

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 February 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Chairman Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Bone, Cooke, Mifsud, Parker, Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson.

2023/42 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chairman reported that benches in the Memorial Gardens need re-varnishing and that a quote had been requested. The quote was received during the meeting and agreed by the Council. The cost £120.00, involves the sanding and re-varnishing of three benches.

2023/43 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Residents and Councillors at the last meeting expressed great concerns about the proposal to introduce parking charges at parks and open spaces in Leeds. Leeds City Council have now withdrawn the proposals.

2023/44 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Hill and Ward Councillor Billy Flynn.

2023/45 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No pecuniary or other interests were declared at the meeting.

2023/46 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling.

RESOLVED

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

2023/47 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke reported that her meeting with the Area Manager from Sutcliffeplay was very positive. Councillor Rowling also attended. Both expressed their optimism that the problems identified at the last meeting will be resolved positively. It was agreed with Sutcliffeplay that the broken piece of equipment will be removed as soon as possible, that the new large dish will be relocated to its proper place and that suitable replacements for the Cone Climber will be forwarded to the council for consideration.

Shackles for the swings have been purchased and will be installed by a local contractor. Following advice from Sutcliffeplay 'Bar End Eyes' will be replaced by new 2.4 metre chains. Four chains are required at a cost of £120.00 a pair. These will also be fitted locally.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Councillor Cooke for all her work with the Playgrounds.

RESOLVED

That the way forward outlined by Sutcliffeplay was agreed and that new chains for the swings be purchased. The motion was proposed by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Bone.

2023/48 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

A new footpath sign has been ordered for the footpath on Old Pool Bank to alert drivers to pedestrians stepping out into the road. Signs are also required on Church Close to stop

parking on grass verges. Lights have been fixed at the new refuge opposite the Swallow estate.

2023/49 **POOL FEAST**

The Clerk reported that he has sent information to Councillor Hill on the donation to the Council from the old Pool Feast Committee. An application form has also been sent should the new Committee wish to apply for a grant. It was noted in Councillor Hill's email that the new Committee are looking at a date in September 2023 to hold the Pool Feast event.

2023/50 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling outlined her report from the latest meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan working Group. Presently the Plan is with Leeds City Council who report that the Plan is a good one and is near to being ready for submission to the Inspector. The Basic Conditions Statement and the Consultation Statement are work in progress and will need to be signed off by the Parish Council.

Following the Inspector's examination any recommendations will need to be addressed with some re-writing possible. After that, the Council needs to write a 'Referendum Plan'. The document will need the services of a Graphic Designer in order to produce a document that is grammatically correct and visually attractive. It is estimated that this work will cost in the region of £3,000-£4,000 pounds.

RESOLVED

That the budget for 2023-24 be drafted to include a sum to cover the cost of the 'Referendum Plan'.

2023/51 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Rowling reported that she continues to attend the Wharfedale Greenway Steering Group though its work at the moment is concentrated on the first phase of the Greenway Otley to Burley.

Councillor Rowling also reported on work at Pool Village Memorial Hall. A grant from the Parish Council for £500.00 has still to be spent as discussions continue about work the Village Hall Committee believe is essential to three trees that have Tree Preservation Orders on them.

Councillor Hill raised a request through a recent email for a new bin to be installed by the bus stop on Pool Bank by Pool Bank Court. This was taken up by Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson. Another Facebook request was for the planting of a tree for the Coronation of King Charles III.

Councillor Bone suggested that a different solution is required to prevent the wreaths laid at the War Memorial from constantly blowing away. He agreed to look at solutions and get quotes.

Councillor Mifsud agreed to approach a local supplier for a quote on the woodchip/bark required for the Council playgrounds. Leeds City Council a usual supplier had not been forthcoming with quotes for the work.

An email from a resident about clearing leaves from pavements in the village in the future was noted. This will be picked up with Leeds City Council and the Lengthsman next year.

2023/52 **RESOLVED**

That Council agree to Councillors Bone and Mifsud obtaining quotes for work outlined above and that the reports from Members be noted.

2023/53 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications were received this month.

RESOLVED

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

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CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS

The clerk's report was noted and invoices listed not on the monthly finance report were approved.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted and that the Finance Reports be approved. This was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Mifsud.

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TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Playgrounds, Pool Feast, Otley East Development, Parish Council Elections.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm.

SIGNED BY