

# **WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 10 May 2021 commencing at 7.45pm

## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw  
Members of the Public - 2  
D/Cllr S Harvey

### **2105/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Spaul, seconded by Councillor Hodgson and **resolved** that Councillor L Watson be elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Spaul signed the Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Proper Officer.

Councillor Watson thanked Councillor Spaul for his commitment during his 2 years of office as Chairman, extended by one year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **2105/02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Councillor Spaul, seconded by Councillor Smith and **resolved** that Councillor J Wriglesworth be elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Wriglesworth signed the Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Proper Officer.

### **2105/03 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were noted from Helen Featherstone (YSP). D/Cllr C Binns also submitted her apologies as well as her thanks to those who had voted for her in the recent District Council elections.

### **2105/04 PUBLIC ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT (1960)**

There were no items of a confidential nature that required the public or press to be excluded.

### **2105/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2105/06 QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from the residents attending.

### **2105/07 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 12 APRIL 2021**

It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Spaul and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2021 be received and signed as a correct record.

### **2105/08 FINANCE**

The current Budget Monitor was noted.

Councillor Spaul and Councillor Wriglesworth were authorised to make the following payments from the Unity Trust Bank by bank transfer:

Mrs S Earnshaw	BACS	Clerk's Salary & in lieu of office (May2021)	146.50
Sitlington Parish Council	BACS	Use of Zoom for remote meetings	5.00
HMRC	BACS	Tax period 1	22.00
Zurich Insurance	BACS	Annual insurance renewal	422.76
Job Earnshaw & Bros Ltd	BACS	"Clyde" 1.5m bench	193.49

The Clerk confirmed that the Precept demand of £5,250 had been received from the District Council and a payment of £24.11 had also been received as compensation for the reduction in the Council Tax Base for 2020/21.

### **2105/09 CLERK'S REPORT**

Minute 2012/11.2 – repair of benches/purchase of new bench

The Clerk reported the purchase of a bench from the Fencing Centre at Midgley and which should be sited by the end of the week. Enquiries for the cost of a plaque to be placed on the bench to recognise the award from "The Dalesman" of the original bench in 1977.

### **2105/10 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received:

Wakefield Council	Planning lists
Unity Bank	Monthly statements
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletins
YLCA	Fortnightly training bulletins/White Rose updates
Zurich	Insurance renewal
YLCA	FDCMS Rural Broadband consultation
YLCA	The future of remote meetings

The Clerk drew the attention of members to the YLCA correspondence relating to the consultations and encouraged members to respond before the deadline dates specified.

### **2105/11 Great British Spring Clean – 28 May to 13 June**

It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and resolved that the Risk Assessment for Litter Picking events be adopted subject to amendment to clarify the terminology relating to used drug needles.

Cllr Watson introduced this item and suggested that after this first community litter pick, residents might consider pledging a little time on a monthly basis to go out either as individuals or as a family. Arrangements were discussed and it was agreed that it should be held on Sunday 30 May, meeting at the Village Hall at 10.30 am. Cllr Watson to organise purchase of refreshments and cost to be reimbursed, so that teas/coffees/buns would be available to anyone taking part. Clerk to arrange with StreetScene for additional litter picking equipment to be available to anyone without. Cllr Watson to create and distribute a poster advertising the session to the village noticeboards; Clerk to post on the residents' page on Facebook and the Parish Council's website.

The acknowledgement of the work by children with any litterpicking activity in the village was discussed. The Clerk reported she was awaiting information about tabards and "litter heroes" badges. It was also felt a good idea to involve the school in any future community plans.

## **2105/12 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **PLANNING DECISIONS –**

20/02755/FUL: 11 Stoneybrook Close, Bretton  
Proposed single storey extension to rear of property  
Application approved

### **VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS –**

21/00845/FUL: The Poppies, 8 Cobbler Hall, Bretton  
Conservatory to rear, external alteration including ramp, alterations to existing dropper kerb  
Validated 21/4. Status: Awaiting decision; Determination date: 16/6

21/01068/AGR: Field off Huddersfield Road, Haigh  
Construction of agricultural storage building  
Validated 20/4; Status: Awaiting decision; Determination date: 18/5

20/00531/SUB01: Bretton Hall, Park Lane  
Discharge of condition 4 (Submission of WSI) (Part), 5 (Timber repair report), 8 (Paint analysis report) from approved application 20/00531/LBC  
Validated 26/3; Determination date: 18/5

No comments to submit.

## **2105/13 Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher scheme (Openreach)**

Cllr Watson confirmed she had returned details of interested residents to Openreach. Due to lack of current interest, the cost per household is high at £1208 per household. However, there are grants available from the government but would involve a meeting with Martin Crutchley to explain the grants available. It was proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** to take this suggestion forward for further discussion.

## **2105/14 HIGHWAYS**

Minute 2102/08 – arrangements have been made for the timing on the replacement VMS on Huddersfield Road to indicate “school slow down” for vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit, to be amended to: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 9.15 am and 3.00 pm to 3.45 pm. This covers the current staggered start/finish times of the school day, but will also accommodate timings if it reverts to the normal timing of 9am to 3.30 pm. WMDC had indicated there is normally a charge made by the contractor to attend to make any future changes. Members discussed the value of amending the timings to include the school breakfast club and any after-school clubs which may start from September 2021. The Clerk to find out what the external contractor's charge would be for making this amendment before September 2021.

The Parish Council's thanks to be sent to Mr M Barnes, WMDC, Commissioning and Delivery Manager, Highways and Transport Services, for the opportunity to meet with him to discuss highways issues in the village.

It was noted that a section of the dry stone wall on Bretton Lane appeared to be showing some movement at its base and this had been reported to the appropriate authority for action.

## **2105/15 POLICE MATTERS**

### **POLICE CRIME FIGURES – March 2021**

On or near M1 Services (N) Vehicle crime:2; other crime:2; Public Order:1  
On or near M1 Services (S) Robbery:1; Other theft:4

Concerns were expressed regarding the short notice of provision of the link to the recent PACT meeting held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

**2105/16 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK**

Helen Featherstone had provided a written report and the content was noted.

**2105/17 BRETTON HALL**

No updates available.

**2105/18 TREE CONSERVATION**

Cllr Smith spoke to this item. Further iteration of the climate change plan produced by the District Council is awaited. It is unclear from the plan how trees in gardens, private land, farms etc would be protected and, as WMDC planned to approach private landowners to plant trees, he had asked if this was to be reflected in a future update. Paperwork from 2009 relates to 1980 Town & Country Planning Act - based on the view and aesthetic amenity. It specifically excludes a Tree Preservation Order to be issued.

**2105/19 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

a) Village Institute

Cllr Spaul reported on the Village Institute for the month:

The Village Hall has been opened since 12 April, with dance classes up to 20 hours per week. Tai Chi, Ladies' Keep Fit and Art classes will restart again in week beginning 17 May.

b) West Bretton JI School – Governing Body

Cllr Spaul reported the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 18 May 2021.

c) WMDC – Report from District Councillors

D/Cllr Harvey congratulated the new Chairman on her election and also thanked the Parish Council and residents for support in the village. She also extended congratulations to D/Cllr Cynthia Binns on her recent re-election to the District Council. She reported that for the first time there had been no deaths from Covid-19 in the District, which is the first time in 8 months.

Members confirmed they would be interested in meeting a representative from the Citizens' Advice Bureau (CAB) to hear the opportunities that might bring to the village residents for advice. D/Cllr Harvey said she would make the arrangements and confirm with the Clerk.

**2105/20 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only) or items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting**

There were no matters of an urgent nature to note and no suggestions for the agenda of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 14 June 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm.

Signed: Chair.....