

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

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

2024/233 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that Yorkshire Water will be replacing approximately 1400 metres of cast iron water main in the near future at upper and lower Old Pool Bank Road. It is estimated that the work will take 20 weeks. Councillor Barry Anderson informed council that staff from Yorkshire Water will attend the May meeting to discuss the plans.

The Chairman and Councillor Allen reported that the telephone kiosk 'Children's Library' had been vandalised with nearly all the books being stolen and later found burnt. Councillors and residents were shocked to hear of this appalling incident.

Councillors agreed to make good the condition of the kiosk and replace the books over the coming weeks. The matter will be reported to the police and the clerk will respond to comments on Facebook.

The Chairman reported that Councillor Parker is out of hospital and convalescing at a local Nursing Home, Councillors sent their best wishes.

2024/234 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr George Booth attended the meeting to discuss plans to establish a local group of Squirrels (scouts) for ages 4-6 years old, offering skills for life through activities, awards and badges, Mr Booth was at the stage of promoting and raising awareness through leaflets etc. of the group as well as looking for volunteers and trustees to serve the group once established. Mr Booth will come back to the council with any plans that need council support or action.

2024/235 **DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were recorded.

2024/236 **TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Parker, Mifsud, Hill, and Rowling.

2024/237 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 11th March 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.

2024/238 **MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADE OF PLAYGROUNDS**

Councillor Cooke reported that new woodchip has now been laid at both playgrounds. Special thanks to Councillor Mifsud for organising the work at the main playground. Councillor Cooke said it was likely that more woodchip will be needed in the near future. Playdale will supply new shackles for the play equipment requiring attention and Councillor Cooke will organise the work required to fit them.

It was noted that the recent poor response to requests for grants to support the installation of Safamat will mean the scheme for the new playground flooring will not go ahead any time soon.

2024/239 **ROAD SAFETY ISSUES IN POOL**

Councillor Allen raised the issue of heavy vehicles/farm vehicles going onto pavements while passing through the village especially near the Primary School endangering parents with young children going to and from school. A number of options have been put forward in the past to try and remedy the situation, but none have been supported by the Highways

Departments of Leeds or Harrogate Councils. The narrow village Main Street and pavements do not lend themselves to accommodating large vehicular access.

2024/240 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillors reviewed the Basic Conditions Statement and agreed to the amendments highlighted by the Neighbourhood Working Group Chair Alexa Ruppertsberg. It was noted that the Screening Report will not be ready until the May meeting, so the Basic Conditions Statement (of which the Screening Report is part) may have to be reviewed again at that time.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk inform Alexa Ruppertsberg of the Council's agreement to the amendments.

2024/241 **COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP**

It was noted that there has been a poor response to the Council's requests for grants from local businesses. One company has yet to respond, another is still considering the application.

2024/242 **ROB BURROW'S MARATHON 2024**

Councillor Allen stated that she is still waiting for a response from the Primary School about the school children's involvement in making a banner to display at the event.

RESOLVED

That if no reply is forthcoming from the school in the next week the council should organise the design and printing of the Welcome to Pool-in-Wharfedale Banner.

2024/243 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

Councillor Bone will be attending the Airport Committee in the coming week. It was noted that 'drop off' prices are increasing again.

Councillors Cooke and Lee will be council representatives on the newly formed Chevin User Group and will be notified of meetings.

Councillor Lee asked councillors to note that the British Legion Bramhope Branch (which now includes Pool) will be holding a D Day celebration on the 1st June 2024 from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. Also, there will be a Dinner Dance at Bramhope Village Hall on the 8th June 2024.

2024/244 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications have been received since the last meeting.

RESOLVED

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

2024/245 **CLERK'S REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCE REPORTS**

The Clerk gave a short report on the meeting of the Finance Committee which discussed and approved the end of year accounts which will now be forwarded to the Internal Auditor. A recommendation from the Finance Committee to support the movement of funds from the Main bank account to the Special projects Account was approved.

RESOLVED

It was moved by Councillor Cooke and seconded by Councillor Allen that the report be noted, and the above recommendation be approved. The financial reports for March 2024 together with the end of year statement were also approved.

2024/246 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA**

It was noted that there will be two meetings in May, the Annual Parish Meeting, and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 8.45 pm SIGNED BY