

**Minutes of the meeting of Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council held at the Methodist Rooms, Manor Gardens, Main Street, Pool-in-Wharfedale on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 commencing at 7.30 pm.**

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

2024/202 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman raised the issue of the Bus Stop that had been removed from Pools Carr. As the stop is in the Otley district, she will take the matter up with the relevant Ward Councillor. It was noted that the burst water main on Quarry Farm Road will be attended to on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by Yorkshire Water.

Councillor Anderson stated that the new road lay out for the new housing estate is still under consideration.

2024/203 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

2024/204 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

2024/205 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Parker and Ward Councillor Flynn.

2024/206 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were approved with one small amendment at 2024/198. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Allen and seconded by Councillor Bone.

**RESOLVED**

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

2024/207 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**

Councillor Cooke reported that hardwood play chip has been ordered and delivery is expected within the next two weeks. The cost will be £338.40. Repairs to the younger children's playground bridge have been carried out and the gate at the site has been repaired temporarily until another part is ready.

2024/208 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Councillor Hill is still awaiting news from the Highways Authority about training to use the mobile Speed Indicator Device. 20 mph road signs have been laid to compliment other signs in the newly created 20 mph zone within the village.

2024/209 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

A report from the Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group Alexa Ruppertsberg was tabled. The Chair is asking the Council to review two documents mentioned in the report and to agree the appointment of an Independent Examiner with Leeds City Council to carry out an examination of the Plan. A list of examiners was attached to the report.

**RESOLVED**

That the clerk contact Alexa Ruppertsberg to ask for the documents the council needs to review and to seek more information on the processes, timescales etc. used by Examiners listed from other Parishes where they have undertaken work.

2024/210 **COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP**

A number of local Companies have been contacted with a view to seeking sponsorship for the major refurbishment of the main playground. Councillor Lee has had a positive response from a prominent local organisation who might be prepared to offer funds for playground equipment, the clerk is sending more information to support the application. The Chairman

and Clerk visited Weidmann Whiteley to discuss sponsorship and received positive comments about financial help being provided. The Company are looking at a plan to create sustainable energy for sole use on the site and wondered if such a scheme would be supported by the Council. The Clerk's briefing of the meeting was noted, and Council agreed to hold a further discussion at the March meeting. Any commitment to the scheme will be provisional until the full planning application can be reviewed.

2024/211 **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. Welcome to Pool Banners from the Parish Council was supported and needs to be worked up. The Team at Leeds City Council organising the event wish to visit the Parish Council to talk about their work, dates of meetings have been sent to the Team.

2024/212 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Allen is still looking at options for replacing the glass in the telephone box library. Councillor Allen also reported on discussions with the local Primary School who are looking at improvements around the school playground. Because of the cost to Primary School of submitting a planning application for the work, the school wondered if the Parish Council could submit the application on their behalf.

After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk investigate the legalities of acting on their behalf. Council also agreed that if this was not possible it would be prepared to meet half the cost of lodging the planning application.

2024/213 **RESOLVED**

That the clerk discharges the actions outlined above.

2024/214 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning application 24/00419/FU/NW Swallow Drive was noted. Councillor Hill will review Application number 24/00627/FU Park Mews.

**RESOLVED**

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

2024/215 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The clerk's report was noted along with the January 2024 Monthly Finance Reports. The enquiries received from a local resident were discussed. It was agreed that the request to fund the filling of a grit bin be refused as the bins were provided by Leeds City Council on the understanding that residents purchased the grit required themselves. It is understood that the 'temporary' barriers on Pool Bank New Road will remain as no funding from Leeds City Council has been identified to create more permanent replacements.

The Council discussed information received from Taylor Wimpey about the naming of the new housing estate. Their suggestion of Stanhope Fields was rejected in favour of Pullein Pastures which was considered to have more historical relevance to the area.

2024/216 **RESOLVED**

That the clerk writes to Taylor Wimpey with the above suggestion and that the Finance Reports for January 2024 be approved. This was moved by Councillor Bone and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

2024/217 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Rob Burrows Marathon, Council Sponsorship.

Meeting Closed at 9.15 pm      SIGNED BY