

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 February 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Bearpark, Davey, Mifsud, Morris, Rowling and Parker. Also, in attendance Parish Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson, and Billy Flynn. Members of the public included Fiona Celli, PCSO David Mallard and Chris Woodhall.

2018/299 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Morris on his recent award for Endurance Cycling. Councillor Lee also reported on the visit of the Leader and Chief Executive of Leeds City Council with Ward Councillors and Officers to the village. Councillor Lee expressed her disappointment at the visit which paid little regard to the many traffic problems in the area, particularly the scene of the recent fatal accident. Also, major issues such as the redevelopment of the Shell Garage site were not visited.

The Chairman asked that the Clerk write to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to ask for their comments on the visit and what action if any they are likely to take as a result.

2018/300 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

PCSO David Mallard reported on the recent crime figures for the area, there were no major issues for Pool. School Patrols will start again after half term.

Fiona Celli addressed the meeting on her proposal to develop a Forest School which is a specialised learning approach including experiences relating to survival basics, den building, fire making, water and food, bush craft, foraging and orienteering. Through a Community Interest Company providing outdoor learning opportunities her company are hoping to use the parish council's woodland area for some of its outdoor events and asking for permission to do so.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council discuss the matter at its next meeting and report its decision to Fiona Celli as soon thereafter as possible.

2018/301 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No Apologies received.

2018/302 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

No declarations were received. The Clerk asked councillors to note that DCLG guidance in relation to dispensations allowed them to participate in council business connected with council tax. "Any payment of, or liability to pay, council tax does not create a disclosable pecuniary interest as defined in the national rules; hence being a council tax payer does not mean that you need a dispensation to take part in the business of setting the council tax precept or local arrangements for council tax support".

No other declarations were received.

2018/303 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Councillor Bearpark moved that the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 be agreed, this was seconded by Councillor Barlow.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 as a correct record.

2018/304 **BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19**

The Clerk and Chairman of the Finance Committee Councillor Morris presented a report to Council on the budget position for 2018/19. After some discussion it was agreed to reassess the implications of the neighbourhood plan and projected spending through the Directions Consultancy. Councillor Bearpark circulated a spreadsheet forecast of the work required to complete the plan and the anticipated spending by the Consultants. It was agreed in the light of this work to undertake an analysis of all spending current and projected and bring a revised budget forecast for 2018/19 to the next meeting. This will include a forecast of spending on the neighbourhood plan for the current financial year.

RESOLVED

That the clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Finance Committee prepare the necessary report and budget for the March Council meeting.

2018/305 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The clerk reported that no residents had come forward to call an election about the current councillor vacancy. The Council was now able to co-opt a councillor if it wished. The Chairman asked councillors to consider the vacancy and anyone they knew who might be suitable to co-opt.

2018/306 **WHARFEDALE GREENWAY**

Councillor Rowling stated that the detailed Design Statement had been completed as far as it can be for phase 2 which is the Pool village link. Councillor Rowling asked councillors to determine the access routes to the Greenway through the village.

RESOLVED

That Councillors believe the Green Route is the preferred route for the Greenway through the village.

2018/307 **LOCAL COUNCIL FOUNDATION AWARD**

The Clerk reported on progress of the application submitted by the Parish Council for the Foundation Award under the Local Council Award Scheme. Council needed to adopt the latest Standing Orders and a new Social Media policy to move the application forward. The report from the YLCA on the application had been circulated to councillors.

Councillor Parker moved that the new Standing Orders and Social Media Policy be approved and that other recommendations be considered at a later date, this was seconded by Councillor Bearpark.

RESOLVED

That Council approve the Standing Orders and Social Media Policy and allow the application to progress.

2018/309 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

The latest playground inspections report from Playdale Ltd had been circulated to councillors. The Clerk reported that there were no immediate repairs needed but some playground equipment required monitoring. Councillor Davey reported that more bark had to be laid and that one estimate from Sovereign Playground Design for providing a more permanent surface to the play areas had been received and circulated.

RESOLVED

That the reports and estimate be noted and that monitoring of the playgrounds continues. Further, that funding possibilities, lottery etc. be investigated as the parish council is not resourced at the moment to invest in a major resurfacing exercise of the playgrounds.

2018/310 **TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN POOL**

Councillor Barry Anderson informed the meeting of the results of the survey of residents in Pool regarding the serious traffic concerns around Old Pool Bank and its junction with the A660. The analysis was carried out by Leeds City Council who have suggested the following recommendations :

The speed limit on lower Old Pool Bank will be changed

The Speed limit on the A660 will be changed just past the houses on Cragg View in the direction of Otley

No action will be taken on changes to the Bar House/Old Pool Bank junction at this stage Highways still feel the A660 should have a mobile speed camera on it, so far, the Camera Partnership have said no

The Highways Officer will compile a report to the Partnership.

The Highways Officer also commented that a report to change the speed limit on the A660 and to relocate the start of the 40mph limit has been submitted to his Chief Officer. This will enable the village gateway signs to be erected where the present speed limit signs are located. Whilst the Parish Council welcomed these recommendations it believes Leeds City Council have not gone far enough to address the concerns raised. The Council will continue to push for measures it believes offer better and safer solutions.

2018/311 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning applications 17/07870/FU/NW Willow Court, Pool and 17/06990/FU/NW Bar House Row were noted following consultation with residents, no objections had been received.

RESOLVED

That the application be noted.

2018/312 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk's report had been circulated and was noted.

Invoices not on Monthly Schedule:

Salaries, Leeds City Council £2202.00, Crowther Cleaning £36.00.

RESOLVED

That Council approves the Clerk's Report and the actions outlined above, moved by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Bearpark.

2018/313 **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk moved the suspension of standing orders to allow the meeting to decide whether it continued beyond 9.15pm. The Chairman moved that standing order 3w be allowed, to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to conclude urgent business.

2018/314 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Bearpark attended a recent training course on Asset Based Community Development. Old Pool Bank Village Hall are holding a coffee morning the 1st Wednesday of each month. Councillor Parker invited councillors to meet the new vicar at St Wilfrid's on Sunday 18th February 2018 at 10.00am

RESOLVED

That the reports be noted.

2018/315 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

Councillor Morris moved that the Monthly Finance Reports for January 2018 be approved this was seconded by Councillor Parker.

RESOLVED

That council approves the Monthly Finance reports for January 2018.

2018/316 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Forest Schools

2018/317 **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday 12th March 2018 at Old Pool Bank Village Hall, Quarry Farm Road, Pool-in-Wharfedale.

The Meeting closed at 9. 20pm

SIGNED BY