

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, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 12th March 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Bearpark, Davey, Morris, Rowling and Parker. Also, in attendance Parish Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson. PCSO's Joel Hebden and David Mallard.

2018/318 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

2018/319 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

PSCO Joel Hebden reported two attempted burglaries at Quarry Farm Road and on the Millcroft estate, nothing was stolen. Also, there had been a break in of two cars at Millcroft with machinery tools being stolen from one of them. Councillor Barlow notified the police of a vehicle being stolen on Castley Road and security lights at a property in the area being tampered with.

Councillor Barry Anderson asked the council if it wished to comment on the Core Strategy Review that ends on the 23rd March 2018. In particular the impact of further housing development on the limited green space within the village and the poor air quality on Main Street and Arthington Lane. It has been reported that the air quality on Main Street is amongst the worst in the district, due to the significant traffic passing through, the narrowness of the road and its proximity to village buildings. Further increases in traffic is inevitable with large scale housing development which will only make matters worse. As yet no remedies for dealing with the problem have been put forward by Leeds City Council.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk send comments to the Core Strategy Review at Leeds City Council.

2018/320 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Emma Mifsud and Ward Councillor Billy Flynn.

2018/321 **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.

2018/322 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Councillor Bearpark moved that the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 12th February 2018 be agreed, this was seconded by Councillor Rowling. Councillor Bearpark also moved that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 be agreed, this was seconded by Councillor Morris.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 12th February 2018 and the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 8th January 2018 as a correct record.

2018/323 **BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19**

Councillor Morris Chairman of the Finance Committee outlined the budget proposals for the 2018/19 budget, taking into account the rise in precept and some increases in expenditure for inflation. Councillor Morris reminded councillors that the rise in precept is required to cover the costs of the Neighbourhood Plan, ongoing repairs and maintenance work at the parish playgrounds and the Council's commitment to the Wharfedale Greenway Project. The rise in precept is modest and has not been increased during the past five years. Councillor Morris also addressed future expenditure relating to the Neighbourhood Plan and believed the planned expenditure for 2018/19 covered the costs known at this time.

Councillor Morris moved that the budget as outlined for 2018/19, with its recommendations, be approved this was seconded by Councillor Rowling.

RESOLVED

The council unanimously approved the Budget for 2018/19.

2018/324 **FOREST SCHOOLS AND OUTDOOR LEARNING EVENTS**

The Council discussed the proposal put forward by Fiona Celli at the last meeting to use the parish woodlands for activities relating to her Forest School project. Councillors thought the proposal for a Forest School and the activities outlined for the children are exciting and offered some valuable learning opportunities. However, there are concerns about the suitability of the parish woodland particularly its terrain, lack of facilities and due regard to bye laws. Also, to explore the whole area other land owners will need to be engaged with the project.

In principle the Parish Council supported the use of the woodland by the Forest School subject to the submission of a Business Plan, Risk Assessment and other appropriate licenses and safeguards. Subject to those conditions permission will be given for a short period and be subject to review.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk inform Fiona Celli at the Forest School Project of the Council decision subject to the conditions and concerns noted above.

2018/325 **TOUR DE YORKSHIRE**

Councillor Parker outlined plans for the forthcoming Cycling Tour De Yorkshire and plans to promote the village through the placement of banners and bunting. Costs for the banners will be £1536.00 (inc VAT), the art work will be carried out by Woodgate Studios and printing and fitting by Bay Media as in previous years. Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson have agreed to make a contribution to the costs of £1000.00 the balance will be met by the Parish Council, who will also meet the cost of the bunting. It was moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Parker that the council agree the costs as outlined.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council support the Tour De Yorkshire which will pass through the village and support the proposal to promote the village through banners and bunting on the days surrounding the event. The amenity budget will pick up the costs involved and virement from central reserves be agreed if the budget overspends at the end of the financial year.

2018/326 **TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN POOL**

Councillor Lee referred to the recent leaflet circulated by Ward Councillor Barry Anderson to residents regarding the recent survey and results on traffic issues on Old Pool Bank and its junction with the A660. The comprehensive leaflet included plans by the Highways Department on road safety improvements based on the recommendations supported in the survey, which still need to be agreed by the Police and the Highways Board. The Parish Council and Ward Councillors are still pursuing the installation of speed cameras on the stretch of the A660 as it approaches Bar House Corner.

2018/327 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillors Bearpark and Rowling reported that the Consultant was working towards the

schedule agreed and within the budget the Parish Council agreed at its last meeting. A map outlining the plan's designation of land and buildings is now being developed.

Progress was noted.

2018/328 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council noted receipt of a variation (approved plans) to a planning application for Overdale Manor, Old Pool Bank.

RESOLVED

That concerns on applications received will be forwarded to the local Planning Authority.

2018/329 **CLERK'S REPORT**

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

Invoices not on Monthly Schedule:

Salaries, Directions Consultancy £483.90, Garden Angels £510.00 and Clerk's expenses £32.66.

RESOLVED

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

2018/330 **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.

2018/331 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Written reports from Councillor Rowling on attendance at the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and the Wharfedale Greenway Group were noted. Councillor Bearpark attended the recent meeting of Otley Action for Older People, the discussion included the General Data Protection Regulations due to come into force from 25th May 2018.

Several Councillors raised the state of the road from the Blue Barn/Stephen Smiths towards Pool. Ward Councillor Barry Anderson agreed to look into problem of pot holes on this stretch of road.

RESOLVED

That the reports be noted. That the Clerk prepare a briefing for Councillors on the General Data Protection Regulations for the next meeting.

2018/332 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

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

RESOLVED

That council approves the Monthly Finance reports for February 2018.

2018/333 **ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Data Protection.

2018/334 **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday 9th April 2018 at The Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Pool-in-Wharfedale.

The Meeting closed at 9. 25pm

SIGNED BY