

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at West Bretton Village Institute on Monday 10 July 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm

Present:
Cllr D Spaul (Chairman)
Cllr M Wriglesworth
Cllr R Liley
Cllr L Watson

In Attendance:
Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public – 2
D/Cllr S Harvey

2307/01 Welcome and apologies

Cllr Spaul welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Watson and the reason accepted. Apologies had been received from YSP and these were noted.

2307/02 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.

2307/03 Declarations of Interest -

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect to any items on the agenda. Members signed the register.

2307/04 Parish Council vacancies

The Clerk reported there were no updates available. Details would be advertised in the Village Voice and the noticeboards in the village.

2307/05 Question Time

Members welcomed Matt Lovegrove, Partnership Manager, Openreach, to share information about the roll-out of full fibre broadband in West Bretton, using the government scheme to target more rural areas. The scheme needs at least 82 pledges from households and he reported he already had 38 pledges. The launch was last week and will run for 3 months.

A resident expressed concern about the number of power outages in the last 12 months and questioned if it was possible to find out what the problem is, as the perception is there are more power cuts than previously. The Chairman advised contacting Northern Powergrid.

A resident highlighted the highways issues in the village that continue to be unresolved. The Chairman advised this was for discussion later in the agenda, but support from residents for resolving the issues with the District Council would be welcomed.

2307/06 Police Matters

a) POLICE CRIME FIGURES – MAY 2023

Park Lane	Other theft: 1
M1 Southbound services	Criminal damage: 1; Other theft: 1; Robbery: 1; All other crime: 1
M1 Northbound services	Vehicle crime: 6; Criminal damage/arson: 1; Violence/sexual offences: 4; All other crime: 1

b) Police Safe Scheme – the Clerk reported she had not received any updates for this item.

c) PACT meeting – scheduled for 15 August, 7pm to 8pm, in the Village Hall. It was agreed that a clear structure of highways issues be added to the August edition of the Village Voice. It was hoped

that this would help to encourage residents to attend and share their concerns with the Police.

2307/07 Yorkshire Sculpture Park – no report available

2307/08 Bretton Hall – no updates available

2307/09 Highways

a) The following list of unresolved highways/other issues in the Parish was shared:

- Pedestrian crossing
- Speed camera signage
- Carriageway chevrons
- Proposal for speed reduction on Huddersfield Road (village to M1 motorway)
- Proposed buffer zones
- Speed of traffic around the school area
- Safe school crossing

Other action point to be raised: Safety critical – worn out white lines

D/Cllr Harvey indicated she would be attending the Full Council meeting at Wakefield Council on 26 July and she would raise the issues. It was agreed to provide D/Cllr Harvey with details to enable her to present the case on behalf of the Parish Council.

She also reported that Mark Eastwood, MP for Dewsbury, has proposed in Parliament to increase the provision of speed cameras with responsibility being returned to Local Authorities. She is also organising a Rural Highways meeting and will share the date when this is arranged.

Clerk to contact PC Firth to ask if he can expand on the information he provided for last month's meeting.

Bretton Lane road surface has been redressed. Members hoped the white lines would be renewed promptly and D/Cllr Harvey agreed to pursue this.

b) The Clerk explained that the Local Authority required all contact be directed to Customer Service in the first instance. PC Firth is the contact for the Police in relation to traffic and speeding.

c) It was agreed that Cllr Liley would work with the Clerk to reach out to stakeholders and enlist other support from residents.

d) to raise any other issues for consideration - none

2307/10 To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 June 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Wriglesworth, seconded by Cllr Liley and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

2307/11 Finance

a) It was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** to accept the bank statements, budget monitor and bank reconciliation and Councillors initialed the documentation. Income relating to hanging basket sponsorship was noted.

b) To consider any grants received since the last meeting – none received.

2307/12 Policies

a) To review Financial Regulations

- b) To review Standing Orders – amendment to section 18 (Financial Controls and Procurement); the figure for contract values has increased from £25K to £30K.
- c) To review the Risk Assessments (General and Litterpicking) – minor amendments to improve accuracy.
- d) To review the Grievance Policy – no changes
- e) To review the Disciplinary Policy – no changes
- f) To review the Recording of Meetings Policy – minor amendment to grammar.
- g) To review the Retention Policy – no changes

It was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** that the above reviewed policies be agreed and uploaded to the website.

2307/13 Christmas Tree 2023

The provision of a Christmas tree this season and potential cost involved was discussed. It was agreed in principle that a tree should be provided and means of financing it should be explored.

2307/14 West Bretton in Bloom

The Clerk confirmed further interest in sponsoring a hanging basket had been received since the last meeting.

2307/15 Canvassing Village opinion

The planned outcome will be to improve Village life for everyone:

- a) The Clerk to work with Cllr Liley and Cllr Wriglesworth to devise a simple form to capture residents' feedback on priorities for the village for the next 12 months.
- b) This form to be distributed as widely as possible to capture as much feedback as possible (ie Village Voice/FB residents' page/Church Community/Village noticeboards/Village Hall/West Bretton School)
- c) End of August deadline for returning the forms and responses would be analysed and collated for the September meeting, when action would be agreed.

2307/16 Clerk's Report

- a) Updates arising from the minutes not included on the agenda - none
- b) To receive Correspondence and consider appropriate action or responses:

Wakefield Council	Planning lists
Unity Bank	Monthly statements
NALC	Chief Executive's Bulletins
YLCA	Fortnightly training bulletins/White Rose updates/training opportunities
Resident	Openreach project to bring fibre broadband to the village
YLCA	Joint Annual meeting, 22 July, Skelton, York. Council to send apologies.
YLCA	Carbon literacy training – currently no interest in this training

To receive details of training opportunities and consider if there is value in attending

2307/17 Community Issues

- a) Village Institute - report of Management Committee by Cllr Spaul:
 - Race night on 9 June and Quiz night on 30 June had been successful
 - A Working party had met on 9 July to clear/tidy the Village Hall
- b) West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body – next meeting 11 July.
- c) WMDC Councillors' reports
 - D/Cllr Harvey:
 - Updated on Wakefield Council finances
 - Drew attention to the main modification consultation on the Wakefield District Local Plan 2036

- The Parliamentary Boundary Review 2023 has concluded and the Wakefield Rural Ward will come within the Ossett and Denby Dale constituency

**2307/18 Planning Applications received/approved for the period:
PLANNING DECISIONS - approved**

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

23/00120/FUL – Bullcliff Barn, Bullcliff Grange, Denby Dale Road, Bretton
Conversion of Barn to form a dwelling

VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00121/SUB01 – Bullcliff Barn, Bullcliff Grange, Denby Dale Road, Bretton
Discharge of condition 2 archaeological recording from approved application 23/00120/LBC

No comments to submit on the above planning application.

**2307/19 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only)
or items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting (Monday 11 September)**
None.

Meeting Closed 21:28

Chairman _____