

RYHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th October 2023

Present: **Councillors** **C D Bashforth (Chair), B Burnage, G Booth, L Booth, K Fretwell, A Morley and A Atherton**
 Clerk **C Greaves**
 District Councillors **M Cummings**

MINUTES

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs T Staves and R Caley had prior engagements.

District Cllr U Ali had a prior engagement.

2 Declarations of interest

Cllrs B Burnage, L Booth and G Booth in respect of the Parish Caretaker.

3 To approve the minutes of the council meeting 12th September 2023

Approved.

4 Matters arising for future discussion

None.

5 District Councillor's comments on matters arising since the 12th September 2023

DCllr M Cummings provided a verbal update. Winn View is scheduled for demolition around Christmas, with development of the new bungalows to commence in late spring 2024. A request has been made to cut back the foliage on Church Lane and the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) for this location is on order. An enquiry will be made about the lack of signage from the Royston direction. Nostell bridge works have been impacted due to the discovery of newts. Road works are planned for Mulberry Avenue. Parent parking remains a problem on the zig-zags in front of Newstead Academy on Cow Lane. A Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit to 30mph on Lundhill Lane B6428 is being drafted.

Labour have selected Faith Heptenstall to stand in the 2024 election for Ward 5 - Crofton, Ryhill and Walton.

The Chair of Ryhill Parish Council passed DCllr M Cummings a public petition titled "Restore access for local businesses – remove double yellow lines from in front of 77 – 79 Mill Lane car park". DCllr M Cummings agreed to present it to Wakefield District Council.

6 WY Police – Safe Scheme update

The Chair has circulated the update amongst members and a summary is on the website.

7 To receive items of correspondence

- 7.1 Testing of Defib units** – this is ongoing but a new battery may be required.
- 7.2 YAA support poster** – this has been circulated amongst members and will be posted to the noticeboard.
- 7.3 D Day 80 commemoration 6th June 2024** – Cllr Fretwell will make further enquiries.
- 7.4 Hanging basket options** – the council resolved to order up to 5 double brackets and baskets with the remainder being single bracket and baskets. The double sites will be determined by the contractor. All of the brackets will need to be sponsor compatible but the council will not be looking for sponsors this season.
- 7.5 Northern Power Sunny Bank wayleave** – the council resolved to take a lump sum offer.
- 7.6 Archiving of files** – 5 archive boxes have been deposited with WYAS. WYAS encourage future deposits to be just key documents, and where possible digital.

8 Allotment matters - Replacement of gate to Sunnybank

Chair will chase the contractor for a start date.

9 Highways issues - Church Lane – see 5 above.

10 Rycroft Leisure CIO

10.1 Trading – no report.

10.2 Leisure – Gym membership has increased since the relaunch, and a women's only hour is being trialled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The Cricket & Rugby seasons have now finished and Football has started, and another adult team is now playing. 3G maintenance is through South Elmsall council. From 11th September the Coalfields Regeneration project started using the 3G pitch for 2 x 1 hour sessions.

The centre has 3 permanent adapted bike sessions and a potential for 2 more from Thornes Park in Wakefield.

The Centre wants to become a place for cycling and is working with Wakefield Council, Wakefield Cycling Forum and British Triathlon. Wakefield Cycling Forum have run monthly cycle ride sessions on a Sunday and volunteers are needed to support the rides. British Triathlon granted £4,000 for 2 spinning cycles 18 months ago and have now granted £2,300 for 3 cycles, maintenance equipment

and steel security hoops to lock cycles to whilst visiting the centre. Storage space has been set aside for a couple of bikes for people to borrow to go out on a ride.

- 10.3 Youth** – Sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays for 8-12 and 13-19 funded by the lottery. Younger sessions get 50 young people, older 20 but the older session can be difficult to manage. Young @ Heart meets on Monday afternoons and gets over 20 people a session.

Connecting Communities contract has just started and the Future SELPH contract is now in its second year and whilst the young people are very demanding it is on track to deliver its target.

The Van project is engaging with a large group of young people in Upton with plans to visit South Kirkby.

Grant funding has been secured from WDHCA Prosper together, HAF, Youth Investment Fund and for play equipment in the park.

11 Ryhill Park and The Stray

- 11.1 Repairs to the fence** - Chair will chase the contractor for a start date.

- 11.2 Scrub-busting and tree planting** – Cllr Fretwell will contact Roger Parkinson at the Woodland Trust for progress and to query what the coverage is for 1Kg of flower seed (at £160 Kg) and will copy in Cllr Bashforth, Cllr Atherton and DCllr Cummings.

12 Christmas provision

- 12.1 Tree and lights** – Cllr G Booth will confirm the order.

- 12.2 Lamp post features** – These have been ordered with a request that they are installed ready for the Christmas switch-on event on the 1st December.

- 13 Remembrance area at St Paul's Methodist Church** – This work has been completed at a cost of £365.

- 14 2022/23 AGAR and Internal and External Auditor reports** – The External Auditor has confirmed that the return has been completed and closed.

- 15 Accounts Payable** – the council approved the payments on the schedule.

- 16 Review of Banking arrangements**

- 16.1 Barclays Bank** – the new mandates have now been approved.

16.2 Internet banking – The Clerk will ask Sandra Hull at Rycroft Leisure of her experience of using the Unity Trust Bank online system.

17 Items for the next agenda – D-Day Beacon and Parish Noticeboard.

18 Date, Time and Venue for the next meeting of the Council – 6pm at St Paul's Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ryhill on Tuesday 14th November 2023.

C R Greaves

**Charles Greaves
Clerk to the Council
Ryhill Parish Council**


Signed as a true record

14/11/23
Date

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10th October 2023

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE 13th September 2023 – 10th October 2023

Payee	Description	Date	Amount £	VAT	Ref	Authorised	Authorised	Paid
PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit fee	20/09/23	378	63	103282	C Bashforth	B Burnage	Yes
Wakefield Council	2023 Election costs	20/09/23	145		103283	C Bashforth	B Burnage	Yes
Rycroft Leisure	Half year grant	10/10/23	7614		103284	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
Owlett Hall Landscapes	Garden of remembrance	10/10/23	365		103285	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Oct Salary	10/10/23	426.86		103286	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
Charles Greaves	Clerk Oct Expenses	10/10/23	30		103292	G Booth	A Atherton	
WYPF	Pension	10/10/23	123.67		103287	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
HMRC PAYE	Income Tax	10/10/23	106.80		103288	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
John Hope	Caretaker	10/10/23	350		103289	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
Royal British Legion	Wreath & Donation	10/10/23	50		103290	C Bashforth	B Burnage	
Cheryle Bashforth	Reimbursement for Planters	10/10/23	34.48	5.75	103293	C Greaves	A Atherton	



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