

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council at West Bretton Village Institute on **Monday 13 November 2023** commencing at **7.30 pm**

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

In Attendance:
Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Members of the Public – 4
Safe Scheme: PC Firth
WY Police: Tracy Collins

2311/01 Welcome

Cllr Spaul welcomed everyone to the meeting. Tracy Collins, Partnership and Collaboration Officer, WY Police, and PC Firth (Safe Scheme) were in attendance for agenda item 7(c).

2311/02 Non-attendance of Councillors

Apologies from Cllr Watson were noted and the reason was accepted. Apologies from D/Clr Harvey and Kirsty (YSP) were noted.

2311/03 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.

2311/04 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Spaul declared a non-pecuniary interest in grant applications from the Village Hall Management Committee and West Bretton J&I School. These items would be deferred to the next meeting. There were no other declarations of Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests from Members in respect to any other items on the agenda. Members signed the register.

2311/05 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.

2311/06 Question Time

One resident complimented the document which collated the traffic issues in the village and found it a helpful summary. The following points were raised:

- Was there a specific update on the speed reduction between the village and Haigh
- There are still some issues with parking in the village as a result of people car sharing. Would parking permits be a possibility on Sycamore Lane?

One resident expressed concern regarding closing of YSP for one day a week during the winter months.

2311/07 Police Matters

a) Details of any issues relating to the Parish:

- PC Firth reported residents should be aware of transit van crimes taking place in local villages.

- Fly tipping has increased recently and PC Firth agreed to make enquiries about the use of CCTV at strategic locations (Green Lane and the old bus layby).

b) The content of the most recent Police Safe Scheme reports (Sept/Oct) were noted.

c) It was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** that the Police

Safe Scheme be extended to April 2024.

- d) It was agreed that Cllr Wriglesworth would continue to be the liaison contact with the Police Safe Scheme Co-ordinator, PC Firth, on the monthly priorities for the Safe Scheme.

2311/08 Yorkshire Sculpture Park

The YSP has been selected for a Yorkshire Post Tourism Award 2023.

2311/09 Bretton Hall

The Clerk reported she had received an email from Jonathan Maud, Rushbond, confirming that he would provide an update to share at the January meeting. Members also noted that a new Chief Executive for Rushbond, Ian Ball, has been appointed.

2311/10 Highways

a) Updates on previous concerns:

- District Council confirmed it would be renewing the give way markings at the end of Park Lane, within the next 3 months.
- Weeds are growing up through the pavement on Stoneybrook Close and damaging the tarmac: This area last received an application of herbicide 6.10.2023 and will next be considered for treatment at the beginning of next years spraying season - April 2024.
- Weedkilling programme in general in the village: The application season runs from April to end of October, therefore further treatments will not be considered until April 2024.

Generally, the District Council reported that all areas on the schedule receive up to 2 applications of weedkiller per season if weather permits and, despite the inclement weather, all applications have taken place. Its plan is to reduce application of herbicide over the coming years to support the Council's commitment to improve biodiversity and nature recovery across the District.

b) There were no further issues raised at the meeting.

The Parish Council recorded its thanks to all those involved in Remembrance Sunday.

2311/11 To approve as an accurate record the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 October 2023

It was proposed by Cllr Spaul, seconded by Cllr Liley and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

2311/12 Finance

a) It was proposed by Cllr Liley, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** to accept and initial the bank statements, budget monitor and bank reconciliation, and approve the payments schedule. Payments to be made via bank transfer and authorised by any two of Cllr Spaul, Cllr Liley or Cllr Wriglesworth. Councillors initialed the paperwork.

Mrs S Earnshaw	Salary (November 2023)	£138.10
HMRC	Tax period 8	£30.40
Wakefield Council	Recharge for May elections	£116.00
SLCC	Clerk membership 23/24	£76.00
Defib Store	Defib (adult) pads	£80.40

- b) The purchase of defibrillator pads to replace the ones due to expire at the end of November (previous Minute 2209/14 applies) was approved.
- c) The request for a grant to assist with the cost of the overlay of the floor in the main hall to be deferred to the next meeting.

- d) A grant application from West Bretton J&I School had been received and is deferred to the next meeting.
- e) There were no other grant applications for consideration.

2311/13 Canvassing Village opinion

a) Cllr Liley presented updates to the meeting and reported the following Stakeholders have been contacted:

- District Council Highways – no response to date
- D/Cllr Matthew Morley (portfolio Planning and Highways) – no response to date
- Deputy Mayor of West Yorkshire (Alison Lowe) – positive response with meeting in January 2024. Are prepared to reach out to Wakefield Council. Community for Concern logged with an enquiry number (response by 9 December).
- MP for Wakefield, Simon Lightwood, meeting Friday 24 November
- Jade Botterill, candidate for the new seat “Ossett and Denby Dale” - meeting 10 November
- The Labour Candidate for Rural Ward District Councillor, elections May 2024 - Andy Nicholls
- The MP for Dewsbury, Mark Eastwood, is coming to the village on Thursday 23 November. He will also be standing for the seat in the new Ward “Ossett and Denby Dale” in 2024.
- Contact received from D/Cllr Jordan and he is raising it in the 2024/25 budget
- Safer Streets. Received contact details for Susan Walker at WMDC and will be making contact w/c 13 November.

Various additional options were discussed:

- use of a mobile VMS
- use of a “Smiley Sid”
- Community Speedwatch: Tracy to send details to the Clerk
- “Safer Communities Fund” – WY Police & Crime Commissioner – Priority 3: Safer Places and Thriving Communities. Tracy to send further details to the Clerk
- Bid for using “Smartwater” initiative

b) To identify further actions to undertake and by whom
There were no new actions identified and Cllr Liley to continue with the current work on traffic issues.

Residents to be kept updated through the monthly Village Voice magazine.

2311/16 Clerk’s Report

a) Updates arising from the minutes not included on the agenda
Christmas tree – arrangements have been made for the Christmas Lights Switch On to take place on Friday, 1 December, at 3.40/3.45pm. The school would be arranging a short event at the front of school to celebrate this.

b) To receive Correspondence and consider appropriate action or 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 |
| YLCA | YLCA Annual Review |
| WY Police | Safe Scheme reports |
| Resident | (guardian of the Defib) drawing attention to the need to replace the pads as the current ones expire at the end of November. |

Wakefield Council Zero Hour	Key dates and paperwork for Precept demand 2024/25 Request to resolve to support a motion for the Climate and Ecology Bill
Wakefield Council Corporate Landlord Team	Arrangements for Christmas Lights Switch On
Wakefield Council Resident	Wakefield District Local Plan 2036: Inspector's Report Details of new Executive Director at Rushbond and suggesting he is invited to a meeting

Members noted the details of upcoming training opportunities.

2311/17 Community Issues

- a) Village Institute - report of Management Committee by Cllr Spaul:
- The new overlay floor has been laid
 - There is a quiz night arranged for Friday 17 November
 - The Management Committee meeting is Tuesday 14 November when Christmas events will be discussed
- b) West Bretton JI School - report of Governing Body by Cllr Spaul – nothing to report.
- c) WMDC Councillors' reports – no reports available.

2311/18 Solar Farm public consultation

The Clerk reported that a representative(s) from the project team for the Woolley Solar Farm proposal will be in attendance at the Village Hall prior to the meeting in December. It was agreed that the evening would start at 7.00 pm to accommodate this before the Parish Council meeting commenced at 7.30 pm.

2311/18 Planning Applications received/approved for the period:

PLANNING DECISIONS

23/01681/LBC – YSP, Park Lane, Bretton

Replacement of timber decking, installation of new drainage and associated repairs and redecoration to Cut Bridge at YSP – Application approved.

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). Application approved.

VALIDATED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02034/FUL – Moto Hospitality (Northbound) – Erection of a drive-thru restaurant unit with access, parking, landscaping and other associated works

No comments to submit to the Planning authority.

**2311/19 Matters of an urgent nature (for information only)
or items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting (Monday 11 December)**

Meeting Closed at 8.44pm

Chairman _____