from the amenity budget to the cenotaph budget.

2022/965 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Council Communications, Otley East Development,

Meeting closed at 9.29 pm

SIGNED BY