

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 9th March 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.

2020/666 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUCEMENTS

The Chairman informed Councillors of the invitation received to attend Pool Methodist Church on the 10th May 2020 at 10.30am for a service to celebrate VE Day celebrations.

The Chairman also reported that tiling on the roof of the stone bus shelter on the A660 had slipped and was potentially dangerous. Council agreed that the Chairman contact a local contractor to get the repairs undertaken as soon as possible.

Following a discussion about footpath number 4 leading to the Chevin estate it was agreed that the Clerk write to Bob Buckenham at Leeds City Council to ask that Leeds Council repair the footpath.

The Chairman informed the Council that some time ago it had been agreed to use Pool Village Hall as a safe haven for people affected by flooding. It was also reported that the fly tipping in the woodland has been investigated and whilst it is the Parish Council's responsibility to deal with the problem it was noted that the rubbish tipped was inaccessible for vehicles and too heavy for individuals to move. It was therefore agreed to approach Leeds City Council to ask for advice on how to move this waste.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk and Chairman deal with the issues outlined above and write or contact the appropriate Authority/Contractor.

2020/667 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

2020/668 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

Council agreed a dispensation be awarded to Councillor Mifsud, who is currently on maternity leave, from any penalty for lack of attendance within a six-month period. Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows councils to approve leave of absence in this case.

2020/669 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS.**

No declarations were received.

2020/670 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 10th February 2020 and the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting dated 9th December 2019 were approved, this was moved by Councillor Wheeler and seconded by Councillor Barlow.

RESOLVED

That the Council accepts the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020 and the minutes of the Finance Committee 9th December 2019 as a true record.

2020/671 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Rowling reported that the Planning Consultant is continuing his work on the comments and amendments received from the public on the Plan and is also addressing the

technical advice received from Leeds City Council.

2020/672 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

Following consultation with Playdale Playgrounds and according to the Risk Assessments submitted no immediate work is required. Councillors asked for greater clarification on the Risk Assessment Matrix and the probability scores. The clerk will seek further information. More work is required around the play equipment, the clerk will investigate if any grants are available to cover this expenditure.

2020/673 TREE MANAGEMENT

Councillor Rowling introduced the item and spoke of her concerns relating to the appropriate permissions being obtained from Leeds City Council before any tree work is undertaken in the conservation area. Recent work at the Memorial Gardens and the woodland on Cabin Road were highlighted. Further it was suggested that for major projects more than one quote for the work be obtained.

Councillor Rowling's comments were noted and where possible greater clarification be obtained on any future works required alongside the formal recording of actions in the minutes. The question of planning permission for work at the woodland be investigated as this would appear to be against Leeds Council's policy.

2020/674 WHARFEDALE GREENWAY

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

2020/675 TRAFFIC CONCERNS IN POOL

Ward Councillor Barry Anderson and Parish Councillors Richard Parker and Joanna Rowling will meet with a Leeds Council Highways Officer Jonathan Waters on Thursday 12th March 2020 to walk around the village and discuss the various traffic and road safety issues which need attention.

2020/676 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was noted that a revised planning application for 10 Park Court has been lodged by the applicant 20/01126/FU. It was agreed that the revised application has changed little from the original and that the Parish Council's initial objections still stand. It was agreed that the clerk write to the Planning Authority again to set out the objections to the revised application.

Other applications were received Church Close 20/01352/FU, Councillor Rowling to consult on the application. The application Oak Tree House, Arthington Lane 20/00969/FU was noted without objections.

RESOLVED

That the clerk contacts the Planning authority regarding the Park Court application to outline objections. Concerns regarding planning applications from residents and parish councillors are sent to the local Planning Authority for consideration.

2020/677 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Council noted that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has released an updated set of financial regulations for parishes to consider. The major change related to internet banking.

RESOLVED

That Council note the changes proposed by NALC which in Pool's case do not apply and approve the regulations as set out by the clerk with the new date.

2020/678 CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk informed council that the charitable funds highlighted by councillors are not appropriate for the purposes outlined but he would continue to research the possibility of using outside funds to support expenditure.

Invoices not on Monthly Schedule approved

Salaries WYPF, HMRC

J Marshall Landscapes £120.00 (bollard entrance to land at skate park)

Visionict £21.60 (change of email address to gov.uk)

Garden Angels £510.00 (gardening work)

RESOLVED

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

2020/679 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Barlow reported that the gates to all RGMC land have all been fitted with combination locks. Councillor Barlow also addressed the communication from the Tadcaster Flooding Group and asked council to note his reply and that he would act as the liaison between the council and the group, this was agreed. He also provided information on the Environment Agency's flood warning alerts.

Councillor Parker circulated an email from a local resident who is seeking support for tidying up the bottom field after the floods. Councillor Parker will deal with matter and respond to the residents as this is in RGMC land. Councillor Parker also reported that work on the interior of the telephone box, removing wiring, shelving etc. has now been completed. Councillor Cooke suggested that BT be asked if they can provide any paint to refurbish the outside of the box, the clerk to investigate.

Councillor Rowling reported on her attendance at the YLCA meeting and noted the Leeds District Heating System. In relation to religious services several parishes still hold religious civic services and a number don't.

2020/680 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

Councillor Wheeler moved that the Monthly Finance reports for February 2020 be approved this was seconded by Councillor Cooke.

2020/681 TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 6th April 2020 at The Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Main Street, Pool-in-Wharfedale commencing at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.04pm

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