WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 10 January 2022
commencing at 7.30pm in Bretton Village Hall

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

In Attendance:
Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public –
D/Cllr S Harvey
YSP – Kirsty Fountain

2201/01 Welcome and apologies
The Chairman, Councillor Watson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from District Councillor Sanders and District Councillor Binns.

2201/02 Public Admissions to Meetings Act (1960).
There were no items of a confidential nature which required the exclusion of members of the public and press from any item on the agenda which may be of a confidential nature of the business being transacted.

2201/03 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect to any items for discussion. The Register was completed by Members.

2201/04 Question Time
Residents present expressed concern about questionable activity taking place in the woods around Denby Dale Road, The Clerk to write to the Police and request more regular patrols to act as a deterrent to these activities.

Concern was also expressed at the damage to grass verges by vehicles parking on them during the winter. This was discussed and it was noted that it was not in the remit of the Parish Council to put any action into place.

2201/05 Police Matters
POLICE CRIME FIGURES – November 2021
On or near A637 Haigh – Drugs – 1
On or near M1 Services (N): Other theft: 1; Vehicle crime: 1
On or near M1 Services (S): Anti-social behaviour: 1; public order: 1

2201/06 Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Kirsty reported:
- Joana Vasconselos has closed and is in the process of being deinstalled. HGVs will be removing this week and may impact the highway for a short period.
- Robert Indiana major exhibition opening on 11 March.
- There are no evening YSP events planned for the coming months.
- Peter Murray, Executive Director, received a knighthood in the New Year's Honours list.

Members thanked Kirsty for attending and giving a verbal report.

2201/08 Bretton Hall
Kirsty reported there was a meeting scheduled for the beginning of February. Works have been completed on Camellia House with works ongoing in the Mansion. Kirsty was thanked for this update and she then left the meeting.

2201/09 Highways
a) to receive updates on previous concerns:

Minute 2102/08 Highways:
Clerk reported she is still awaiting an answer to querying the cost of adjusting any future timing of the VMS to the Parish Council rather than the District Council.

Minute 2110/09 a) Automatic Traffic Counters on Bretton Lane. Resident provided their feedback to analysis undertaken on the ATC data, which was discussed in more detail. The resident confirmed contact with Flockton as there was potential to learn how they achieved some progress with a reduction to 20mph on key lengths through the village, although it was recognised that the issues in the two areas is different. It was acknowledged that the impact of a car travelling at 40mph is very different to that of an HGV travelling at the same speed. The Clerk was asked to contact the ATC provider to ascertain if it is possible to gain further background data, in particular which would aid investigations into the recorded speed of HGVs.

Cllr Hodgson reminded members that he had previously made a suggestion for “islands” at strategic points through the village.

Residents expressed concern that when the M1 was closed for whatever reason, diversions were put in place which took all traffic through the village 24-hours a day and this impacted greatly on residents and properties on the main road. After discussion, it was recognised and acknowledged that there is often no alternative to diversions through the village on these occasions.

b) To raise any other issues for consideration:
Rural Ward meeting – members confirmed convenient dates to be submitted to D/Cllr Harvey

Cllr Spaul reported the Give way sign at the junction of Top Lane/Denby Dale Road has still not been reinstated. Clerk to follow up with Wakefield Council.

2201/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2021
It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **resolved** that the minutes be approved as an accurate record.

2201/11 Community Litterpicking – Sunday 2 January
a) Cllr Watson reported a number of bags had been collected and she thanked those residents who had come along to help.

b) It was agreed that Cllr Watson and the Clerk should liaise and identify further dates in 2022 after 1 May for community litterpicking events; these could then be advertised in the noticeboards and in the Village Voice.

2201/12 Finance
a) It was proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Hodgson and **resolved** to note the budget monitor for December 2021; the following payments be approved with Cllr Spaul and Cllr Wriglesworth to authorise these via online banking:

Mrs S Earnshaw	BACS	Clerk's Salary & in lieu of office (Dec)	£146.50
HMRC	BACS	Tax Period 8	£22.00

b) To receive the proposed Budget for 2022/23
It was proposed by Cllr Hofton, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved** that the following budget be agreed for 2022/23:

	Budget 2022/23
Bank charges	***72***
Salaries (inc in lieu of office)	***1656***
HMRC	***264***
Membership fees	***281***
WBPC Website maintenance fees	***150***
Insurance	***430***
Hire of Hall	***132***
Audit fees	***200***
Grass cutting	***1250***
Grants/Donations (S137)	***1110***
British Legion (remembrance) (S137)	***40***
Councillor/staff training	***200***
Election recharge	***-***
Maintenance/litter picking events	***125***
	5,910

It was agreed that any expenditure over the Precept figure will be met from Parish Council reserves.

c) To consider the Precept demand for 2022/23
It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** that the Precept Demand for 2022/23 be set at £5250.

d) To note the current Ear Marked Reserves (EMRs) and agree any for 2022/23
It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

e) To consider any grant applications received since the last meeting – none received.

2201/13 Clerk's Report

a) Updates arising from the minutes not included on the agenda:

b) Minute 2106/04: CAB
Awaiting contact from Simon Topham with his research.

c) Minute 2112/11 - Noticeboards
Noticeboards should be ready to put in place in about three weeks.

d) Correspondence received and consider appropriate action and responses:

Wakefield Council	Planning lists
Unity Bank	Monthly statements
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletins
YLCA	Fortnightly training bulletins/White Rose updates/training opportunities
Wakefield Council	Council Tax Base for 2022/23
YLCA	Remote Conference 25/3/22

2201/14 Review of Policies

a) Retention Policy: it was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** that there are no amendments to the Policy and it will be reviewed again in 12 months

b) Publication Scheme: it was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** that the Publication Scheme be approved with the minor amendments discussed and reviewed in 12 months.

2201/15 Community Issues

a) Village Institute - report of Management Committee
- the next Quiz night is Friday 21 January
- the Management Committee meets on 12 January

Cllr Spaul confirmed that the last Management Committee meeting had noted the discussions at the last Parish Council meeting with regard to use of the land adjacent to the Bowling Green. Cllr Spaul agreed to ask at the next meeting if they are making arrangements for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

b) West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body
Cllr Spaul had nothing to report from the meeting on 14 December 2021.

c) District Councillor Harvey reported:
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority – The District Council cancelled meeting thus denied an opportunity for Wakefield to be represented. There will be a live Facebook event on 18 January.
- there is currently a Governance Consultation relating to Town/Parish Councils.
- the Ofsted inspection of WMDC Children's Services has resulted in "good".
- West Bretton Cricket Club – confirmed receipt of an for grant and hope for match funding
- Jubilee Celebration – there were plans to consider £500 for local organisations to celebrate this event.

2201/16 Planning Applications received/approved for the period

PLANNING DECISIONS –
21/02297/NMC01: 35 Bretton Lane, Bretton
Non material amendment to approved planning application 21/02297/FUL dated 11/11/21 (single storey extensions to front & rear) to change the patio doors to bi-folding doors in the rear elevation)
Application approved

VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS – None received

2201/17 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only) or items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting
No items for inclusion on the next agenda.

The meeting closed 8.45 pm

Signed: