

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13 February 2023 at 7.30 pm in Bretton Village Institute

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

In Attendance:
Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public – None
YSP: Kirsty Fountain

2302/01 Welcome and apologies

Cllr J Wriglesworth welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2302/02 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.

2302/03 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.

2302/04 Question Time

None.

2302/05 Police Matters

(a) POLICE CRIME FIGURES – DECEMBER 2022

Park Lane	Public order: 2
Area of The Weston	Public order: 1; Other crime: 1
M1 Service station (Southbound)	Other theft 2; Public order: 2; Vehicle Crime: 2; all other crime: 1
M1 Service station (Northbound)	Vehicle crime: 2; other theft: 3; Criminal damage & arson: 1

It was agreed to take agenda item 6 (YSP) and 7 (Bretton Hall) next.

2302/06 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Kirsty was welcomed and she gave an update on the prices to be charged: £10 per person; lower rate concessions £6; "Champions" entrance fee of £12 (for those who wish to make an extra charitable donation of £2). This increase had been agreed following consultation with Baker Richards, experts in the field of equipping cultural organisations and visitor attractions for success. Visitor numbers were down by 45% last year, with footfall of about 310,000 compared to 400-500,000 per year in previous years. This is impacting on income and finances and other cost-cutting initiatives are being actioned. A footfall of 380,000 is required to maintain the current position.

The Park is a weather-dependent visitor attraction and with this week's half term and good weather, there was a need to use the overspill car park today.

Work has started on the bridge and formal terrace and additional capital funding is being sought.

There has been a small outbreak of avian flu and DeFRA have been informed. The affected birds have been removed and this seems to be easing off now.

There are two exhibitions opening in the Chapel and the Weston gallery.

2302/07 Bretton Hall

Kirsty reported there had been a little bit of movement between Rushbond and Artfarm. Clare Lilley, YSP Director, had lunch with both parties recently and they are hopeful about starting work on the project. More planning applications have gone into the planning portal. There is a Trustee meeting this week and trustees will be looking at these applications.

Kirsty was thanked for her report and she left the meeting.

2302/05 Police Matters (continued)

(b) Police Safe Scheme

The Clerk reported the receipt of a draft Memorandum of Understanding. Members considered this and it was agreed that Cllr Wriglesworth would be the contact point for contact with PC Steven Firth. Cllr Wriglesworth to make contact with PC Steven Firth to discuss what opportunities there maybe to make an impact on the highways issues throughout the village if the Parish Council decided to “buy into” the Scheme for a trial period of 3 months. Cllr Wriglesworth to feedback any information to the next meeting.

2302/08 Highways

a) to receive updates on previous concerns:

Minute 2102/08: Timing on VMS

No update from D/Cllr Sanders available on the change to timings.

Minute 2210/04 – pedestrian crossing in Huddersfield Road. No further updates from D/Cllr Harvey have been received.

Minute 2301/08(b) - There was no update from Cllr Harvey on last month’s concern expressed at the lack of preventative maintenance of gulleys and pavements. Clerk to follow this up.

b) Other issues for consideration:

Cllr Spaul asked that the email received in January 2021 about a “buffer zone” at either end of the village be pursued with the District Council as there had been no visible progress.

Cllr Wriglesworth reported that the recent use of a roadsweeper on Stoneybrook Close had ripped up the tarmac on the pavements.

2302/09 Parish Council vacancy

The Clerk reported she had received confirmation from Electoral Services that a co-opted vacancy now exists and had put notices on the noticeboards in the Parish. No interest received to date.

2302/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** that the minutes be approved as an accurate record.

2302/11 Finance

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Hofton, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **resolved** to note the budget monitor, bank statements and bank reconciliation for January 2023 and that the following payments be approved:

Mrs S Earnshaw	Clerk's salary (Feb23)	£141.50
HMRC Tax	Tax Period 10	£27.00
T&D Contractors	Grounds Maintenance	£1428.40

- b) It was proposed by Cllr Hofton, seconded by Cllr Hodgson and **resolved** that £500 should be transferred between the Unity Trust Bank Instant Access Account and the Unity Trust Bank Current T1 account to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover expenditure to the end of the financial year.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** that a grant of £200 be awarded to West Bretton Bowling Club.
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved** that a grant of £200 be awarded to Bretton Over-50's Club
- e) It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** that a grant of £100 be awarded towards the cost of printing/distribution of the Village Voice magazine
- f) No other grant applications received. Grants awarded above to be added to the payments schedule.

2302/12 Clerk's Report

- a) Updates arising from the minutes not included on the agenda: none.
- b) Correspondence received and consider appropriate action and responses:
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| Wakefield Council | Planning lists |
| Unity Bank | Monthly statements |
| NALC | Chief Executive's Bulletins |
| YLCA | Fortnightly training bulletins/White Rose updates/training opportunities |
| Wakefield Council (Street Lighting) | Request for details of lighting columns for hanging baskets |
| West Bretton Village Hall | Details of change to key access |
| WY Community Alert/Police | Traffic operations on 28 January |
| West Bretton Bowling Club | Grant application |
| Church in West Bretton | Grant application for Village Voice magazine |
| Over-50's Club | Grant application |
| Resident | Report of another accident at Haigh |
| Wakefield Council | Climate Action newsletter |
| Wakefield Council | Town and Parish Council meeting minutes from November 2022 |

2302/13 Community Litterpicking

The following dates were agreed: 12 March / 14 May / 25 June / 13 August.

2302/14 Community Issues

- a) Village Institute - report of Management Committee
Cllr Spaul reported:
 - There is a new digital key safe for access to the Hall and online website for booking
 - Quiz night is Friday 17 February
 - the Committee meeting scheduled for 14 February had been cancelled

- b) West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body by Councillor Spaul:
Nothing to report from the meeting held on 7 February.

- c) District Councillor reports – none

**2302/15 Planning Applications received/approved for the period
PLANNING DECISIONS**

Ref No: 22/02579/TCA – 10 Park Lane, Bretton
Lombardy Poplar (T1) – to section fell to ground level. This tree has been pollarded to approx. 6 foot previously and now has extensive rot and decay. Application approved.

Ref No: 22/02357/FUL – 44 Park Lane, Bretton
Erection of detached car port. Application approved.

VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS – none received for consideration.

2302/16 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.

There were no items suggested for the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed: