

WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 April 2018
Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present

Cllr M Hofton(Chair)
Cllr T Hodgson
Cllr N Sharp
Cllr D Spaul
Cllr L Watson

In Attendance

Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw
Cllr I Sanders (WMDC)
Cllr K Barker
Belinda Eldridge (YSP)
West Bretton residents – 6

1804/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All members present.

1804/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1804/03 QUESTION TIME

There were no matters raised by residents in attendance. Members wished to record thanks to Keith Shaw who replanted the daffodil bulbs at the junction of Sycamore Lane with Huddersfield Road, when the junction was changed.

1804/04 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.

Members reported that there had been an accident on Bramley Lane/Bretton Lane approximately three weeks ago.

1804/05 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK

Belinda Eldridge presented her report on upcoming exhibitions both in the Chapel and in the underground gallery. There is a slight delay in the new visitor centre due to issues with the flooring as well as the recent poor weather. Completion is now anticipated from mid-end of August 2018. She clarified that the new centre was to provide increased capacity for exhibitions.

1804/06 BRETTON HALL

Belinda Eldridge was unable to give a detailed report but she understood that Rushbond will be looking to let to a main contractor in September/October 2018.

1804/07 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

A637 Speed limit – no further updates regarding this has been received from the District Council. District Councillors reported that they had no further updates to either that or the question of the right turn into Park Lane being reinstated. Members discussed the lack of a response from the District Council and Cllr Hodgson reported he had received an acknowledgement stating that consultation had taken place with “appropriate consultees”, although it was unknown as to who these were. District Councillors said they no longer had face-to-face contact with senior managers at the District Council but had to go through

“members’ enquiries”; this has resulted in much less clarity on issues affecting the Rural Ward and their ability to give feedback to the electorate.

Councillors noted that there had been some fly tipping on Bretton Lane, below Bramley Lane, of bed bases and the Clerk was instructed to report this to the District Council for removal.

It was also noted that a number of bags of plants had been left on the verge of Bramley Lane/Strikers Hill which had been heroin plants.

1804/08 MINUTES OF MEETING – 12 MARCH 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Sharp and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2018 are accepted and were duly signed.

1804/09 MATTERS ARISING

Arising from Minute 1804/07, discussion ensued regarding inconsiderate parking on Sycamore Lane and how this problem could be addressed. Although “residents’ only” parking had been suggested in the past, this had been dismissed by the District Council. It was felt that this maybe because of difficulties with enforcement for a full seven days a week. Members recorded their thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee for making the parking facilities at the Village Hall available.

The Parish Council meeting was adjourned at 7.30pm to allow the Annual Parish Meeting to be conducted and reconvened at 7.40pm.

1804/10 CLERK’S REPORT

Action Plan

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

- further to Minute 1705/11 and 1706/09, it was noted that there had recently been problems with debris in the stream, although this had been cleared by persons unknown. Previously at minute 1706/09 Cllr Barker had reported that Yorkshire Water had accepted legal responsibility for this stream and he agreed to investigate with the District Council if it continued to check the stream every six months as had been agreed last year.

Correspondence

- letter from WMDC Electoral service detailing changes to the register of electors.
- letter of thanks from the Church in West Bretton for the contribution towards printing costs of the “Village Voice”
- copies of letters between a resident and WMDC, relating to ongoing parking issues on Sycamore Lane in West Bretton

Finance

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

Cheque No.	Amount	Purpose
300370	138.00	Clerk’s salary – April 2018
300371	91.50	HMRC re PAYE 4 th Qtr
300372	198.00	YLCA membership 2018/19

1804/11 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no Validated Applications to be considered or Planning Decisions to report.

1804/12 COMMUNITY ISSUES

Village Institute

Cllr Spaul reported

- the boundary wall on Huddersfield Road has now been repaired and thanks were extended to the contractor.
- the lower windows in the Village Hall are to be replaced
- the heating in the kitchen
- pruning around the grounds of the Village Hall is taking place.
- the Management Committee AGM will take place on Tuesday 10 April 2018 at 7.30 pm.
- Upcoming events: Soul Night on 20 April and Eurovision Party on 12 May.

West Bretton JI School – Governing Body

Nothing to report.

WMDC – District Councillors Report

District Cllr Barker reported that they were now in purdah until the local elections on 3 May, although ongoing issues with highways were being dealt with. He asked everyone to be aware that manhole covers throughout the district were going missing.

District Cllr Sanders gave a brief verbal report.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 14 May 2018.

Minutes approved by the Parish Council at the meeting held on Monday 14 May 2018.

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