

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance:
Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public – 0

2303/01 Welcome and apologies

Cllr J Wriglesworth welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kirsty Fountain, YSP, and these were noted. PC Steve Firth, PC April Bosworth, PCSO George Sykes were welcomed to the meeting.

2303/02 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.

2303/03 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.

2303/04 Question Time

None.

2303/05 Police Matters

(a) POLICE CRIME FIGURES – JANUARY 2023

Stoneybrook Close (area of)	Other theft: 1
M1 Service station (Southbound)	Other theft 3; Violence & sexual offences: 2; vehicle crime: 1
M1 Service station (Northbound)	Other theft: 1; violence & sexual offences: 1

(b) Police Safe Scheme –

PC Firth provided an example Safe Scheme Report and possible content was discussed. Members discussed using the Safe Scheme for traffic monitoring and speed checks and whether this would be viewed as a good use of the funds. Also, time/direction/location would need to be provided to the Police for this. There was general discussion and it was suggested that some information in the Village Voice might be useful. Contact can be made by residents via NPT rural email wakefield.rural@westyorkshirepolice. PC Firth confirmed that, as far as possible, they would work around the Parish Council with regards to the time of day but the Parish Council would need to decide its priorities for work to be carried out during the times the Police are in the village. PC Firth and colleagues were thanked for attending.

It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved** that the Parish Council would trial the Safe Scheme for 3 months, with a review of its success or otherwise at the end of the 3 months.

(c) **PACT meeting: 28th February 2023 – 7pm** – The Clerk reported that she had attended the PACT meeting and that one resident had been in attendance. Next PACT meeting is on 15th August 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

2303/06 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Kirsty had provided a report as follows:

There is very little to report this month and no update available on the Bretton Hall development. Snow has been an obvious issue last week, with YSP closing early on Thursday due to snow. There was also a power cut from 8.30am until 5pm on Friday and the Park was closed all day. There were only 29 visitors booked in and these have been given a refund or change of date for their visit.

The new pricing structure has been well received, with little or no negative feedback from the public and we are hoping this continues. Early indications are that people are paying the increased price, which is very good news.

The bird flu cases have declined but we are in constant contact with DEFRA and are keeping an eye on the bird population in and around the park.

We are planning to start work on the formal garden terrace structure shortly and we will keep you updated with progress.

On Friday we are opening our new exhibition in the Chapel, Leonardo Drew, it is a one-piece installation which has been made especially for the Chapel. There will be a VIP event from 5pm until 8.30pm at the Weston.

2303/07 Bretton Hall

No updates to report.

2303/08 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. The Clerk reported she had seen a mechanical sweeper on Bretton Lane on 6 March but members agreed this had been very poorly undertaken if this had been for the whole village.

Other issues for consideration:

The Clerk reported that the engineer who sent the email regarding the "buffer zone" is no longer working for Wakefield Council. An email had been sent to Mr M Barnes for his clarification and his response had been that it is not something the District Council are currently taking forward during 2023/24 but that the proposal will be reviewed for consideration in 2024/25.

Members noted the change of policy on “speeding” signage and that Police could undertake speed checks without signage being in place.

It was noted from correspondence from a resident that there had been a “Golden River” (Automatic Traffic Counter) traffic survey sited outside Smithy Ridge Farm and District Councillors were asked if the data collected would be shared with the Parish Council.

2303/09 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2023

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

2303/10 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 (Mar23)	£141.50
HMRC Tax	Tax Period 11	£27.00
Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	£18.00

b) No grant applications had been received.

2303/11 Parish Council Elections – 4 May 2023

The pre-election period starts on 22 March.

Correspondence had been received from Electoral Services giving details of the pre-nomination briefing sessions for candidates for Parish Council elections.

2303/12 Meeting dates

It was agreed that the next two meeting dates would need to be changed because of Bank Holidays. The April meeting will now take place on Monday 17 April and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (May) meeting on Monday 15 May.

2303/13 Clerk’s Report

a) Updates arising from the minutes not included on the agenda: none.

b) 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	Details of Community Governance Order and Elections 2023
Wakefield Council	Requirements for hanging baskets for 2023 season
Wakefield Council	Register of Electors
Keep Britain Tidy	Information about the 2023 “Great British Spring Clean” 17/3 to 2/4
West Bretton Church	Email of thanks for the grant for the Village Voice
Wakefield Council	Details of Parish Council election timetable
Resident	Golden River placed on A637 at Haigh
Jordan Bryan	Labour candidate and co-operative candidate for Rural Ward 18 making himself available to attend a meeting

2303/14 Community Litterpicking

Due to snow, the litterpick scheduled for Sunday 12 March was cancelled. A resident had reported that a bag of litterpicking had been left on the A637 on the grass verge, and that animals had scattered the contents. It was agreed that Cllr Watson would let the resident know to report this to StreetScene.

2303/15 Bretton in Bloom 2023

The Clerk reported she was still awaiting a quote from the provider last year. She was asked to contact those who had donated monies last summer to ask if they would be interested in supporting this again in Summer 2023.

2303/16 Community Issues

a) Village Institute - report of Management Committee

Cllr Spaul reported the following:

There will be an Easter Egg hunt – Good Friday – 4pm. Bar will be open.

The next Management meeting is Tuesday 14 March

The AGM will be held in April

Other events are being planned

b) West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body by Councillor Spaul:
Nothing to report

c) District Councillor reports – none.

**2303/17 Planning Applications received/approved for the period
PLANNING DECISIONS – none to report this month.**

VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00121/LBC: Bullcliff Barn, Bullcliff Grange, Denby Dale Road, Bretton
Conversion of barn to form a dwelling, including formation of new openings and internal divisions. Validated: 7/2/23; target date: 4/4/23.

23/00121/FUL: Bullcliff Barn, Bullcliff Grange, Denby Dale Road, Bretton
Conversion of barn to form a dwelling. Validated 7/2/23; target date: 4/4/23

No comments to submit on either application.

**2303/18 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only) or items for inclusion
on the agenda of the next meeting on 17 April.**

There were no matters of an urgent nature.

There were no items suggested for the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.51 pm.

Signed: