

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 11th March 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. Alexa Ruppertsberg, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group, Representatives from Leeds City Council, including Samantha Kennedy and representatives from the Primary School PTA Sarah Clift and Sarah Corr.

2024/218 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman stated that necessary work at Jubilee Gardens is due to start soon. Mr Keith Wilson has undertaken an Inspection of the parish woodlands and will submit a report shortly. Councillor Lee also reported a serious car crash at Bar House corner.

2024/219 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Samantha Kennedy on behalf of the Rob Burrows Marathon Run for All Team informed Council of the forthcoming event and provided details and information about the route. The Team is keen to involve local people and the local Primary School with the event. Council noted the comments and agreed to exchange details so the Primary School could be informed.

Further it was agreed that Councillor Allen will contact the school to ask if pupils would be interested in designing a 'Welcome to Pool-in-Wharfedale' banner on behalf of the parish council to be displayed on event day.

Representatives from Pool Primary School PTA addressed the meeting to talk about plans for a new sheltered learning place at the school playground. Costs are estimated to be in the order of £11,000 - £12,000. The Group are seeking financial support from the Council and for a contribution towards planning application costs.

A Grants Application form will be sent to the PTA once received the council will consider the application.

Alexa Ruppertsberg, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Group brought Councillors up to date with progress of the Plan and hoped once final documents have been approved by the Council and an Examiner a referendum can be held in the autumn. Also, the need to appoint an Examiner is urgent to progress the plan. Councillors agreed from a list supplied that the following names be put forward to Leeds City Council in that order of preference:

1. Anne Skippers
2. Chris Collinson
3. Rosemary Kidd

RESOLVED

That the above names be forwarded to Leeds City Council as the Council's preferred names to undertake the position of Examiner.

2024/220 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

2024/221 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

2024/222 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024 were approved. Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor Bone and seconded by Councillor Cooke.

RESOLVED

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

- 2024/223 **REFURBISHMENT OF PLAYGROUND AND ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORTS**
Councillor Cooke reported that the woodchip has now been delivered and a third of the bags supplied now been laid in the junior children's playground. Councillor Cooke and Councillor Mifsud will arrange for the rest of the woodchip to be laid around the playground equipment in the main playground at the weekend of the 16th -17th of March.
- Councillor Cooke also informed council of information she supplied on new equipment to an organisation who may be able to help with a grant. A decision from the organisation is due soon. She also asked that council start looking to the future at what new equipment they should look at to update the facilities if funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy are forthcoming. At the same time to look at ways of involving the wider community and particularly children in any future development. Councillor Allen suggested this could be a project for a university or Upper school group of students.
- The project of course must be put into context with whatever financial situation arises.
- 2024/224 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**
Councillor Hill raised concerns from residents about cars using the village as a car park whilst taking flights to holidays/business trips at the Airport. There seemed no obvious route to preventing people from doing this. He also raised the issue of cars parking on the road adjacent the Shell Garage particularly close to the corner by the bridge. This matter and the issues raised by a resident about problems on Old Pool Bank have been taken up with the Highways Department by Ward Councillor Barry Anderson.
- 2024/225 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
See earlier comments in Public Participation minutes.
- 2024/226 **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. We are awaiting news from these organisations.
- 2024/227 **ROB BURROW'S MARATHON 2024**
See earlier comments in Public Participation minutes.
- 2024/228 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**
Councillor Allen is looking at options for replacing the glass in the telephone box library and is seeking further quotes. Councillor Bone has a meeting at the Airport on Thursday 14th March 2024. Councillor Rowling has a meeting of the Wharfedale Greenway Group on the 22nd of March 2024.
- Standing Order 1W was moved by Councillor Lee that meeting of Council will commence at 7.30 pm and not go beyond 9.15 pm except at the discretion of the Chairman who may in the circumstances extend the meeting by 15 minutes to conclude urgent business.**
- 2024/229 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
Planning application 24/01236/FU/NW Millcroft Estate Councillor Hill will review the application. Council agreed to forward latter in support of a Pre-Planning Application made by Weidmann Whiteley concerning investment in solar panels and wind turbines to provide energy for the factory. This is a new initiative which when implemented will significantly reduce their energy costs, provide a more sustainable energy solution.
- 2024/230 **RESOLVED**
That the Clerk writes to Weidmann Whiteley as outlined above. Objections to planning applications raised by the Parish Council will be reported to the Planning Authority.
- 2024/231 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**
The clerk's report was noted along with the February 2024 Monthly Finance Reports. The clerk updated councillors on the earlier Finance Committee which dealt with the current financial position and a draft Budget for the financial year 2024-25. Two recommendations were submitted to Council for approval:

That Council approve the Budget for the financial year 2024-25.

That Council agree to move funds from the main account to the Special Projects Account.

RESOLVED

It was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Rowling that the above resolutions be approved. The Council agreed unanimously to support the resolutions.

2024/232 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

Playgrounds, Rob Burrows Marathon, Council Sponsorship.

Meeting Closed at 9.21 pm

SIGNED BY