

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 15th May 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Chairman Councillor Lee in the Chair.
Councillors Bone, Cooke, Hill, Mifsud and Parker. Also, in attendance Ward Councillor Caroline Anderson, the Clerk John Ryan and Moira Keith.

2023/86 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE**
The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Parish Council. One nomination was received for Councillor Lee. The nomination was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Bone. It was approved unanimously by the Council.

2023/87 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE**
The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council. One nomination was received for Councillor Joanna Rowling. The nomination was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Bone. It was approved unanimously by the Council.

2023/88 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
The Chairman raised a number of concerns concerning Wharfedale Court which Councillor Caroline Anderson agreed to investigate, including the cobbled area near the entrance and the new waste bin for which the Lengthsman does not hold a key.

The Chairman also asked Councillor Anderson to request a meeting of the Chevin Management Committee to discuss urgent repairs to the boardwalk. Also, the Chairman was pleased to report that a new signpost for footpath 18 had been installed but asked that road markings be put in place to alert drivers to the footpath. Councillor Anderson will contact the Highways Department to see what could be done.

2023/89 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
No matters arising.

2023/90 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Rowling and Ward Councillors Barry Anderson and Billy Flynn.

2023/91 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**
Councillor Hill declared an interest on agenda item 12 Pool Feast.

2023/92 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

RESOLVED

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

2023/93 **OUTSIDE BODIES, WORKING PARTIES, COMMITTEES AND PANELS**
The Clerk circulated the list of Outside Bodies, Working Parties, Committees and Panels which was updated and amended by Council. The List for 2023-24 will be circulated and published on the website.

2023/94 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2023/24**
The Clerk circulated a new list of meeting dates for 2023/24. The list was approved and will be published on the Council website.

2023/95

REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS

Councillor Cooke reported that new fittings for the swings are still awaited, these will be chased up with the supplier. Councillors Cooke and Mifsud are getting quotes for playground wood chip and when they have agreed on the best quote will report back to Council and the Finance Committee for approval to go ahead and arrange delivery of the woodchip.

The Council still awaits the delivery of the new piece of equipment, the curved climber. It is hoped that it will be in place for the summer.

Attention also needs to focus on repairs and painting at the Early Years Playground. Councillor Cooke and Lee to organise the work.

In the longer term the Council will consider new surfaces around the play equipment whilst this may prove expensive it needs to be set aside against the regular supplies of woodchip and repairs to the wooden borders.

2023/96

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL

Councillor Hill asked that West Yorkshire Police be contacted with a view to organising more speed monitoring in the area. It is hoped that with police support the mobile speed indicator device could be used more regularly on Main Street/Arthington Lane. The Clerk will contact the Police.

Councillor Caroline Anderson reported that the 20-mph scheme for the village is due to be implemented in June 2023, this is excellent news. The placing of more signs, fixed SID machines etc. will be considered again once the 20-mph scheme is in place.

2023/97

POOL FEAST

Moira Keith introduced the grant application from the Pool Feast Committee which was seeking financial assistance for First Aid Cover, programme printing, hire costs and support for children's prizes and rosettes.

The Council was pleased to support the application and awarded a grant of £717.50, approval was moved by Councillor Mifsud and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

Good progress is being made on the organisation of the event planned for Sunday 10th September 2023. Lisa Newsholme will be the new Treasurer.

RESOLVED

That the Council award a grant of £717.50 to the Pool Fest Association.

2023/98

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Consultation Statement is currently in progress with Leeds City Council and will need to be signed off by the Parish Council. Funds have been set aside in the budget for work to be undertaken by consultants once appointed.

2023/99

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Lee reported on a meeting of the British Legion she attended; present were Senior Managers from the National Organisation undertaking a review of local branches.

Councillors Cooke and Lee reported on the recent Coronation 'bring your own picnic' held at Old Pool Bank Village Hall which was well attended and overall a resounding success.

The Chairman reminded Council of the forthcoming event at Bramhope Rugby Club on July 29th 2023 which will host Harrogate Brass Band.

Councillor Hill raised the issue of increasing communication with the local community and suggested Menston Parish Council as a good example. After some discussion it was agreed to put an item on the next Council agenda to discuss the matter further.

2023/100 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Applications 23/02595/FU/NW Fair Mead Farm, 23/02271/FU/NW White Holme Drive and the Bar House, Arthington Lane were noted.

RESOLVED

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

2023/101 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The clerk's report was noted along with the April Monthly Finance Report.

RESOLVED

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

TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Playgrounds, Pool Feast, Consultation, Otley East Development.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm SIGNED BY