

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 12th JUNE 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present Chairman Councillor Lee in the Chair.
Councillors Bone, Cooke, and Rowling. Also, in attendance Ward Councillors Caroline and Barry Anderson, Billy Flynn and the Clerk John Ryan.

2023/102 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman noted the letter received from Councillor Alan Lamb, Leader of the Conservative Group on Leeds City Council outlining objections to proposed changes to the public access planning website. The Parish Council's views can be found under the Planning Agenda item.

Councillor Lee raised the problem of overgrown trees close to the A.T. Green garage in Pool which are obscuring views of the Bus Stop and that buses are catching the trees as they pass. Councillor Anderson to investigate the matter. Similar problems were reported on Main Street/Arthington Lane where trees are obscuring views of the new 20 mph signs.

2023/103 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No matters arising.

2023/104 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Hill, Mifsud and Parker

2023/105 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations were reported.

2023/106 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 15th MAY 2023 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Bone and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

2023/107 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke reported that the correct chains for the swings have now been ordered. A local contractor will fit the chains and attend to corrosion on the main sign at the playground and make safe and repair fencing highlighted in the recent Inspection Reports.

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. Councillor Lee has arranged for a temporary repair to a piece of equipment on the junior playground until a more permanent solution can be found.

RESOLVED

That Council agree to the work outlined above. The motion was moved by Councillor Rowling and Seconded by Councillor Bone.

2023/108 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Council noted that the long awaited 20 mph scheme is now in place. Council will watch closely to assess the impact of the scheme.

Leeds City Council are consulting on a Traffic Regulation Order that will lay double yellow lines from the junction of Manor Gardens with Main Street to the Old Orchard on the southern side, protecting the junction and car park access, as well as the Old Orchard.

2023/109 **EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

The clerk circulated the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23, particular attention was drawn to page 5 the Accounting Statements. The Return will be submitted to

the External Auditor for approval. Also, a Notice of Public Rights extending the right of the public to view the accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2023 will be issued.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Governance & Accountability Statements be approved along with the Notice of Public Rights. The viewing period allowed runs from Monday 19th June 2023 until Friday 28 July 2023. The motion was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Bone.

2023/110 **POOL FEAST**

The Chairman attended a meeting with the Pool Feast Committee (Via Zoom) which discussed developing a published programme which will be sponsored by local businesses. More attractions were being considered for the day including a photographic competition, a raffle and bouncy castles for the younger children.

2023/111 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Consultation Statement is currently in progress with Leeds City Council and will need to be signed off by the Parish Council.

2023/112 **COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES**

The Clerk briefed councillors on present communication policies and practices. Research on Menston Parish Council was discussed, as well as the possible use of newsletters and Instagram. It was decided to continue the discussion at the next Council meeting when other members will be present.

2023/113 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

A meeting has finally been agreed with Leeds City Council to discuss the boardwalk at the Chevin, the meeting will take place on the 21st June 2023. Old Pool Bank AGM will take place on the 22nd June 2023.

Councillor Rowling met with the three newly appointed Archivists on the afternoon of 12th June to discuss progress of their work. The Archivists will meet every third Monday of the month starting on the 12th June 2023.

2023/114 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Council discussed recent changes by Leeds City Council to the publication of comments on planning applications through the Council's public access website and expressed dismay at the lack of consultation on the proposals. Comments submitted to the Planning Authority from June 2023, including those of the Parish Council, will no longer be available to view. The Council regards this as a retrograde step and in particular for the Parish Council who is a significant consultee on applications within its area.

RESOLVED

That the clerk writes to Leeds City Council to express its concerns about the planned withdrawal of comments on applications from the public access planning website. The motion was moved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Bone.

CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS

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

2023/115 **RESOLVED**

That the Finance Reports for MAY be approved. This was moved by Councillor Bone and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Playgrounds, Pool Feast, Consultation.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm SIGNED BY