

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

**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw  
Members of the Public - 5  
  
D/Cllr S Harvey (left meeting at 8.15pm)  
D/Cllr I Sanders

**2103/01 Welcome and apologies**

The Chair, Councillor Spaul, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr M Hofton and the reason accepted. Apologies from Helen Featherstone were noted.

**2103/02 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.

**2103/03 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2103/04 Question Time**

A resident raised the question of speed of traffic and any calming measures being planned. The Chair shared past efforts and ongoing commitment by the Parish Council which had resulted in some progress. D/Cllr Harvey confirmed that a meeting with Highway's representatives and representatives of the Parish Council had been arranged for Monday 29 March to discuss the traffic calming measures at the junction of Bretton Lane/Huddersfield Road.

Dr D Biltcliffe reported to members that he had met with the Treasurer of Woolley PCC and that action was now being taken to repair the gate into the graveyard.

**2103/05 Police Matters**

**POLICE CRIME FIGURES – January 2021**

On or near Bretton Lane/Malkiln Drive	Violence & sexual offences: 2
On or near M1 Services (N)	Other theft 2; Anti social behaviour: 2
On or near M1 Services (S)	Other theft 2; Criminal damage/arson: 1

**2103/06 Yorkshire Sculpture Park**

Helen Featherstone submitted the following report which was read out at the meeting:

- We are incredibly busy working out what the 'Road Map' means for YSP and looking at a phased reopening plan for our galleries and catering. We will reopen our Visitor Centre shop when we are able to on the 12 April. YSP's 'road map' is likely to start with 'out door' table service at The Weston, which we are hoping we can reopen at the end of April for outdoor only service.
- Visitor number will be increased slightly to the levels we had pre-Christmas for the East Holidays. This is still far less than YSP's usual operating levels pre pandemic.
- We also have a new retail show starting on 27 March by Alison Milner: **Decorative Minimalist** features a large-scale, illustrated tile mural entitled Walk in the Park. Designed exclusively for YSP, the mural consists of 160 ceramic tiles that capture the everyday life and soul of Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Yorkshire's elemental weather, iconic works by Henry Moore and James Turrell, historic architecture such as Bretton Hall and the 18th century chapel, large sculptures being installed, a medley of wildlife by the lakes, and families enjoying a stroll, reinforce Milner's and YSP's belief that spending time outdoors surrounded by works of art and nature is good for your mind and body.

- ‘Residents’ passes’ have been extended to include those who live in High Hoyland

### **2103/07 Bretton Hall**

The Clerk reported she had received the following update from Mark Finch at Rushbond:

The hospitality industry has been hit hard and those challenges are being worked through. They remain ambitious, positive and enthused and look to maintain momentum in the future. The next phase of works is due to start with the restoration of the Camellia House and further restoration works in the Mansion either later in February or March with a specialist contractor.

### **2103/08 Highways Issues**

**Minute 2009/08** – Placement of cones. D/Cllr Harvey has arranged a site meeting with Martin Barnes for Monday 29 March, time to be confirmed. Cllr Spaul and Cllr Hodgson confirmed they would attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Minute 2010/08** – golden rivers

Confirmation received from contractors that quotes would remain the same if the Council delayed its decision about siting until later in the year. Golden rivers to be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

### **2103/09 To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on 8 February 2021**

It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February be approved.

### **2103/10 Clerk’s Report**

**2103/10.1** Updates arising from the minutes:

**Minute 2102/04** Question time: the sign has been removed and arrangements are in hand for the Woolley PCC Treasurer to make contact with the resident to arrange a visit to investigate repairs needed to the gate.

**Minute 2012/08** – Japanese Knotweed. The Clerk advised she had received confirmation that it is not the responsibility of WMDC but the landowner. Members were advised that as the land is owned privately, it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to take any further action.

### **Minutes 2012/11.2** – repair of benches/purchase of new bench

Bench at junction of Sycamore Lane/Huddersfield Road: a quote of £50 has been received which would be for treating the timber and repainting the metal ends with a suitable paint product.

Advice from Conservation at the District Council that there is no legislation preventing the siting of recycled material benches in the village if it so wished, but it was hoped that the Council would choose a bench of more “traditional” materials.

A quote had been received for a handmade bespoke oak bench with wording as per existing bench included and treated with a clear varnish.

Members agreed that the replacement of the bench in the Institute area should be deferred to a future meeting to enable to Clerk to make further enquiries for suitable wooden benches. The painting and repairs to the bench at the junction of Sycamore Lane/Huddersfield Road to be deferred to a future meeting.

### **2103/10.2** To receive Correspondence and consider if action/responses are needed

Wakefield Council	Planning lists
Unity Bank	Monthly statements
NALC	Chief Executive’s Bulletins
YLCA	White Rose updates

YLCA	Fortnightly training bulletins
YLCA	Coronavirus updates
West Bretton Cricket Club	Letter of thanks for grant
Resident	Update regarding Church gates/signage
Resident	Tree works
Resident	Details of the “Gigabit Voucher” scheme for high speed internet access opportunity for the village ( <a href="https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk">https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk</a> )
Information Commissioner	Latest news from the ICO
Resident	Suggestion for creating a litterpick group and liaising with Sitlington Parish Council for the boundary areas between parishes
Resident	Requesting clarification of YSP plans for parking as the roadmap out of lockdown moves forwards

The Clerk to identify if there are any residents interested in litter picking within the Parish and report to the next meeting. Members hoped that Helen Featherstone would be in a position to answer the question on car parking at the next meeting.

### **2103/10.3** Financial statement and presentation of accounts payable

The Budget Monitor was noted and the following payments considered:

Mrs S Earnshaw	BACS	Clerk's Salary & in lieu of office (Feb2021)	137.90
Sitlington Parish Council	BACS	Use of Zoom for remote meetings	5.00
HMRC	BACS	Tax period 11	30.40
YLCA	BACS	Councillor training	75.00

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

### **2103/10.4** To consider any grant applications received - None received.

**2103/10.5** To consider the protocol to be adopted on the death of a senior national figure  
The Parish Council agreed that it would follow the arrangements agreed by the District Council.

**2103/10.6** To note the opportunity for high speed internet access via the “Gigabit Voucher” scheme provided by Government and consider support  
It was proposed by Councillor Wriglesworth, seconded by Councillor Smith and **resolved** that Councillor Watson would make further enquiries regarding this and identify if there is sufficient interest in the village to move this suggestion forwards. To report findings to the next meeting.

*It was agreed that D/Cllr Harvey could present her report at this point in the agenda:*

D/Cllr Harvey gave an update on the District Council budget

- The current 2 hours of free parking will continue until April 2022.
- Investigations into tourism and travel within the District to enable greener travel
- Review the bus services in the Rural Ward
- The CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) is being dismantled by March 2022
- Summer events normally taking place in the District are cancelled this year due to the pandemic
- Infection cases are coming down and will be watched carefully with schools reopening to all pupils with effect from today

*8.19 pm – D/Cllr Harvey left the meeting*

## **2103/11 Community Issues**

### **2103/11.1 Village Institute**

Cllr Spaul reported: Nothing to report as the hall is still closed.

### **2103/11.2 West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body**

Cllr Spaul reported that the next Governing Body meeting is scheduled for 23 March and all pupils had returned to school from today.

### **2103/11.3 WMDC Councillors' Reports**

D/Cllr Sanders reported:

- News release about the events that take place June/July/August cancelled this year due to Covid19
- Training standards have seen a significant increase in nuisance and telephone scams. West Yorkshire Joint Services (WYJS) are making call blockers available to vulnerable residents and further information is available from dutyofficer@wyjs.org.uk.
- Budget 2021/22 – the proposals have been approved and none of the amendments adopted.
- Transport system – abysmal in the District in general not only in the rural areas.
- Announced that Matthew Robinson will be one of the Mayoral candidates in May's election
- Large landfill site in Welbeck being developed into a Country Park
- Woolley Edge – police checking more often for anti-social behaviour

Members thanked D/Cllr Sanders for his report.

*D/Cllr Sanders left the meeting at 8.32 pm*

## **2103/12 Planning Applications received/approved for the period**

### **2103/12.1 Validated Planning Applications:**

21/00424/FUL: Bullcliff Farm Cottage, Denby Dale Road, Bretton

2-storey and single-storey side extension

Validated: 18/2/2021 – Consultation expiry date: 18/3/2021

21/00282/LBC: The Pheasantries, Huddersfield Road, Bretton

Formation of opening in internal wall involving part removal of a section of original wall

Validated: 4/2/2021 – Consultation expiry date: 1/4/2021

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

### **2103/12.2 Planning Decisions:**

21/00235/TCA – 45 Huddersfield Road, Bretton

Goat Willow (T1)-section dismantle to ground level

Cherry (T2)-sympathetic prune to clear washing line and re-balance/shape tree

Lilac (T3)-remove stems/branches as required to clear both sets of steps leading from property to gardens

Application approved

20/02601/TCA - 2 Park Lane, Bretton

T1 - Eucalyptus - Fell

T2 - Birch - Reduce crown to create more uniform shape, pruning in accordance with BS3998.

T3 - Birch - Fell

G1- 2 x Cherry and 1 x Sycamore - Fell dead ivy covered sycamore, Reduce crown on both Cherry to create more uniform shape, pruning in accordance with BS3998.

G2 - 2 X Conifers – Fell

Application approved

20/02728/TCA - 16 Bretton Lane, Bretton

Tree works

Application approved

**21/03/12.3** Matters of an urgent nature (for information only) or agenda items for the next meeting:

There were no matters of an urgent nature to report.

Items for the next agenda:

- Need for conservation of trees – particularly in relation to more rigorous enforcement of the Town and Country Planning Act. Cllr Smith to prepare and distribute a report for consideration.
- The relationship between air pollution and the speed limit for heavy goods traffic through the village and consider the climate emergency initiative being adopted by Councils. Consider if lowering the speed limit in an “Experimental Zone” would appreciably improve air pollution and the carbon footprint. Cllr Smith to prepare and distribute a report for consideration.
- “Camera” Signage in the village

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm