

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 13th March 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Chairman Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Bone, Cooke, Hill, Parker, Rowling. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and Councillor Billy Flynn.

2023/56 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Announcements.

2023/57 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No residents in attendance.

2023/58 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Mifsud..

2023/59 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

Councillor Hill and Council Parker declared interests on items on the agenda (Agenda item 8 Pool Feast)

2023/60 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 13th February 2023 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Bone and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

RESOLVED

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

2023/61 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke reported that through her discussions with Sutcliffe's a number of options have been discussed to replace the climber. The Council discussed the options and agreed that the TZU126 Curved Climber is the most suitable replacement as it was the most versatile and accessible for all users. There is a long lead in time for the equipment but Sutcliffe's have said they will fit the equipment as soon as possible.

Shackles and Bar End Eyes for the swings have been purchased and delivered and will be fitted in the coming weeks by a local contractor.

RESOLVED

That the Council goes ahead with the fitting of a new Curved Climber and that the clerk inform local residents of the forthcoming installation via the community Facebook Page. The motion was proposed by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Hill.

2023/62 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Councillors expressed a number of concerns about the proposed works to Harewood Bridge in the summer. Harewood Bridge carries the A61 over the river Wharfe between Otley and Wetherby. Particular concerns were expressed about the impact closure will have on Arthington Lane and Pool village.

Councillor Hill raised a number of issues to be considered as did others. It was agreed that these issues would be collated by the clerk and be forwarded to the Bridge Assessment Team at Leeds City Council.

2023/63 **POOL FEAST**

Councillor Hill informed Council that Pool Feast is to be held on Sunday 10th September 2023. Councillor Hill has been appointed Chairman of the Pool Feast Committee with Sue Shaw

appointed as Treasurer. The Committee will begin to look at the funding required to organise events, Insurance and Licences.

2023/64 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling brought Council up to date on work relating to the Neighbourhood Plan. The Consultation Statement is currently work in progress with Leeds City Council and will need to be signed off by the Parish Council.

2023/65 **COUNCIL SAFEGUARDING POLICY**

A draft Safeguarding Policy circulated prior to the meeting was considered and approved. The discussion raised the issue of criminal record checks (now DBS checks). The clerk to look into the question of whether or not they are needed for Councillors and staff.

RESOLVED

That the Safeguarding Policy be approved, this was moved by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

2023/66 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

The clerk circulated information on the forthcoming elections in which all Parish Council Councillors will stand for election. The nomination papers were circulated for information. Councillors were reminded of the key dates for returning nomination forms. The clerk to provide details of the Polling District and Elector numbers for those acting as proposer and seconder for the Councillors.

New Identity badges will be purchased after the elections for new councillors.

2023/67 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Bone attended the recent meeting of the Royal British Legion and informed council of the Band Concert to be held at Bramhope Rugby Club on the 29th July 2023. The Harrogate Brass Band will attend.

Councillor Bone is investigating solutions to prevent wreaths laid at the War Memorial from constantly blowing away. He agreed to look at solutions and get quotes.

Councillors Cooke and Lee expressed their disappointment at the recent meeting of the Chevin Management Committee and the lack of interest in bringing the Boardwalk back into use and making it accessible for buggies and wheelchairs. It was noted that despite a donation of £8,000 from Northern Power for work to be carried out this may well prove to be inadequate.

Councillor Hill asked why the Police Plane has suddenly started to fly over Pool. Councillor Bone (Airport Committee) will raise the matter.

Councillor Rowling stated that Pool Village Hall will allow staff from the Leeds Marathon Event to park in their ground. The Marathon Organisers have agreed to place toilet facilities at the location for the staff.

2023/68 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillors Lee and Cooke considered the planning application for Oak House, Old Pool Bank and raised no objections. Councillor Bone will look at the application at Rowan Close, just received.

RESOLVED

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

2023/69 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The email circulated from Paul Stone; Pool Primary School was noted. Councillors sympathised with the issues raised but felt other than putting up more signage and comments of Facebook little more could be done.

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 Rowling.

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TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Playgrounds, Pool Feast, Otley East Development.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm SIGNED BY