

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 13th January 2020, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present Councillor Lee in the Chair.

Councillors Barlow, Cooke, Davey, Rowling, Parker and Wheeler. Also, in attendance the Clerk John Ryan, Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson and PCSO Sam Wild, Mr Chris Deeley and Mr Martin Murray.

2020/634 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wished all present a very happy and prosperous new year. The Council also welcomed the birth of Councillor Emma Mifsud's daughter Florence and wished Emma, Her husband and baby Florence well.

Over the Christmas period the Chairman attended two services in Bramhope representing the Parish Council.

2020/635 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Murray and Mr Deeley addressed the parish meeting bringing forward ideas discussed by the Pool-in-Wharfedale Village Group to improve the look of various plots of land throughout the village with a longer-term aim of entering National Councils in Bloom competitions. Councillors discussed several sites that might benefit from landscaping, planting bulbs and flowers etc. It was agreed that the Group identify sites in the village and bring forward a list that could be checked for ownership by Councillor Barry Anderson (Leeds CC) and by the Parish Council. Also, the Group will develop a prospectus which provides an understanding of what is being planned. A Facebook Fundraiser Page has been established and is already raising money to support the project.

PCSO Sam Wild reported on two recent road traffic accidents one on the border with North Yorkshire the other on Main Street. PCSO Wild also reported on criminal activity in the area, there were no reported incidents in Pool over the last 30-day period.

RESOLVED

That the Pool-in-Wharfedale Village Group bring the information requested to the next Council meeting for further consideration of the project.

2020/636 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2020/637 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

Councillor Judy Davey declared a personal interest in agenda item no 12, Planning Applications.

2020/638 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 were approved, this was moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Barlow.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 as a true record.

2020/639 **COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

The Council vacancy has been widely publicised, and Council hopes it may help in the recruitment of another councillor.

2020/640 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling reported that the services of Planning Consultant Mike Dando have been engaged in advising the council on how to deal with comments and amendments received from the public on the contents of the plan. He will also provide technical advice on comments from Leeds City Council and address any missed opportunities to improve the plan before it goes through the final stages. The Planning Group will meet again in February 2020.

2020/641 **TELEPHONE BOX**

The telephone box is now in place on the Stocks Hill garden site. This has been a significant project, not without its issues. The Council wishes to thank in particular Councillor Parker for all he has done in making this happen and to residents Mr Grange and his son and Mr Mifsud. Leeds City Council also helped in moving the telephone box from Weidmann's to Stocks Hill.

After some discussion it was agreed that Councillor Lee will organise the cleaning of the box and investigate the repainting of the box.

RESOLVED

Councillor Lee to organise the work now required to bring the telephone box back to its original condition and following that the council to discuss future uses for the box.

2020/642 **WHARFEDALE GREENWAY**

Councillor Rowling and Davey will meet with Councillor Stuart Bottomley from Burley-in-Wharfedale for help and advice on dealing with landowners to progress the Pool-in-Wharfedale phase.

2020/643 **PARISH ARCHIVIST**

The Chairman reported that Mr Jim Richardson has agreed to take over the role of Parish Archivist. It was agreed that the invitation to Pat Lazenby remain open and that she be invited to the April meeting to discuss the Pool History website.

2020/644 **TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN POOL**

The Chairman asked that Ward Councillor Anderson investigate the replacement lamp post on the A660, near the waterfall, which was knocked down in a road traffic accident.

2020/645 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillors discussed application 19/07651/FU and representations made by a local resident. Councillors agreed that objections outlined were sustainable and representation will be made to the Planning Authority. The following objections were noted that the application fails to outline the proposal properly in that a change of use is being asked for converting the garage to a 'granny flat'. The applicant has failed to work with immediate neighbours to progress designs that meet their concerns and the designs fail to take into account the character and quality of the area. The Council believes the application fails to protect neighbouring homes from significant impact and loss of amenity, the design is overbearing and dominant on the mutual boundary between the properties concerned. It was also noted that the existing garage already affects incoming natural light to lower neighbouring windows, doubling the size of the development will cause even greater overshadowing and loss of amenity. The Council is reminded of guidance that states 'extensions should not unreasonably dominate or result in significant loss of outlook from the main windows and garden areas of neighbouring dwellings', this application should be rejected on these grounds alone.

Regarding the application 19/06229/FU/NW, Land South East of Overdale Manor, variation of condition 2, the Parish Council shares the concerns of the Health and Safety Executive and asks that they be considered and be addressed before the determination of the application.

No objections have been received in relation to application 19/06619/FU/NW.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the Planning Authority outlining the above objections to the applications.

2020/646 **CLERK'S REPORT**

Council moved that the Clerk's report be accepted. It was agreed to progress the idea of ID Badges and that Councillors addresses be displayed on the back of the badge so if any are lost, they can be returned to the councillor concerned.

Councillor Cooke agreed to act as a temporary Finance Committee member.

Invoices not on Monthly Schedule approved
Salaries HMRC, WYPF
Clerk underpayment salary/Office expenses £62.45
Treeworld (Cabin Road) £2034.00

RESOLVED

That the report and invoices be approved, moved by Councillor Davey and seconded by Councillor Barlow.

2020/647 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Lee stated she is due to attend an emergency Airport meeting in the following week. Councillor Barlow will be attending a meeting of the RGMC on the 15th January 2020.

2020/648 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT**

Councillor Barlow moved that the Monthly Finance reports for December 2019 be approved this was seconded by Councillor Rowling.

2020/649 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 10th February 2020 at The Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Main Street, Pool-in-Wharfedale commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm SIGNED BY