

Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

Minutes of the 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 10th OCTOBER 2022 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Chairman Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors, Bone, Cooke, Hill, Parker and Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Mrs Michelle Adams.

2022/985 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Civic Service had gone well with civic representatives from Horsforth, Morley, Bramhope and Otley. Also present were the MP Alex Sobel, Police Community Support Officer Joel Hebden, and Joanne Pellow Chair of Governors Pool Primary C E School, Parish Councillors and members of the community.

The Chairman reported that she had visited Cabin Road to look at overhanging tree branches that need attention near the garages. Council agreed to get the work done and for quotes to be obtained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Michelle Adams raised the Otley Carnival for next year and wondered if the village would be participating. Council agreed to look at this later in the new year.

2022/986 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Mifsud and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and Billy Flynn.

2022/987 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Councillor Rowling declared an interest under item 13 Planning Applications and Councillor Parker declared an interest in item 8 Access at RGMC grounds.

2022/988 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last Council meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 and the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 28th September 2022 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling.

2022/989 **RESOLVED**

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

2022/990 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke brought councillors up to date with the purchase of new equipment (Large Dish) for the main playground, an amended quote has been received following discussion at the last meeting which totals £4611.59 + Vat. It will be some weeks before the equipment can be installed. Work is in progress to finish the wooden surrounds on a number of pieces of equipment, other equipment needs to be painted. Two new swing seats (replacing damaged ones) have been installed.

Discussions with the Primary School have resulted in a desire to instal 10 small bug hotels at a cost of approximately £100.00. Councillor Cooke will purchase the Bug Hotels and will get them fixed with the assistance of Mr Wayne Hoban at the RGMC where the school find most suitable. The invoice will be passed to the clerk.

2022/991 **RESOLVED**

That Council goes ahead with the purchase of the large dish and the bug hotels. This was moved by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Rowling.

2022/992 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Councillor Parker raised the continuing problems on Main Street in particular the narrowness of the pavements and the speed of traffic. No further news has been received on the implementation of the 20-mph scheme.

Councillor Hill spoke of the huge problems created by the roadworks being implemented at the Dyneley Arms. Other Councillors also expressed concerns and discussed remedies to the major problem created at Old Pool Bank. Councillor Hill suggested one remedy is to make the lower half of Old Pool Bank one way going down from the A660 (as a temporary measure) with the Police carrying out regular monitoring of traffic using the road. It was also suggested that both sections of Old Pool Bank should display larger and clearer signs displaying 'Access Only for Residents'.

It was noted that Ward Councillor Barry Anderson has secured funding for a speed limit change (30 mph) on lower Old Pool Bank, the scheme is now out for consultation.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Andersons efforts in preventing traffic using Old Pool Bank as a means of avoiding lengthy delays at the Dyneley Arms be supported and that the remedies expressed above by Councillors be passed to the Highways Authority and Councillor Anderson.

2022/993 **SECURE ACCESS ROUTE TO RGMC GROUNDS**

Councillor Parker introduced a scheme to create a more secure access for large service vehicles and emergency vehicles to the grounds. The proposal is to use the parish council access from Main Street and by moving the gateway create an entrance that allows vehicles to turn into a 'driveway' area before having to unlock the gates and similarly on exit the gates can be fully secured before vehicles enter the traffic at the dangerous point on the highway.

This proposal would remove the need for the use of Wharfe Crescent.

To make these changes the Parish Council is asked to approve the necessary changes to the current arrangements and give authority to the RGMC to implement the plan outlined.

RESOLVED

That the scheme as outlined be approved, this was moved by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

2022/994 **POOL FEAST**

Councillor Parker raised a proposal to reinstate the annual Pool Feast. The Pool Feast Committee decided last year to end its activities in organising the feast and passed redundant funds to the parish council. Councillor Parker believes from soundings in the village that the feast is missed and many wish to see the event take place again.

To that end the Council is asked to consider taking the lead on re-establishing the event by asking for representatives from local organisations to help form a committee to organise and plan further events. Initially Councillors Hill and Lee could act as council representatives.

RESOLVED

That Council agrees to the re-establishment of a Pool Feast Committee and asks the clerk to contact local organisations to gain what level of supports exists for the idea.

2022/995 **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

The Council Communications policy comes in the light of increased use of social media in getting council news out to the wider public. The policy outlines guidelines for using social media such as Facebook.

After some discussion Councillors adopted the policy.

2022/996 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

An email update has been received from Alexa Ruppertsberg, the plan now in its final stages is with Leeds City Council.

2022/997 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Bone circulated his report from the LBA Airport Liaison Meeting on the 7th September 2022. The report highlighted the number of passengers using the airport, recent problems with baggage handling, changes in Air Space Management and plans by the airport to be carbon neutral by 2040.

Councillor Rowling recently attended the Whiteley Homes annual meeting.

2022/998 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were received during the last month, 22/04507/FU/NW Fairmead Farm, 22/04432/FU/NW the Beeches, 22/05630/FU/NW Arthington Lawns, 22/05842/FU/NW Church Close. The sale of land at Groves Terrace was noted.

Council discussed in some detail the Reserved Matters Application from Taylor Wimpey to build 57 dwellings on land south of Pool Road. The main concerns of the council are :

- the proximity of the dwellings to existing properties, representations from Mr Guy Northrop were noted
- the use of appropriate materials when building adjacent a conservation area,
- the proposed footpath outside number 55 Church Close and 19 Manor Crescent
- the proposed barriers to prevent traffic using Church Close to avoid exiting near the Shell Garage,
- the Wharfedale Greenway and its route through the new estate
- flood Risk Management and the threat of flooding within and outside the site of the housing.

2022/999 **RESOLVED**

That the clerk writes to the Planning Authority outlining the Parish Councils objections to the Taylor Wimpey Reserved Matters application 21/04989/RM/NW.

CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS

The Clerk's report was noted. Council acknowledged receipt of an email from the Editors of Lower Wharfedale Village News seeking funds to assist the production of their magazine. Council felt that Village News is primarily Church based and wondered how far and wide its distribution took it. It noted that the period for awarding grants from the Council has passed and because of pressing financial commitments this year it was unable to offer any support.

Invoices to approve were Royal British Legion, Chevin Landscapes, and the clerk.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Reports for September and invoices listed be approved and accepted by the Council. This was moved by Councillor Rowling and Seconded by Councillor Cooke.

TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Playgrounds, Otley East Development,

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

SIGNED BY