

# WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 July 2018  
Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

## **Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw  
Inspector M Moizer  
District Councillor I Sanders  
West Bretton residents – 11

### **1807/01 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair, Cllr Hodgson, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr D Spaul and these were accepted.

### **1807/02 PUBLIC ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT (1960)**

There were no items of a confidential nature that required the public or press to be excluded.

### **1807/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

It was agreed that agenda item 5, Police Matters, would be brought forward and would be discussed as part of agenda item 4, Question Time, and agenda item 8, Highways issues

### **1807/04 POLICE MATTERS**

### **1807/05 QUESTION TIME**

### **1807/06 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Members welcomed Inspector Martin Moizer to the meeting who gave brief details of his previous background and intentions for the future. What had been two teams had now become three with a significant increase in staffing and financial investment. Members and residents present were invited to discuss issues of concern:

Q: Parking issues on Bretton Lane/Sycamore Lane

A: the general use of the Village Hall for parking had generally moved. If a vehicle is taxed, insured and has a valid MOT, and parked where there are no restrictions, there is not a great deal that can be done. Inspector Moizer agreed to have a walk around the areas of concern following the meeting.

Q: Although talk is of “local policing”, Castleford and Normanton are not particularly local to Bretton. Is there anything that can be learned from Durham Constabulary which has been rated as “outstanding”

A: Inspector Moizer agreed this was a valid point and he explained the initiatives being undertaken in the local area to improve provision.

Q: Currently the village is suffering from bad parking, speeding and the potential for a fatal accident. Road Safety has recently visited school and commented it was the “worst in the district”

A: There are simply too many cars. Speeding can be enforced. Arrangements are being made to visit the school to utilise children to deliver the message. This method has been shown to have an impact and modifies driving attitudes.

Q: Parking around school causes problems and there are no parking zones. Can the yellow zig-zag lines be extended?

A: This would need a TRO from Wakefield Council. There are guidelines about parking on pavements, although in practice there is usually some acceptance on some parking on the pavement. Inspector Moizer agreed to contact the Highways Department about undertaking a check.

The resident on the corner opposite the school reported that his dry-stone wall had been severely damaged by an HGV and the wall is awaiting repair, currently cordoned off with orange fencing. The intention is the repair will take place during the summer holidays.

The following was discussed:

- A small section of the wall at the top entrance to the Village Hall could be removed to improve the entrance into the Village Hall grounds
- Site additional bollards on Bretton Lane to prevent vehicles mounting the grass verge to pass 2-ways when cars are parked on the pavement side of the lane
- Contact Wakefield Council Highways Department to request the original junction be reinstated and request updates on other outstanding issues relating to Highways.

The Clerk reported that the West Yorkshire Police website indicated that there had been the following crimes in May:

Anti Social Behaviour	2	Huddersfield Road
Burglary	1	Huddersfield Road – investigation complete; no suspect identified
Other theft	1 1	Malkiln Drive – investigation complete; no suspect identified Showing in school area, off Huddersfield Road
Other Crime	1	Showing off Green Lane – under investigation
Possession of weapons	1	Showing off Green Lane – under investigation

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

**1807/07 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK**

No report available.

**1807/08 BRETTON HALL**

No report available.

**1807/09 MINUTES OF MEETING – 11 June 2018**

It was proposed by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Hofton and resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 be received and signed as a correct record.

**1807/10 MATTERS ARISING**

1806/12(a) The Clerk reported that Pascon had suggested that they would like to donate a sum of money to a village organisation.

**1807/11 CLERK'S REPORT**

**a) Action Plan**

No changes.

**b) Correspondence**

- WMDC Weekly list of validated planning applications and planning decisions
- Register of Electors monthly update
- YLCA Annual Review 2017/18
- Interest expressed from Mr J Wriglesworth, resident, to be co-opted on to the Parish Council. It was agreed that he should be co-opted and the Clerk to make the appropriate arrangements.

**b) Finance**

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

Cheque No.	Amount	Purpose
300377	138.10	Clerk's salary – July 2018

**1807/12 PLANNING MATTERS**

Validated

App No 18/01416/CPL - 8 Sycamore Lane, Bretton – Single storey rear extension - Certificate Proposed Use or Lawful Development

Determined

App No 18/00329/FUL - Bretton Village Cricket Club, Park Lane, Bretton – (1) conversion of existing garage to larger Bar Area (2) Side extension to form new garage (3) New veranda along the front elevation of the Club House/Garage and (4) New roof - Application approved

App No 18/00223/FUL - 25 Park Lane - Demolish existing house and replace with new dwelling and erection of detached garden building - Application approved

**1807/13 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**Village Institute**

No report.

**West Bretton JI School – Governing Body**

No report.

**WMDC – District Councillors' Report**

District Councillor Sanders gave a brief update on his case work for the month.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 10 September 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

**Minutes approved by the Parish Council at the meeting held on Monday 10 September 2018.**

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