

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at West Bretton Village Institute on Monday 11 September 2023 commencing at 7.30 pm

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

In Attendance:
Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public –
D/Cllr S Harvey (left 7.45pm)
YSP: Kirsty Fountain

2309/01 Welcome and apologies

Cllr Spaul welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies to report.

2309/02 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.

2309/03 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.

2309/04 Parish Council vacancies

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

2309/05 Question Time

None

2309/06 Police Matters

- a) The details on the Safe Scheme reports were shared.
- b) Safe Scheme – members discussed the possibility of different times for speed checks, especially when it is less busy with less controlled traffic speeds.

2309/07 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Kirsty reported the addition of the new Deputy Director, Kevin Dodd, to the YSP. She shared that YSP will be moving to a 6-day week from 6 November until 24 March (closed Mondays). This is in line with the Weston opening. Visitor numbers are not generating sustainable funding.

2309/08 Bretton Hall

No update available from Bretton Investment Partnership.

2309/09 Highways

- a) Updates on previous concerns: none to report.

b) to raise any other issues for consideration – concern was expressed at the dangers for pedestrians crossing from the car park at the Village Hall on to Bretton Lane particularly in relation to the school day.

2309/10 To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

2309/11 Finance

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Watson and **resolved** to accept the bank statements, budget monitor and bank reconciliation, and approve the payments schedule. Payments to be made via bank transfer by Cllr Spaul and Cllr Wriglesworth. Councillors initialed the paperwork.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Spaul and **resolved** that the Clerk's salary and HMRC payments be authorised for payment by online banking for the remainder of the financial year.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** that a wreath be purchased for Remembrance Sunday, with a cost of £20 for a Type B wreath and a donation of £20 to the Royal British Legion.

2309/12 Canvassing Village opinion

Out of the 250 Village Voice magazines issued, with 50 via email, 7 responses were received and the key feedback details were as follows and discussed:

- **Pedestrian safety in the Village:** safe places to cross on Huddersfield Road and Bretton Lane for school pupils and village residents
- **Speed Limits reduced and enforced:** A 20 mph speed limit through the village and past the school
- **Volume of traffic and Size of vehicles:** traffic calming measures to reduce (or prohibit) HGV's through the village and better road design to cause them to slow down
- **Litter:** prevention of fly-tipping and enforcement of penalties
- **Grass Verges:** improve the grass cutting standards and planting of flowers and bedding plants to make the village prettier.
- More village events (feedback we will pass onto the Village Hall Management committee) and more Christmas decorations around the village

Residents to be updated through the monthly Village Voice magazine.

2309/13 Remembrance Sunday – 12 November 2023

Cllr Spaul will be attending to represent the Parish Council.

2309/14 Christmas Tree 2023

D/Cllr Harvey earlier confirmed that the District Council would be providing a Christmas tree for the village this year at no cost to the Parish Council. Members asked the Clerk to request this in writing from the District Council.

2309/15 DDay80

The detail of this event was noted and the Parish Council agreed it would consider supporting any appropriate grant applications from local organisations which maybe received.

2309/16 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
YLCA	YLCA Annual Review
Resident	Overhanging vegetation on pathways
Openreach	A number of emails relating to the Fibre Community Partnership

YSP	Introduction to new Deputy Director, Kevin Rodd
WY Police	Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday 2023
Residents	Various: feedback responses to village canvass
Residents	Copied into correspondence with WMDC regarding cutting of verges on the A637 from J38 M1
Alpaca Comms	Intro to Woolley Solar Farm and briefing offer
Defib guardian	Stepping down from role for Guardian to the defib at the Village Hall
T&D Contractors	Enquiry relating to responsibility for cutting the verges around the YSP roundabout

Members noted the details of upcoming training opportunities.

2309/17 Community Issues

- a) Village Institute - report of Management Committee by Cllr Spaul:
 - The Summer BBQ in July and the seaside event on 8 September had been successful
 - A meeting was held on 8 August to discuss ongoing refurbishment of the Village Hall (including floor overlay in the main hall)
 - 15 September - quiz night
 - 1 October – fundraising coffee morning for McMillan will be held in the Village Hall
- b) West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body – nothing to report
- c) WMDC Councillors' reports
 - D/Cllr Harvey gave a brief report earlier in the meeting before having to leave for a prior engagement.

2309/18 Planning Applications received/approved for the period:

PLANNING DECISIONS - approved

- 23/01068/FUL – 2 Park Lane, Bretton – erection of a domestic garage – app approved
 23/01090/FUL – 18 Maltkiln Drive, Bretton – single storey front extension and front dormer – application refused

VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01244/FUL – Moto Hospitality Northbound – retention of electric vehicle charging hub with associated works and installation of a further 6no bay electric vehicle charging hub with associated works (part retrospective)

23/01517/EIASO – land at Haigh Lane and Woolley Edge Lane – Request for screening opinion to confirm whether this is a requirement for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in respect of a proposed solar farm development

It was noted this is currently an Environment Impact Assessment (EIS) and the company would be arranging a public consultation in the near future

No comments to submit to the Planning authority.

2309/19 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only) or items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting (Monday 10 October)

Members expressed concern at the recent grass cutting around the village and how untidy it had been left.

No items for inclusion on the next agenda.

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm.

Chairman _____