

Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at The Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 11th February 2019, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Cooke, Davey, Morris, Parker, Rowling and Wheeler. Also in attendance Parish Clerk John Ryan and Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and Billy Flynn. PCSO David Mallard and Mr Martin Dennison were also present.

2019/481 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Mr Dennison. Councillor Lee asked Ward Councillor Barry Anderson if there had been any progress on the Welcome to the village sign promised. Councillor Anderson reported that at the moment no funding for the project had been identified.

2019/482 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

PCSO Mallard reported that the only incident in the village over the last few weeks had been the theft of Yorkshire stone slabs from walls on Arthington Lane. As soon as staff became available PCSO Mallard intends to place speed indicator devices on Main Street to record and monitor traffic speeds. The police will also be carrying out surveillance in areas known to the police where drug taking/selling might be taking place. Some areas in Pool will also be covered. Councillors asked that the empty property at 'Misty Morn' be looked at when carrying out their surveillance.

Mr Dennison addressed the meeting about an idea he had discussed with Councillor Parker to build a small book store for depositing and borrowing, in the Memorial Gardens close to the notice board. Mr Dennison said the 'bookcase' had been donated but needed some work to ensure it was weather proof and secure.

Councillors welcomed the idea and thanked Mr Dennison for his plans to make the idea a reality.

RESOLVED

Council unanimously agreed to Mr Dennison building the book store.

2019/483 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mifsud.

2019/484 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

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 or precept or local arrangements for council tax support".

2019/485 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Councillor Barlow moved that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th January 2019 and the minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 12th February 2018 be approved, subject to a small amendment of council minute 2019/478.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 14th January 2019 and the minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 12th February 2018 as a correct record.

2019/486 **PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2019-20**

The Clerk addressed the report circulated on budget proposals for the 2019-20 council budget. The report and spreadsheet reflected the decision at the last meeting to raise the council precept by 5% and proposed increasing and decreasing certain budget headings for 2019-20 financial year.

The new budget acknowledges the higher than usual expenditure in the current 2018-19 budget particularly on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Wharfedale Greenway. As a result, the report recommends bringing spending levels down to previous year levels and to use some of the precept increase income to replenish the main account and special projects account balances.

Councillor Parker moved that the proposals be approved, the motion was seconded by Councillor Rowling.

RESOLVED

That the budget proposals outlined in the Clerk's report be approved and that the new budget for 2019-20 be published as soon as possible.

2019/487 **TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN POOL**

Councillors noted that resurfacing work had commenced on Old Pool Bank. Councillor Rowling raised correspondence from a resident who had obtained data from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Pool Bank New Road. From the data the resident had undertaken a comprehensive review of the speeds at which drivers were travelling down Pool Bank New Road during the period 10/11/2018 to 18/11/2018. A significant number of drivers were driving at speeds above the speed limit. This information was passed onto the Highways Department at Leeds City Council. Whilst the efforts of the resident in trawling through the information were acknowledged the resident was unhappy with what she believed to be a dismissive response. The Parish Council was asked if it could do anything to get Highways to address the problem of speeding traffic on this road.

After some discussion the council responded by saying that it continues to press for action against speeding on all roads surrounding the village and believes the SID's do deter drivers from speeding.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the Chief Highways Officer referring to the data collected and analysed by the resident and asks for a more comprehensive review of the problems of speeding drivers on Pool Bank New Road.

2019/488 **FOOTPATHS IN POOL**

A progress report from the Footpaths Officer has been received which states that some matters in the council's report have been addressed. To provide a full response to the report the Footpaths Officer will be meeting with Charge Hands in the coming month and will report back when he has a full picture.

2019/489 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan was almost complete and will be sent to councillors in the near future. The Draft Plan will need to be approved and signed off at the March meeting. Consultation on the draft plan will commence after that. Leeds City Council are producing the overall map for the plan which puts all the information/maps together including green spaces, footpaths, non-designated heritage assets etc.

The Chairman thanked the Planning Group for all their hard and sustained work in developing the plan and whilst there is still some way to go their efforts are greatly appreciated.

2019/490 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning applications for Pool Paper Mills 17/06052/OT (revised application), land at Pool Bank 17/07400/FU (amendment) were noted. The application at Millcroft Estate

19/00377/FU/NW will be considered by Councillors Parker and Mifsud.

Councillor Rowling reported that number 83 main modification to the Site Allocations Plan made by the Inspector following the public inquiry was welcomed by parish council as it took out green belt land allocated for housing (and put back its designation as green belt) and reduced the number of proposed houses for development from 540 to 260. The main modifications are subject to consultation which ends on 4th March 2019.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Leeds Council welcoming the modification number 83 and resulting reduction of planned housing from 540 to 260.

2019/491 **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk's report was noted and invoices due for payment but not on the monthly schedule approved, this was moved by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Morris.

Invoices approved not on the Monthly Finance Report are:
Salaries HMRC and WYPF
Garden Angels £555.00

RESOLVED

That the report be approved, and invoices agreed.

2019/492 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Parker asked that consideration be given to the siting of a cross at the Stocks Hill area during the Easter period. The cross will be erected by Mr Dennison in conjunction with Councillor Parker and no costs will be attributed to the council.

It was proposed by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Parker that the cross be erected and sited at Stocks Hill, this proposal was carried by a vote of four to two with two abstentions.

Councillor Lee asked that the council approve a qualified inspection of the parish woodlands be carried as soon as possible, council agreed to the inspection.

RESOLVED

That the reports be noted.

2019/493 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

Councillor Morris moved that the Monthly Finance Reports January 2019 be approved this was seconded by Councillor Barlow.

2019/494 **ITEMS FOR NEXT PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA**

Neighbourhood Plan allow 20 minutes for debate on Draft Plan.

2019/495 **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th March 2019 at the Old Pool Bank Village Hall, Old Pool Bank, Pool-in-Wharfedale.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 pm

SIGNED BY