WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5 February 2018

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present** **In Attendance**

Cllr M Hofton(Chair) Clerk – S.C.Bladen

Cllr T Hodgson Cllr I Sanders (WMDC)

Cllr N Sharp

Cllr D Spaul West Bretton residents - 6

**1802/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Watson, Cllr K Barker (WMDC),

Cllr C Binns (WMDC) and Belinda Eldridge (YSP).

**1802/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Declaration of Interest Register was presented to and completed by Members.

**1802/03 QUESTION TIME**

1. Concerns were raised about the amount of litter deposited on the verges of the roads from Huddersfield Road to Haigh, and whether WMDC could undertake more frequent litter picking.

Cllr Sanders agreed to raise this issue with the appropriate WMDC service.

2. There was a lot of concern at the apparent lack of gritting in the village, particularly on bus routes. One road that caused much concern was Sycamore Lane which was very badly iced over and where vehicles were skidding into Huddersfield Road. Although a bus route it had not been gritted, along with other roads in the village.

It was agreed that this issue be raised with WMDC Highways.

Cllr Sanders also stated that he would also raise questions on this topic with appropriate Highways Officers.

3. There was concern at the number of recent accidents in the area, particularly near Blacker Hall Farm Road/Branch Road/Bullcliffe, some of which had resulted in fatalities.

It was noted that Crigglestone Parish Council was pressing WMDC for road safety improvements to be implemented in those areas and it was agreed that the Parish Council pledge its support to Crigglestone PC on this issue.

Cllr Sanders agreed to advise Crigglestone PC accordingly at its meeting the next evening, 6 February.

**1802/04 POLICE MATTERS**

There was no Police representation at the meeting and no report was presented.

No issues relating to any crime or anti social behaviour in the village were raised by the Parish Council or residents in attendance.

**1802/05 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK**

Belinda Eldridge was unable to attend and no report was presented.

**1802/06 BRETTON HALL**

There was no report on progress on the development of Bretton Hall.

**1802/07 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

A637 Speed limit - It was noted that WMDC Highways had still not commenced the legal consultation on the proposed speed reduction, and that despite repeated requests for information no indication had been given as to when that consultation would commence.

(Minute 1710/07 refers) - WMDC Highways had replied to Mr Shaw on 2 February 2018 on the concerns he had raised jointly with Mr Lewis in October 2017 regarding the problems caused by inconsiderate parking on Sycamore Lane and seeking the implementation of residential parking controls.

The response from WMDC Highways stated that due to a very high number of traffic and parking control requests from across the district, the Traffic Order Review was still ongoing. It was hoped that the Review would be concluded in 3-4 weeks when a further update would be provided.

**1802/08 MINUTES OF MEETING – 8 JANUARY 2018**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2018 were received and signed as a correct record., subject to the following amendments:-

1. under persons present, delete Cllr N Sharp and add Cllr D Spaul, and
2. Minute 1801/12 - Village Institute - amend to read ….”social event held in the Village Hall on *23 December …. “*

**1802/09 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Minute 1712/03 - (Safe Scheme) - A reply had been received from West Yorkshire Police to a request for details of the cost and benefits for the village of participation in the Safe Scheme.

It was noted that the level of contribution to the scheme would be determined by the Parish Council and West Yorkshire Police would then look to deploy Officers/PCSOs on overtime shifts to target any issues highlighted by the Parish Council and/or residents.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not pursue participation in this scheme.

2. There was concern at the problems caused by parking on Bretton Lane during school times. Possible solutions to the problems including the extension of zig-zag markings and the imposition of a weight limit on Bretton Lane were discussed but it was agreed that the situation be monitored.

3. It was agreed that WMDC Highways be requested to respond to previous questions for the removal of the right turn bay at the junction of Huddersfield Road/Bretton Lane,

(Minutes 1710/07 and 1712/07(iii) refer), and for the implementation of some form of restriction to discourage parking near the new island on Huddersfield Road/Sycamore Lane, (Minutes 1710/09 and 1712/07 (ii) (a) refer)

**1802/10 CLERK’S REPORT**

**Action Plan**

The Clerk presented an updated Action Plan which was received and noted.

**Correspondence**

- letter from WMDC Electoral service detailing changes to the register of electors.

- letter from WMDC advising of the development of a new customer portal called

MyAccount for residents across the District. Following registration the new online

account was designed to make it simpler for residents to raise and track their requests

- email from YLCA advising that there was still an opportunity until 12 February to bid for

funds to meet the extra burden resulting from compliance with the Transparency Code.

As a consequence, and in consultation with the YLCA, the Clerk had completed and

submitted an application for funds to meet costs of new IT hardware and software,

additional staff costs and ongoing costs of website maintenance.

Information on the outcome of the application would be provided in due course.

**Finance**

The Clerk presented the financial statement and presentation of accounts payable.

Cheque No. Amount Purpose

300366 £767.97 Clerk’s salary – February 2018 and refund for IT equipment, incl. laptop, printer & software

300367 £100.00 West Bretton Over 50’s Club re room hire (S.137 grant)

**Budget and Precept 2018/19**

The Clerk confirmed that the proposed spending plan and budget for 2018/19 as

agreed by the Parish Council at the meeting on 8 January 2018 had been submitted

to Wakefield MDC. An acknowledgement had been received with confirmation that

the precept of £5400 would be paid to the Parish Council on 15 April 2018.

**1802/11 PLANNING MATTERS**

The Clerk presented a schedule of planning applications which had been submitted to and/or determined by WMDC since the date of the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The schedule which was noted included details of the following applications:-

Application No: 17/03140/REM - Bretton Hall, Park Lane, Bretton - Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance and landscaping) insofar as they relate to six, two storey office pavilions previously approved in connection with planning permission reference 16/01095/FUL (variation of Condition 3 of approved application

15/02731/FUL) on 3 March 2016 (relating to approved application12/01524/HYB dated 18 April 2013) (part detailed, part outline application for the redevelopment of the former Bretton Hall campus)

Application No: 18/00149/FUL - 16A Park Lane, Bretton - Retrospective - repositioning and installation of external door from rear to side of dwelling

Application No: 18/00223/FUL - 25 Park Lane, Bretton - Demolish existing house and replace with new dwelling

**1802/12 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**Village Institute**

Cllr Spaul reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was considering making improvements to the heating system and to the Committee room. Repairs to the boundary wall were still awaited though the insurers had sanctioned the work.

Planned social events included a quiz night on 23 February and an Irish night on 10 March.

**West Bretton JI School – Governing Body**

Cllr Spaul presented a brief report which highlighted discussions on the possible purchase of a community defibrillator. The topic was also to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the Village Institute Management Committee with specific regard to the question of the location of the equipment.

**WMDC – District Councillors Report**

Cllr Barker was unable to attend but had presented a brief report which highlighted several district wide issues:

* WMDC proposed budget for 2018/19;
* a recently approved enforcement policy aimed at helping improve conditions in private rented acommodation;
* proposals for the development of Rutland Mills as a new mixed use quarter for the creative media;
* and, an outline of his Ward issues and Mayoral duties undertaken during January 2018 .

Cllr Sanders provided a brief report referring to a high number of complaints made across the rural ward about the lack of winter gritting and on plans to purchase a number of defibrillators to be placed at various locations across the Rural ward.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 12 March 2018.

**Minutes approved by the Parish Council at the meeting held on**

**Monday 12 March 2018.**

**Signed: Chair...............................................................................**