WEST BRETTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present In Attendance**

Cllr D Spaul (Chair) Clerk – S.C.Bladen

Cllr T Hodgson Cllr K Barker (WMDC)

Cllr M Hofton Cllr I Sanders (WMDC)

Cllr N Sharp West Bretton residents - 5

**1703/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Watson

**1703/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**1703/03 QUESTION TIME**

Further to discussion at the last meeting, residents asked if there had been any development on the implementation of the scheme to reduce the speed limit on A637 in the 2016/17 financial year, and also on the implementation of a footway improvement scheme outside the Manor House, Huddersfield Road.

The Clerk had written on four occasions to Highways service on both issues since the Parish Council meeting in January but had not received a reply to any of those messages.

It was agreed:-

1. that Highways issues be included as a separate item on the agenda for the next meeting on 10 April;
2. that Cllr Barker and Cllr Sanders pursue this issue with Graham West, Highways Service Manager and Cllr Matthew Morley, Cabinet Member responsible for Highways, and, if necessary, Cllr Peter Box, Leader of WMDC and the Council’s newly appointed Chief Executive.

**1703/04 POLICE MATTERS**

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

**1703/05 YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK**

Belinda Eldridge was unable to attend the meeting but had presented a brief report to the Clerk which highlighted the success of the recently opened exhibition by artist Tony Cragg, and also provided details of new exhibitions to open in the Chapel and Longside Gallery.

**1703/06 BRETTON HALL**

Belinda Eldridge advised that construction of the new visitor centre was due to begin imminently and that fencing to the site compound would be erected during the next fortnight.

**1703/07 MINUTES OF MEETING – 13 FEBRUARY 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2017 were received and signed as a correct record subject to the addition of Belinda Eldridge to the attendance list.

**1703/08 MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 1702/08 - (Stream) - Cllr Barker advised that discussions were to take place between WMDC and Yorkshire Water regarding clarification of the responsibility for clearing the beck of debris, and that WMDC would write to riparian owners reminding them of their responsibilities to prevent the beck becoming blocked with vegetation.

Minute 1702/08 - (Community Speedwatch) - The Clerk provided an update on the scheme, advising that any willing volunteers to operate the speed monitoring equipment would require only 30 minutes training in its use (WY Police to notify the Parish Council of planned training dates), and whilst in use by the Parish Council, a receipt would be required to be signed for the loan of the equipment. Any required storage of the equipment would also be the responsibility of the Parish Council.

It was also noted that Sitlington Parish Council was considering purchasing its own Speed Indication Device which could be available for rental and use by West Bretton

Parish Council.

Minute 1702/09 - (Encroachment on the verge from a new development at Sycamore Lane/Bretton Lane) - Cllr Hodgson reported that he had not received a response from WMDC indicating when any action would be taken to remove the unauthorised hedgerow, turf and trees on the verge at the junction of Sycamore Lane/Bretton Lane.

Cllr Barker agreed to raise this issue with Graham West, Highways Manager at a scheduled meeting on 23 March and report back to the Parish Council.

**1703/09 CLERK’S REPORT**

**Action Plan**

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

Item 1 - Parish Councillors expressed concern at the poor condition of the surface to the footpath between Cobbler Hall and the Church on Huddersfield Road which had continued to deteriorate since being reported to WMDC in January 2013.

It was agreed the Clerk would raise this issue with WMDC Highways Service asking for an inspection of the footpath and for any necessary remedial work to be undertaken.

Item 6 (8) - the Clerk advised that WMDC had been requested on 22 February to clear the vegetation and other debris from the footpath at Strikers Hill, on Bretton Lane towards Branch Road. An indication had been received from Highways service on 7 March that it would look at undertaking some “grubbing” work on the footpath though no guarantees were given. Cllr Sanders stated that he would contact the Community Action Group to ask if they could carry out the work.

**Correspondence**

* letter of thanks from the Church in West Brettonfor the donation of £75 towards the costs of printing “Village Voice”
* a series of correspondence from various organisations relating to the provision of community defibrillators within the Yorkshire area. It was agreed that no further action be taken on this issue at the present time.

**Finance**

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

Cheque No. Amount Purpose

300343 £138.00 Clerk’s salary – March 2017

**1703/10 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:-

Applications Nos.16/03091/FUL & 16/03087/FUL - White Rose Farm, Denby Dale Road, Bretton - i) Erection of 5no. stables, tack room, hay loft & toilet - Application approved and - ii) Formation & use of land as horse riding arena including new post and rail fence and 6no demountable lighting columns - Application approved.

Application 17/00240/GPD - Woodside Farm, Denby Dale Road, Bretton - single storey rear extension with maximum projection of 6.0m, maximum height of 4.0m and maximum eaves height of 2.7m. - Prior approval not required

Cllr Spaul raised issues relating to the removal of conditions attached to the YSP application for a new visitor centre.

The Parish Council at its meeting on 10 October 2016 had lodged objections to the proposals in relation to the discharge of conditions 4 (Access), 5 (Vehicular Egress) and 8 (Visibility Splays). It was now reported that WMDC Highways Development Services had advised that satisfactory details had been submitted allowing conditions 4 & 5 to be discharged, but that condition 8 could not be discharged until revised drawings were submitted showing that splays of 2.4m x 215m would be provided in both directions.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Planning services seeking views on the legality of the commencement of the scheme before condition 8 was discharged.

**1703/11 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**Village Institute**

Cllr Spaul reported:-

* the Management Committee was to meet on Tuesday 14 March. With reference to the issue of residents using the village institute for parking of their vehicles. Cllr Spaul advised that a letter had been sent by the Management Committee to all residents regarding the use of the car park and asking for vehicles to be removed.
* the Management Committee AGM was to be held on Tuesday 11 April at 7.00pm and all residents were invited to attend.

**West Bretton JI School - Governing Body**

There were no issues to report.

**WMDC – District Councillors Report**

Cllr Barker presented a brief report which highlighted in particular the 2017/18 budget set by WMDC and some of the service cuts to be applied as a consequence; the success of the recent rhubarb festival; a free programme to help entrepreneurs with an interest in technology to launch their business in Wakefield; and various initiatives implemented by WMDC, called “*100 innovations by Labour in power*” to improve the lot of various differing groups of residents across the district.

Cllr Sanders reported that he had had discussions with WY Police Inspector Helen Brear regarding policing in the Rural Ward and that she would probably attend a meeting of the Parish Council in the near future.

He also introduced Samantha Harvey who was working with the Conservative group in the Rural ward and was likely to attend future meetings of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 10 April 2017 and commence at 7.00pm to facilitate the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm

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

**Monday 10 April 2017.**

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