

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a remote
Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held on
Monday 8 February 2021 at 7.30 pm
Via Zoom

Present

Cllr D Spaul (Chairman)
Cllr T Hodgson
Cllr C Smith
Cllr M Hofton
Cllr L Watson
Cllr J Wriglesworth

In Attendance

Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public - 1
Helen Featherstone, YSP
D/Cllr S Harvey
D/Cllr I Sanders

2102/01 Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Councillor Spaul, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2102/02 Public Admissions to Meetings Act (1960)

There were no items of a confidential nature to exclude members of the public and press from any item on the agenda which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

2102/03 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hofton declared an interest in agenda item 10(e) Grant application from the Church in West Bretton.

2102/04 Question Time

The Clerk stated that Woolley PCC had confirmed its responsibility for any repairs and maintenance at the graveyard and it would be investigating and actioning any repairs needed to the gate. The Clerk confirmed there is a “right of access” through this gateway for visitors to the graveyard, but this was not a “right of way” through to the Sculpture Park. Helen Featherstone indicated she had not been aware of the signage which had been placed on this gate and apologised, confirming that arrangements would be made for it to be removed and placed on the larger gates which gives access for the visitors to the Church from the Park.

2102/05 Police Matters

POLICE CRIME FIGURES – December 2020

On or near A637 Haigh	Criminal damage and arson: 1
On or near Cobbler Hall	Violence & sexual offences: 2
On or near M1 Services (N)	Other theft 1; Public Order: 2
On or near M1 Services (S)	Other theft 1; Public Order: 1; vehicle crime: 1

2102/06 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Helen Featherstone reported:

- an increase in the ticket allocation for residents which is now up to 100 tickets available per day. Members thanked the Sculpture Park for making more daily tickets available.
- During January almost 1,000 residents had accessed the Park. She made a plea to encourage residents to access the Park through the main entrance where possible to enable checks on numbers and maintain the safety of visitors to the area.

Helen was thanked for her report and she then left the meeting.

2102/07 Bretton Hall

Nothing to report to the meeting. The Clerk to make enquiries for updates for the next meeting.

2102/08 Highways Issues

Minute 2009/08 –

Nothing to report. After discussion, D/Cllr Harvey agreed to approach Highways to request the cones needed.

It was noted that an electrical sealed cabinet with backfill trench to the centre line had been installed on 6 February on Huddersfield Road. The Clerk to identify if this is for the new VMS and also to ascertain if this new sign will record the speed of traffic.

Members discussed the email from the District Council proposing a reduction in speed limits to the north and south of the village. It was agreed the Clerk should write confirming that the Parish Council is supportive of the proposal but to reiterate the ongoing concerns relating to speeding through the village and whether these proposals would have an impact on reducing this.

Minute 2010/08 – Clerk to source costs for up to five sites for siting golden rivers.

The cost of installation and the quotes were discussed and it was agreed to defer any decision on the number and when these were to be placed until later in the year.

2102/09 To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on 11 January 2021

It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January be approved.

2102/10 Clerk's Report

2102/10.1 Updates arising from the minutes:

Minute 2012/08 – Japanese Knotweed. Awaiting feedback from the District Council.

Minutes 2012/11.2 – repair of benches/purchase of new bench. Investigations on costs of some tidying up of the bench at the junction of Sycamore Lane/Huddersfield Road still ongoing. Clerk to clarify if benches could be of recycled material in a Conservation Area.

2102/10.2 To receive Correspondence and consider if action/responses are needed

Wakefield Council	Planning lists
Unity Bank	Monthly statements
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletins
NALC	Coronavirus updates – inc return to face-to-face meetings
YLCA	White Rose updates
YLCA	Fortnightly training bulletins
YLCA	"The right to regenerate"
YLCA	Census 2021: Councillor handbook
YLCA	Coronavirus updates
YLCA	Councils' views on the "power" to hold remote meetings after May 2021
YLCA	Remote conference, 21/22 April 2021; £48 per delegate
YLCA	New login details for Councillors
West Bretton School	Grant applications
West Bretton Cricket Club	Grant application
Wakefield Council	Details of proposed traffic calming measures and related works
Wakefield Council	Council Tax base: compensation grant for affected Town and Parish Councils
WY Police & Crime Com	Refreshed Police & Crime Plan launched
Resident	Concern regarding notices placed on the Churchyard in the Park regarding access

2102/10.3 Financial statement and presentation of accounts payable

Mrs S Earnshaw	BACS	Clerk's Salary & in lieu of office (Feb2021)	138.10
Sitlington Parish Council	BACS	Use of Zoom for remote meetings	5.00
HMRC	BACS	Tax period 10	30.60
HMRC	BACS	Tax period 7 (underpayment)	0.20
T&D Contractors	BACS	Grounds maintenance	1310.40

It was proposed by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Spaul and **resolved** that these payments be made via the Council's online banking.

2102/10.8 To consider any grant applications received

Members discussed the applications received and agreed to grant awards under S137 of the Local Government Act (1972) as follows:

West Bretton School (Little Library) – £300 – proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved**

West Bretton Cricket Club – £200 - proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Hofton and **resolved**

(Cllr Hofton had declared an interest in the grant application from West Bretton Church and did not take part)

West Bretton Church for contribution towards printing the community "Village Voice" – £50 - proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved**

Members discussed the application from West Bretton School for "love of reading" books but did not feel able to agree to this application and asked that an alternative proposal be submitted and considered at the next meeting.

2102/11 Planning Applications received/approved for the period

2102/11.1 Validated Planning Applications:

20/02607/FUL 45 Bretton Lane, Bretton

Two storey extension to side

Received 25/1; consultation closes 5/2

No comments to submit to the District Council on the above applications.

2102/11.2 Planning Decisions:

20/02731/TCA – 19 Sycamore Lane, Bretton

Letters refer to plan: A. Willow. Crown reduction. B&C. Fir. Removal. D E F G. Silver Birch. Dead/diseased. Removal.

Application approved

2102/13 Community Issues

2102/13.1 Village Institute

Cllr Spaul reported: nothing to report

2102/13.2 West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body

Cllr Spaul reported that the last Governing Body meeting was held on Tuesday 2 February 2021. The Headteacher had shared that pupil attendance was at 40% with no cases of Covid-19 reported. Online lessons are taking place and going well.

2102/13.3 WMDC Councillors' Reports

D/Cllr Harvey reported:

(General)

- Infection rate is 219/100,000 this week. 27 deaths in hospital. Rural Ward has reduced slightly compared to other areas. She advised the Over 70's to ring the NHS number if they had not been approached to arrange their vaccination.

- Devolution order made on 29 January in preparation for the election for the Mayor of West Yorkshire. Elections on 6 May to go ahead.
- Reminded members of the consultation for 2-hour free parking still ongoing until end of March.

(Parish)

- Good share of bad weather, snow and flood. She asked if all the grit bins had been filled.
- West Bretton Facebook page – issues of dog fouling noted
- New Service Director for Property Manager and Health & Safety has been appointed

District Councillors expressed concern that, when discussion of planning applications take place, it put them in a difficult position as they are on the Planning Committee. Members agreed to place Planning to end of the agenda in future to enable D/Cllrs to leave before discussions took place.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm