

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 8th October 2018, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Cooke, Davey, Morris, Mifsud, Parker, Rowling and Wheeler. Also, in attendance Parish Clerk John Ryan. Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and Councillor Billy Flynn. Police Constable Kevin Poole and PCSO David Malley. Also present, Lesa Brown from David Philip Estate Agents.

2018/421 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman asked Councillors to stand for a minute's silence in respect of Mrs Brenda Lancaster a former Deputy Lord Mayor of Leeds and past member of the Parish Council who died recently. The Chairman thanked Councillors who were able to attend the Civic Service which was well attended by guests and members of the public. Councillors were reminded about the Remembrance Sunday service on the 11th November 2018 commencing at 9.30am at St Wilfrid's Church.

2018/422 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Lesla Brown from David Phillip Estate Agents addressed the meeting. The Branch is newly established in Bramhope and Directors are keen to be part of the community. They will consider requests for sponsorship and grants from local organisations.

The Police reported two incidents in the area of suspicious activity and theft. Travellers have arrived in the area and the relevant notices have been issued to remove them from public land. The Police continue to patrol the area but rely on members of the public to report possible criminal incidents in the village. PC 4155 Kevin Poole introduced himself as the new Ward Manager for the area.

2018/423 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

2018/424 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

Councillors Parker declared a non-pecuniary interest in the agenda item relating to Prince Henry's Grammar School.

2018/425 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Councillor Barlow moved that the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 be agreed, this was seconded by Councillor Cooke.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 as a correct record.

2018/426 **PRINCE HENRY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Councillor Parker updated the meeting on plans by Prince Henry's Grammar School to amend the school's oversubscription admission policy to give a greater priority of admission to pupils from Bramhope Primary School over other pupils from the family of schools. The effect of the proposed changes will mean a loss of school places for pupils from Pool CE Primary School who have traditionally gone onto attend Prince Henry's Grammar School. The Grammar School have opened a consultation period which ends on the 23rd November 2018.

Councillors expressed their concern about the proposals and unanimously agreed to register their objection to the new admission policy and stated that the new polygon should

include the whole village. Future housing development in the village and surrounding area could impact further on the catchment area, so it is vital that the current arrangements remain, and no specific preference should be given to one school.

RESOLVED

That the clerk drafts a letter of response on the proposals to be agreed at the next meeting.

2018/427 **SHALE GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Councillors discussed proposals by the Government to make exploratory shale gas wells a Permitted Development Right thus obviating the requirement for planning permission and to bring shale gas production into the National Strategic Infrastructure Project regime leading to the compulsory acquisition of land.

Councillor Rowling moved that the Council object to the proposals and that decisions on shale gas exploration and production remain a matter for local authority determination. The motion was seconded by Councillor Wheeler. Council agreed.

RESOLVED

That the clerk forwards the Parish Council objections to the proposals to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

2018/428 **FOOTPATHS IN POOL**

Councillors noted the response from Leeds City Council to the Parish Council report on parish footpaths. Leeds City Council are evaluating the work required and respective responsibilities.

2018/429 **TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN POOL**

Planned improvements on the A660 are progressing, though slowly. Ward Councillors continue to press for starting dates. Councillor Lee asked that road marking on the south side of the Subaru Garage be reinstated as soon as possible.

2018/430 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling provided an update on progress relating to the neighbourhood plan and the Planning Group's response to the Weidmann letter regarding their particular concerns about the plan.

2018/431 **WEIDMANN WHITELEY LTD**

Councillors discussed the response to WEIDMANN's objections to the Neighbourhood Plan and agreed that the note from the Planning Group will form the basis of the reply. This was moved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Lee. Further it was noted that the Council has already made its objections to the planning application from Weidmann's known and it proposed no changes now.

RESOLVED

That the clerk responds to the correspondence from Weidmann's.

2018/432 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Planning Application received for Pool Hall 18/04563/LI/NW will be reviewed by Councillors Rowling and Wheeler. Planning Application Stone Dale Close 18/06167/FU/NW will be reviewed by Councillor Mifsud.

RESOLVED

Any comments or objections to planning applications received will be forwarded to the Planning Authority.

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.

2018/433 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The clerk's report has been circulated and its contents noted. The quote for the installation of festive lighting on Main Street was noted, the switch on was agreed for the 26th November 2018.

Councillors approved Invoices not on monthly schedule: Salaries HMRC, Came & Company £1,185.63, Gregg Service Ltd £612.00, SLCC training £480.00, Microsoft Business Use Software/Expenses £126.91, Garden Angels £330.00 and The Local Pantry £60.00.

RESOLVED

That the report be approved, and invoices agreed, this was moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Mifsud.

2018/434 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Morris circulated a draft letter to landowners in respect of the Wharfedale Greenway. The working group identified the need to get permission from landowners to develop the greenway across their land. Council agreed the letter and asked Councillor Morris to make initial contact, if meetings are arranged Councillor Morris will attend with Councillor Davey or Rowling.

RESOLVED

Councillor Morris to send the letter to the landowners identified.

2018/435 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

Councillor Davey moved that the Monthly Finance Reports for September 2018 be approved this was seconded by Councillor Mifsud.

2018/436 **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 12th November 2018 at the Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Main Street, Pool-in-Wharfedale commencing at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.22pm

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