

**WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a remote**  
**Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**  
held via Zoom on  
**Monday 12 April 2021 at 7.00 pm**

**Present**

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

**In Attendance**

Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw  
Members of the Public - 1  
  
D/Cllr S Harvey  
Helen Featherstone (YSP)

**2104/01 Welcome and apologies**

The Chairman, Councillor Spaul, welcomed everyone to the meeting. A minute's silence was held to remember HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.

**2104/02 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.

**2104/03 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2104/04 Question Time**

The resident present commented on the repeated instances of fly tipping near the junction of Bower Hill Lane bridleway and Huddersfield Road, inviting the Parish Council to make its concern known to WMDC and to consider whether there is anything that can be done, possibly in collaboration with the nearby landowner, to make this area less attractive to fly-tippers. Discussion on fly-tipping in general in key areas of the Parish ensued. Clerk to ascertain if there is any rule on the amount of waste/number of times a resident can visit the local tip on Denby Dale Road.

**2104/05 Police Matters**

**POLICE CRIME FIGURES – February 2021**

On or near Huddersfield Road	Violence & sexual offences: 1
On or near M1 Services (N)	None shown on website
On or near M1 Services (S)	Burglary:1; Other theft/crime:2; Criminal damage/arson:1; Public Order: 1

**2104/06 Yorkshire Sculpture Park**

Helen Featherstone reported

- the shop has reopened in the main visitor centre in line with government guidelines.
- the Weston will reopen for outdoor hospitality and the shop on 27 April. The Weston will operate outside the ticket system.
- the indoor gallery and indoor catering at the Weston will reopen on 17 May, as well as the Underground Gallery and Longside Gallery.
- The main café in the Visitor centre for indoor seating on 21 June.
- The Chapel will reopen on 10 July with the exhibition "399 days" by Rachel Kneebone.

There will be no need to purchase a ticket to visit the Weston car park. However, tickets should be purchased to enter the YSP grounds.

YSP continue to control numbers with just over 2,000 maximum per day. Helen explained that during peak periods previously up to 7,000 visitors could be expected. It may be that YSP will increase numbers slightly moving towards summer. However, YSP would rather have less visitors with a better experience. It was acknowledged that larger visitor numbers had put pressure on car parking in the village and, although it meant generating more income, fewer numbers had a positive impact with less wear and tear on the site as well as less parking within the village. YSP are investigating an alternative ticketing system and during the next 12 months there will be a transition to the new system. She confirmed resident passes are being retained.

#### **2104/07 Bretton Hall**

Nothing to report.

#### **2104/08(a) Highways Issues**

##### **Minute 2009/08 – Placement of cones**

Cllr Hodgson confirmed he had attended the meeting on 29 March. Although it had been a constructive discussion, it seemed there are no future plans to improve this junction further. D/Cllr Harvey said she had spoken with Martin Barnes after the meeting on 29 March and he had indicated future plans are being considered as he recognised there are still issues with this junction. However, nothing could now be done until after the local elections on 6 May.

*Standing Orders suspended to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish*

Chairman, Cllr D Spaul read his reports for 2019/20 and 2020/21

It was proposed by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Smith and **resolved** that the reports be noted.

*Standing orders were reinstated and the Ordinary meeting continued 7.46 pm*

**VMS** – Cllr Spaul reported that he had been checking the timings which had been set by the contractors, with regard to the setting for school times. Clerk to confirm the current school times with the contractor.

**2104/08(b)** To receive the discussion paper “to consider a 20mph speed limit on some roads in the village” prepared by Cllr Smith and consider future action

Cllr Smith introduced his paper and the contents were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **resolved** that Cllr Smith should gather the opinion from the residents on speed limits within the village. D/Cllr Harvey commented that at its Cabinet meeting, the District Council had agreed they would put 20mph outside all schools.

D/Cllr Harvey reported she had a meeting arranged with Martin Barnes at 8.30 am on 10 May.

##### **2104/08(c) Minute 2010/08 – golden rivers**

To discuss the siting of “golden rivers” in the village and consider action to be taken. This item to be deferred to the May meeting. Current thinking is:

- Bretton Lane, outside Institute
- Bretton Lane between Maltkiln and old Post Office
- South side of village between Estate house and Park Lane
- North side of village below new VMS

There will need to be a piece of street furniture to padlock the counter to. Clerk to check if Highways at the District Council need to be informed of sites to be used.

**2104/08(d)** To discuss the provision of signage indicating speed cameras to discourage speeding through the village

The following signs are currently are in place:

- 2 speed signs heading north towards Midgley
- Camera sign when entering Midgley
- Camera sign on Bar Lane
- Camera sign on leaving the M1 J38 heading towards Barnsley on A637
- West Yorkshire Police sign that says “Radar” just before Park Lane

**2104/09 To receive the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely on 8 March 2021**

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

**2104/10** To consider the dates in the current “roadmap” out of lockdown and the safety of holding future meetings face-to-face if remote meeting legislation is not extended beyond 6 May 2021; to discuss any options available (to include delegating authority to the Clerk) and agree future meeting dates

Members discussed the possibility that the Parish Council may have to hold its 10 May meeting face-to-face in the Village Hall and it was confirmed that the Hall has a risk assessment for users. However, it was agreed that, should the legal proceedings to enable Parish Councils to continue to hold remote meetings after 6 May be successful on 21 April, the meeting on 10 May would be held remotely via Zoom and not by meeting face-to-face.

**2104/11** Government’s Gigabit Broadband Voucher scheme – to receive an update since the last meeting and to consider whether there is sufficient resident support for the Parish Council to apply for the grant

Cllr Watson reported that, with the assistance of Cllr Wriglesworth, all households received a flyer explaining this scheme and asking if they were interested in receiving more information. There were positive responses from 45 households and the addresses had been added to Openreach site. There is now a waiting period of 5-10 days to hear if it is viable with the numbers and what the costs would be.

**2104/12** Tree Conservation – report from Cllr Smith for discussion

Cllr Smith spoke to his report. WMDC are currently exploring opportunities to plant on private land but it acknowledged the question of who would be legally responsible for these trees would need further investigation. It was proposed by Cllr Hofton, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved** that Cllr Smith investigate tree conservation further and report findings to future meetings.

**2104/13** Litter Picking in the village

2104/13(a) Update on interest/appoint a lead councillor.

Cllr Watson volunteered to act as “lead” Councillor on litter picking. She reported that a resident had also offered to assist her with this.

2104/13(b) to show appreciation to children who undertake litter picking in the Parish and to consider what might be a suitable reward to acknowledge their efforts

Cllr Watson reported this suggestion had come as a result of an email she had received from a resident. This to be an item for discussion on the next agenda.

2104/13(c) Keep Britain Tidy “Great British Spring Clean 2021” – 28 May – 13 June – to consider arranging litterpicking events during this national event.

Defer to the next agenda.

## **2104/14 Clerk's Report**

### **2104/14.1** Updates arising from the minutes:

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

Bench at junction of Sycamore Lane/Huddersfield Road: a resident has volunteered to undertake this. Members agreed to provide materials needed for this and thanked the resident.

Replacement bench - further quotes have been received:

£280 + VAT for 1.5m oak bench

£183.75 + VAT for 1.8m pressure-treated softwood

There would also be extra cost for purchase of a plaque to attach to the bench.

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Hofton and **resolved** to purchase the pressure-treated softwood bench and the Clerk was asked to make arrangements for the purchase of a plaque to be placed on the bench once sited.

### **2104/14.2** To receive Correspondence and consider if action/responses are needed

Wakefield Council Planning lists

Unity Bank Monthly statements

NALC Chief Executive's Bulletins

YLCA Fortnightly training bulletins/White Rose updates

YLCA New Code of Conduct

YLCA Remote Conference – 21/22 April

YLCA The future of remote meetings and annual meeting in May

PKF Littlejohn External Audit paperwork for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

### **2104/14.3** Financial statement and presentation of accounts payable

The Budget Monitors for both the financial year ending 31 March 2021 and April 2021 were noted. The following payments were considered:

Mrs S Earnshaw	BACS	Clerk's Salary & in lieu of office (Apr2021)	146.50
Sitlington Parish Council	BACS	Use of Zoom for remote meetings	5.00
HMRC	BACS	Tax period 12	30.60
YLCA	BACS	Membership subscription 2021/22	211.00

It was proposed by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Smith and **resolved** that payments be authorised and paid via the Council's online banking.

### **2104/14.4** Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21

The draft document was received and the unaudited figure being carried forward of £9,854.64 was received. The Internal Audit date of 2 June was noted.

### **2104/14.5** To consider any grant applications received - None received.

## **2104/15 Community Issues**

### **2104/15.1** Village Institute

Cllr Spaul reported the Hall is now back in use with dance classes starting from this evening.

### **2104/15.2** West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body

Nothing to report.

### **2104/15.3** WMDC Councillors' Reports

D/Cllr Harvey reported:

- Covid infection rate dropped to 86 per 100,000. Council still asking residents to exercise caution.
- Shops opening
- Council has declared a biodiversity crisis
- Central government has money to give to Principal Councils for electric vehicles but WMDC has not applied for any yet

Members thanked D/Cllr Harvey for her report.

**2104/16 Planning Applications received/approved for the period**

**2104/16.1** Validated Planning Applications:

21/00681/FUL - Bower Hill Farm Denby Dale Road Bretton Wakefield WF4 4JL  
Equine Manège

Validated: Tue 16 Mar 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

**Discharge of condition 9 (Scheme of works for Camellia Building) from approved application 16/01095/FUL.**

16/01095/SUB02 - Bretton Hall Park Lane Bretton Wakefield WF4 4LG

Validated: Thu 01 Apr 2021 | Status: Awaiting decision

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

**2104/12.2** Planning Decisions:

20/02607/FUL: 45 Bretton Lane, Bretton

Two-storey extension to side

Application approved

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

To note: there is a PACT meeting for the Woolley/Haigh/Bretton areas scheduled for Monday 26 April at 6pm via Microsoft Teams.

Items for the next agenda:

Openreach

Litterpicking

Public Footpath No6/No5

The meeting closed at 9.41 pm.