

**Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at the Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Main Street, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

**Present** Chairman Councillor Lee in the Chair.  
Councillors Allen, Bone, Cooke, Hill, and Rowling. Also, in attendance Ward Councillors Barry and Caroline Anderson, Billy Flynn, and Clerk John Ryan.

2024/187 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Chairman recently attended on behalf of the Parish Council the funeral of Mr John Clemie, whose wife is an Honorary Citizen. Arrangements to gather up Christmas lights and store them has been made. Thoughts were shared regarding Councillor Parker who is currently very ill in hospital.

The Chairman also stated she is drawing up guidelines for the organisation of the Remembrance Sunday Service at the War Memorial and the Council's Civic Service in October each year.

2024/188 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

2024/189 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

The Clerk asked councillors to note the 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 taxpayer 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.

2024/190 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Mifsud and Parker.

2024/191 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved and the minutes of Finance Committee meetings on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Allen.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council accepts that the minutes listed above be approved as a true record.

2024/192 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke reported that various parts have now been received to repair playground equipment which will be undertaken by our identified local contractor. The local contractor has also committed to attend the playgrounds on a regular basis to check for any immediate repairs. Councillor Cooke also stated that hardwood play chips will be purchased and laid soon.

Council re-committed to the longer-term project of laying Safamat around identified playground equipment which with the right financial conditions could be in place in the next financial year. The clerk will complete an online application for National Lottery funding to support the project.

**RESOVLED**

That work outlined above be progressed. The motion was moved by Councillor Rowling and seconded by Councillor Bone

2024/193 **TO AGREE THE COUNCIL PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25**

Councillors received a report from the Finance Committee meeting held earlier on setting the Precept for 2024-25. After much discussion, considering, the current financial pressures and commitments for the forthcoming year in particular work at both playgrounds and the resurfacing project it was agreed to raise to Precept by 9.7%. This will raise an additional

£5,000 for future expenditure. Raising the Precept by this amount will mean increasing BAND D payments from £57.97 to £59.85 for the year. The Council believes that this still represents good value for money considering the needs of the playground, the introduction of new equipment and regular maintenance.

**RESOLVED**

That the Council Precept for 2024-25 be raised by 9.7% to £58,000 raising £5,000 additional expenditure.

2024/194 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Councillor Hill put forward a number of ideas in connection with the problems faced by the Access Bus on its route to Churchill Flats. Finding practical and lawful solutions is difficult and may rest with the Transport Authority or Highways Department. Councillors will continue to monitor the situation.

2024/195 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It was reported that the Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group Alexa Ruppertsberg is working with Leeds City Council officers to expedite the Plan.

2024/196 **COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP**

Councillor Hill is progressing ideas for enhancing Christmas Lights in Pool next year and provided initial costings which he hopes will be supported by individual business contributions. Councillor Hill will bring forward further information when available. Council needs to decide how to progress the project.

The clerk informed Council that letters have been sent to two major Companies in the area asking them to consider making donations towards the refurbishment of the main playground, currently awaiting replies.

2024/197 **ROB BURROW'S MARATHON 2024**

The Council discussed a number of ideas including the use of posters, bunting etc to promote the event and the Parish Council as the race travels through the village. Further meetings will identify and work up options.

2024/198 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Bone attended a meeting regarding Leeds Bradford Airport's Air Traffic Proposals on the 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Airport, his report was noted. Councillor Allen reported that she is meeting a glazing contractor on the 12<sup>th</sup> to obtain a quote for reglazing the telephone box. It was noted that Arthington Parish were undertaking the same exercise and will provide details of their identified contractor.

**RESOLVED**

That the reports be noted.

2024/199 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications were received in the last month.

**RESOLVED**

Objections to planning applications raised by the Parish Council will be reported to the Planning Authority.

2024/200 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The clerk's report was noted along with the December 2023 Monthly Finance Reports.

**RESOLVED**

That the Finance Reports for November be approved. This was moved by Councillor Bone and seconded by Councillor Rowling.

2024/201 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Rob Burrows Marathon, Council Sponsorship.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm

SIGNED BY