**WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 13 May 2019

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present** **In Attendance**

Cllr D Spaul (Chair) Clerk – Mrs S Earnshaw

Cllr M Hofton Members of the Public - 4

Cllr J Wriglesworth D/Cllr I Sanders

Cllr L Watson

Cllr C Smith

Cllr T Hodgson

**1905/01 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

It was proposed by Councillor Watson, seconded by Councillor Wriglesworth and **resolved** that Councillor D Spaul be elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Spaul signed the Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Proper Officer.

Councillor Spaul thanked Councillor Hodgson for his commitment during his year of office as Chair.

**1905/02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

It was proposed by Councillor Spaul, seconded by Councillor Hodgson and **resolved** that Councillor L Watson be elected as Vice Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming municipal year. Councillor Watson signed the Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Proper Officer.

**1905/03 PUBLIC ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS ACT (1960)**

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

**1905/04 CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

It was proposed by Cllr Hodgson, seconded by Cllr Wriglesworth and **resolved** that Mr Christopher Smith and Dr Mike Hofton be co-opted on to the two vacancies on the Parish Council.

**1905/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All members present. Apologies were received from D/Cllr Binns and D/Cllr Harvey and these were noted.

**1905/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**1905/07 QUESTION TIME**

Helen Featherstone, YSP, responded to concerns by a resident regarding the siting of large sculptures in close proximity to Grade 2 Listed buildings. She confirmed that all sculptures are temporary, although the timing and frequency of does vary, and gave detail of how the siting of any sculptures were carefully planned two years in advance by the Director, Peter Murray, and the Curator of the YSP. The resident also requested that consideration be given to clearing out of the bottom lake and commented that funding was available over the next 5 years to assist with improvement.

**1905/08 POLICE MATTERS**

There were no further updates to those previously circulated to members dated from March 2019 on the West Yorkshire Police website.

**1905/09 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK**

Members welcome Helen Featherstone, Deputy Director, to the meeting. She gave a brief update on current exhibitions and events. She also passed on the concerns of the Sculpture Park regarding safety issues resulting from the field at Haigh being used as an “unofficial” car park for visitors to the Sculpture Park. Although this was permitted for 28 days per year, she reinforced that the YSP had to operate to strict guidelines. As discussed at previous meetings, she reported that the new information regarding visitor parking both on leaflets and the YSP website, had been strengthened with a request that visitors avoid parking on the roads around the village.

**1905/10 BRETTON HALL**

The Clerk reported that she continued to try and arrange a suitable mutually convenient date for the presentation by Rushbond. Helen Featherstone reported that Rushbond were giving a presentation to the Bretton Hall alumni at an event at YSP in May and they had indicated there would be a press statement of developments in June.

**1905/11 HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Cllr Spaul reported that the signage previously reported at minute 1904/08, had now been removed. Members reviewed the Action Plan relating to highways issues. Cllr Watson reported that Parking Enforcement Officers had visited the village recently but, unfortunately, poor weather resulted in a quiet day for parking for visitors to the YSP. There had been no response from the District Council regarding hatching and there had been a “golden river” on the A637 (Toll Bar) in the last week. Members were asked to continue to consider about the siting of a tree in the village.

Cllr Smith reported that, as a result of heavy plant vehicles attempting to turn left at the junction of Bretton Lane with Huddersfield Road, there had been another clip of the wall on the boundary of his land. He reported he had lodged a Stage 2 complaint with Wakefield Council as a resident.

**1905/12 MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 13 May 2019**

It was proposed by Councillor Spaul, seconded by Councillor Wriglesworth and **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019 be received and signed as a correct record.

**1905/13 MATTERS ARISING**

No matters arising.

**1905/14 CLERK’S REPORT**

1. **Action Plan**

No further updates for this month.

**b) Correspondence**Wakefield Council Weekly planning lists

Wakefield Council Register of electors

Unity Bank Monthly statements

NALC Chief Executive’s Bulletin

YLCA White Rose update

1. **Finance**

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

Members approved YLCA “Off to a Flying Start” training for Cllr, Wriglesworth, Cllr Watson and Cllr Smith.

Cheque No. Amount Purpose

300401 £60.04 HMRC Tax period 11/12 – reimburse Clerk

300402 £138.10 Clerk’s Salary and in lieu of office

300403 £415.24 Zurich Muncipal

300404 £230.00 Councillor training (Cllr Wriglesworth/Cllr Watson)

1. **Review of Council’s Risk Assessment Policy** - deferred to a future meeting.

**1905/15 PLANNING MATTERS**

Validated applications - None

Planning Decisions:

19/00599/FUL 122 Huddersfield Road, Bretton

Proposal: single storey and two storey rear extensions

Decision: Application refused

**1905/16 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**Village Institute**

Cllr Spaul reported on the Village Institute for the month:

* The Management Committee AGM had been held on 9 April with 9 members of the public in attendance. All Committee members and Trustees were in place and there had been a report on the accounts.
* The Committee Room now has LED lights and a new carpet
* Carpets in the Hall had been cleaned
* A sub Committee has been set up specifically to consider the refurbishment/extending of the Village Hall
* There is a Quiz Night on Friday 17 May at 7.30 pm

**West Bretton JI School – Governing Body**

Cllr Spaul had nothing to report this month.

**WMDC – Report from District Councillors**

D/Cllr Sanders reported he was delighted to be re-elected for the Rural Ward and gave a verbal report on the District Council elections held on 2 May. He reported success with dog fouling issues at the play area on Haigh Lane. Capital Grants are available for 2019/20 and he reported on where grants had been provided in the last year. D/Cllr Sanders was asked to investigate if there was any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money to come into the village as a result of recent developments.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 10 June 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm.

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

**Monday 10 June 2019.**

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